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**Global Forum on Competition**

**Draft Agenda: Global Forum on Competition**

2-3 December 2024  
Paris, France

The 23rd meeting of the Global Forum on Competition will be held on 2-3 December 2024 in Room 1 of the OECD Conference Centre, 2 rue André Pascal, 75116 Paris.

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## Agenda for the 23rd OECD Global Forum for Competition

**Chair: Frédéric Jenny**, Chairman of the OECD Competition Committee

### Monday 2 December 2024 OPENING SESSION\*

*09:30 - 10:00: Welcome Coffee, “meet the OECD Secretariat”*

10:00 – 10:40 CET

**Chair: Frédéric Jenny**, Chair, OECD Competition Committee

- **Opening Remarks by Mathias Cormann**, OECD Secretary-General
- **Introductory Remarks by Carmine Di Noia**, Director, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD
- **Keynote Address by Eleanor M. Fox**, Walter J. Derenberg Professor of Trade Regulation Emerita, NYU School of Law
- **Closing remarks by Frédéric Jenny**, Chair, OECD Competition Committee

### SESSION I: COMPETITION AND INEQUALITY

10:40 – 13:00 CET

Rising inequality and its detrimental impacts emphasise the need for governments to better understand the contributing factors, and to pursue opportunities to address these factors and foster more equal societies. In this context, the panel will explore the relationship between competition and inequality; and to what extent competition law and policy could contribute to reducing inequality. This session will also examine recent developments in, and future opportunities for, national competition law and policies.

**Chair: Frédéric Jenny**, Chair, OECD Competition Committee

#### Speakers:

- **Ariel Ezrachi**, Slaughter and May Professor of Competition Law, University of Oxford
- **Eleanor M. Fox**, Walter J. Derenberg Professor of Trade Regulation Emerita, NYU School of Law
- **Pablo Márquez**, Professor of Competition Law and Financial Regulations, Javeriana University
- **Juliane Mendelsohn**, Professor, Technische Universität Ilmenau
- **Luz Maria de la Mora**, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD
- **Doris Tshepe**, Commissioner, Competition Commission, South Africa

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*\*The opening session and session 1 are available to the public via a webcast.*

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*13:00 – 14:45: Official photo & Lunch break*

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**SESSION II: CROSS-BORDER MERGERS**

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14:45 – 18:00 CET

In a globalised and digitised world economy, there has been an increase in the number of mergers transactions that have an impact in more than one country. For competition authorities who are responsible for reviewing merger transactions, this has created new challenges and introduced more complexity to their merger review procedures and analyses. This session will survey these challenges, explain the reasons why competition authorities may arrive at different decisions, and the role international co-operation plays in each phase of a cross-border merger review.

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Dominican Republic - DAF/COMP/GF/WD(2024)1

Fiji - DAF/COMP/GF/WD(2024)5

Japan - DAF/COMP/GF/WD(2024)6

Korea - DAF/COMP/GF/WD(2024)7

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Serbia - DAF/COMP/GF/WD(2024)9

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*Plenary Session – CCI*

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14:45 – 16:20 CET

**Chair: Willard Mwemba**, Director, COMESA Competition Commission

**Speakers:**

- **Krystal Uy**, Undersecretary for Legislative Affairs, National Economic and Development Authority of the Philippines
- **Michel Alexander**, Partner, Evelyn Partners Monitoring Trustees

- **Dan Donath**, Vice President, Charles River Associates

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*Breakout Sessions – Rooms CC4 and CC15*

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16:35 – 17:35 CET

**Break-out session 1:** Remedy design and implementation in cross-border mergers

**Break-out session 2:** Challenges facing authorities in cross-border mergers

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*17:40: back to the Plenary room CC1*

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17:40 – 18:00 CET

Conclusions and closing remarks

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**Tuesday 3 December 2024**  
**SESSION III: PEER REVIEW OF THAILAND**

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10:00 – 12:30 CET

This session will focus on the examination phase of the ongoing OECD Peer Review of competition law and policy in Thailand. Founded on the willingness of a country to submit its laws and practices to substantive review by peer countries, peer reviews of competition law and policy are a valuable tool to reform and strengthen a country's competition framework. This session will explore the current competition regime in Thailand and assess its effectiveness. The session will also seek to identify key recommendations to help Thailand strengthen its competition regime and institutions.

**Chair: Frédéric Jenny**, Chair, OECD Competition Committee

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*12.30 - 14:30: Lunch break*

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**SESSION IV: COMPETITION IN THE FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN**

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14:30 – 17:30 CET

The food supply chain represents a set of transactions from the supply of inputs to farmers through to arrival at a consumer residence. Its relevance in the global context is particularly high, due to the fine balancing that takes place between government intervention and market operation. Smooth operation of the food supply chain has been disrupted in recent years, and questions have been raised over whether inflation arises to some extent from market failures in this chain.

The purpose of this session will be to consider the different elements of a food supply chain and how can government policy related to competition, including competition law enforcement, play a role to limit market failures. To the extent the greater competition can limit inflationary tendencies, citizen benefits can arise not only for pocketbooks but, more fundamentally, for long-term health.

**Chair: Frédéric Jenny**, Chair, OECD Competition Committee

**Speakers:**

- **Elizabeth Farina**, Senior Professor of Economics, University of Sao Paulo
- **Simon Roberts**, Professor, Centre for Competition, Regulation and Economic Development, University of Johannesburg
- **Willard Mwemba**, Director, COMESA Competition Commission

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**FINAL SESSION: OTHER BUSINESS AND PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE WORK**

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17:30 – 17:45 CET

**Chair: Frédéric Jenny**, Chair, OECD Competition Committee

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*18:00 - 19:30: Reception – Salon du Parc*

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