

Competition Law and Policy Conference 2019

10 years of competition law enforcement in Mauritius

Thursday 10th October 2019
InterContinental Hotel, Balaclava, Mauritius

Objectives

The conference will bring together eminent scholars and renowned specialists in the field of competition law and economics to share their perspectives on the various competition related matters. It will also serve as a platform for practitioners, representatives of the business community and public officials to debate on the relevant topics. Representatives from regional competition agencies such as the COMESA Competition Commission and African Competition Network will also be part of the discussion and share perspectives on competition law enforcement in the region.

09 00 – 09 30	<i>Registration</i>
09 30 – 09 45	Welcome address by Mr Deshmuk Kowlessur , Executive Director, Competition Commission
09 45 – 10 00	Address by Mr Alberto Mariette , Vice Chairperson, Competition Commission
10 00 – 10 15	Speech by Hon. Minister Dharmendar Sesungkur , Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance
10 15 – 10 30	<i>Tea Break</i>
10 30 - 11 30	<p>Session 1: Disruptive technology and competition in small and emerging economies.</p> <p>Technological advancement has changed the way businesses operate and competition take place at the marketplace. Small and emerging economies are no exception to facing the fast-evolving changes in the business landscape. Businesses and competition law agencies must adapt to those changes.</p> <p>In this session, Prof. Richard Whish QC (Hon), the Emeritus Professor of law at King’s College London will deliver a keynote speech on how disruptive technology impacts on business and competition law enforcement.</p> <p>Keynote speaker: Prof. Richard Whish QC (Hon)</p>
11 30 - 12 45	<p>Session 2: How does competition law benefit businesses?</p> <p>Undistorted market competition is often fundamental in stimulating innovation, creating business opportunities and promoting economic efficiency and growth. Anti-competitive practices can undermine the benefits of competition and result in sub-optimal outcomes for the various stakeholders.</p> <p>In this session, Ms. Anne Riley will deliver a keynote speech on the benefits of competition law for businesses. Ms. Anne Riley has been an antitrust lawyer since 1985 and until recently the Shell’s Group Antitrust Counsel and Associate General Counsel. She is currently an Independent Anti-trust Compliance Consultant and holds amongst others the Chair of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Task Force on Antitrust Compliance and Advocacy.</p>

	<p>The session will continue with a panel discussion on the topic.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. George Lipimile, CEO, COMESA Competition Commission 2. Mr. John Davies, Executive Vice President, Compass Lexecon; former Head, Competition Division of the OECD 3. Mr. Rajiv Servansingh, Chairman of MindAfrica Group <p>Keynote speaker and Moderator: Ms. Anne Riley</p>
12 45 – 13 45	<i>Lunch</i>
13 45 – 15 15	<p>Session 3: Stimulating markets through pro-competitive policy making</p> <p>Generally, competition policy is intended to promote innovation, economic efficiency and growth. In most cases, these objectives are also subject of other public policies, e.g. economic, trade, investment and sectoral policies. Certain public policies can result in adverse effect on market competition, though not being their intended purpose.</p> <p>In this session, Mr John Davies, former Head, Competition Division of the OECD, will deliver a keynote speech on need to assess the impact on competition resulting other public policies.</p> <p>The session will continue with a panel that discuss on how businesses and competition agencies can deal with public policies that can have unintended consequences on competition.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Richard Whish QC (Hon), Emeritus Professor of Law 2. Ms. Anne Riley, Independent Anti-trust Compliance Consultant 3. Mr Kevin Ramkaloan, Chief Executive Office, Business Mauritius 4. Mr Mohit Dhoorundhur, Director, Public Procurement Office <p>Keynote Speaker and Moderator: Mr John Davies</p>
15 15 – 15 30	<i>End Note</i>