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The Competition Commission strengthens its continental leadership in competition as the African Competition Forum (ACF) renews its chairmanship

The Competition Commission has been re-elected to chair the African Competition Forum (ACF) for 2026–2028, reaffirming Mauritius' leadership and continued commitment to advancing competition policy and enforcement across Africa.

Mr Vipin Naugah, Executive Director of the Competition Commission, will serve a second term as ACF Chairperson.

The ACF elections, presided over by Mr Naugah as ACF Chairperson, took place on 6 November 2026 in Windhoek, Namibia, during a closed session following the Forum's Biennial Conference.

National member authorities from Angola, Eswatini, Kenya, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia participated. The COMESA Competition and Consumer Commission was also present.

The incoming Steering Committee comprises eleven national member authorities representing Angola, Burundi, The Gambia, Kenya, Mauritius (Chair), Morocco, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania and Tunisia. Under Mauritius' continued chairmanship, the Committee will guide the implementation of the ACF's mandate and work programme over the next two years.

Commenting on the renewed mandate, **Mr Naugah** stated:

"*On behalf of Mauritius, I thank our members for renewing their confidence in us to chair the African Competition Forum. Together with the incoming Steering Committee, we are committed to building on the Forum's achievements, drawing on the contributions of every member and the valued support of our partners. The Forum will continue to support joint research and the exchange of enforcement experience to help member authorities address competition challenges affecting businesses and consumers across Africa.*

I take this opportunity to congratulate all incoming Steering Committee members and thank the outgoing Committee for its service. I also extend my appreciation to the Namibian Competition Commission for hosting the Biennial Conference and election proceedings, and to all members and partners for their contributions to the Forum's work."

Through its Executive Director's roles as Chair of the Board of the COMESA Competition and Consumer Commission, a member of its Panel Responsible for Determinations and Chair of the African Competition Forum, the Competition Commission gives Mauritius a voice in shaping the regional and continental competition agenda and addressing issues that extend beyond national markets.

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Note to Editors:

The **African Competition Forum (ACF)** brings together 34 national and 5 regional competition authorities across Africa to advance competition policy and enforcement. Through collaborative research, capacity building and exchanges of enforcement experience, it helps members strengthen their institutions and address common challenges affecting markets in Africa.

Under the 2024–2026 chairmanship of the Competition Commission, the Forum has strengthened its visibility, expanded capacity-building activities and advanced research on competition issues of strategic importance to African economies. These include the creation of a dedicated ACF website, the establishment of four specialised working groups, hosting of six capacity-building workshops and webinars on diverse topical issues including agency effectiveness, cartels, unilateral conduct, AI tools and digital markets, and the release of two research studies on agri-food markets and digital platforms respectively.

Its most recent achievement was the launch, on 5 November 2026, during the ACF Biennial Conference in Namibia, of a collaborative study on the '**Role and effect of global commodity traders on competition in African food markets'**. Undertaken by eight member agencies through the ACF Advocacy and Research Working Group, the study examines traders' influence across food supply chains and the implications for competition and pricing. Its findings provide a foundation for further assessment and cooperation among African competition authorities. The research study report may be accessed here.