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Draft Agenda: LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COMPETITION FORUM

18-19 September 2018, Buenos Aires, Argentina

The attached document contains the draft agenda of the sixteen meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Competition Forum to be held on 18-19 September 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

All LACCF documentation is available in: www.oecd.org/competition/latinamerica and in www.laccf2018argentina.com/?lang=en.

The meeting will take place at the Inter-American Development Bank (Esmeralda 130, C.A.B.A, Buenos Aires).

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**Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Competition Forum
18 – 19 September 2018 -- Buenos Aires, Argentina**

**Draft agenda
Chairman: Frédéric Jenny**

Tuesday 18 September 2018

Luncheon 12.30 – 14.00 with LACCF delegates and the antitrust community

14.30-15.15

Item 1. Opening Session

Opening remarks:

- Esteban Greco, President, Comisión Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia
- Frédéric Jenny, Chairman, OECD Competition Committee, Latin American and Caribbean Competition Forum

Group picture and coffee break 15.15 – 15.30

Item 2. Session I – The Informal Economy in Latin America and the Caribbean: Implications for Competition Policy

15.30-18.00

This session will focus on how competition agencies deal with the informal economy. Despite the fact that there is no consensus on the definition of informality, most researchers often view informality as a serious problem, especially in developing countries where the informal sector tends to be large in terms of GDP and informal labour. Because informal firms often do not have to bear the costs of complying with tax and other regulations, many observers are concerned that the informal sector firms are able to expand and take market share from formal firms, even when they are less efficient overall. This may also undermine the incentives of formal sector firms to innovate and adopt new technologies. Competition agencies may tackle some of these concerns through advocacy, by for example proposing improvements to regulations. In relation to enforcement actions, competition agencies face challenges for defining the relevant market and the computation of market shares where informal firms are part of the investigated market. Other concerns may relate to difficulties in detecting and sanctioning anticompetitive behaviour by informal firms.

Session Chair: Mario Umaña Lead Trade and Competition Specialist Integration and Trade Sector, IDB

Presentation by Iratxe Gurpegi, Competition Expert, Competition Division, OECD

Speaker:

- Tyler C. Schipper, Professor, Department of Economics, University of St. Thomas

Informal Dialogue

Chair: Lucía Quesada, National Director of Competition Advocacy, CNDC

Discussants:

- Ana Paula Martínez, Partner at Levy & Salomão Advogados

- Marcelo Celani, Economist, University Torcuato di Tella
- Aldo González Tissinetti, Professor, University of Chile

General Discussion and Final Comments

For Reference:

Call for Country Contributions: DAF/COMP/LACF(2018)1

Background note by the OECD Secretariat: DAF/COMP/LACF(2018)4

Contributions from: Argentina, Costa Rica (SUTEL), Dominican Republic, Mexico (COFECE), Peru, United States, CARICOM.

Welcome reception hosted by the Comisión Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia (CNDC) – 19.00

Wednesday 19 September 2018

09.30-13.00

Item 3. Peer Review of Peru's Competition Law and Policy

The mechanisms of peer review vary, but it is founded upon the willingness of a country to submit its laws and policies to substantive questioning by other peers. The process provides valuable insights into the country under study, getting to the heart of ways in which each country deals with competition and regulatory issues, from the soundness of its competition laws to the structure and effectiveness of its competition institutions. In 2018, Peru's competition law and policy will be subject to such a review.

Session Chair: Frédéric Jenny (Chairman, OECD Competition Committee, Latin American and Caribbean Competition Forum)

Lead Examiners: (tbc)

Introduction: Eduardo Frade, Partner, VMCA

For discussion:

Draft Report by the Secretariat – DAF/COMP/LACF(2018)3

Lunch Buffet 13.00 – 15.00

Meeting of the Heads of Agencies (closed meeting 13.00-15.00)

15.00-18.00

Item 4. Session III – Industrial Policy and the Promotion of Domestic Industry

This session will discuss the role that competition policy plays within a cohesive industrial policy; in particular, the degree to which it complements or conflicts with other tools that might be adopted by governments seeking to promote domestic industry. Industrial policy is typically used to describe the set of interventions that governments use to affect the economic structure of the economy, and hence to achieve inclusive growth. Examples of such policies include merger control and antitrust enforcement, each of which are now well-accepted horizontal elements within most countries' industrial policy. In addition, competitive neutrality rules are also becoming increasingly common. However, since the financial crisis there has also been renewed interest in using selective policy tools to promote domestic industry. While these selective tools have traditionally involved support for national champions, they are increasingly focusing on: clustering policies, sector-specific deals, place-based policies, and mission-orientated

innovation policies. This session will look at the experiences of competition agencies in Latin American and the Caribbean and explore what agencies might do when encountering these policies.

Session Chair: Frédéric Jenny (Chairman, OECD Competition Committee, Latin American and Caribbean Competition Forum)

General Discussion and Final Comments

For Reference:

Call for Country Contributions: DAF/COMP/LACF(2018)2

Background note by the OECD Secretariat: DAF/COMP/LACF(2018)5

Contributions from: Argentina, Brazil (SEPRAC), Mexico (COFECE), Spain, United States.

18.00-18.30

Item 5. Evaluation and Future work

Session Chair: Frédéric Jenny (Chairman, OECD Competition Committee, Latin American and Caribbean Competition Forum)

General discussion, topics for LACCF 2019 and closing remarks.

** Other meetings held the same week in Buenos Aires (Venue 18 Sept. morning: Banco de la Nación Argentina, Av. Rivadavia 325, Salón Auditorio, C.A.B.A. and all other meetings in: Inter-American Development Bank, Esmeralda 130, C.A.B.A)*

18 September (morning): Implementation of Leniency Programmes for the Anti-trust Community

20 September (morning): Ibero-American Forum on Competition

20 September (afternoon): Meeting of the Latin American Regional Centre for Competition