SYMPOSIUM ON TRADE IN PRIMARY PRODUCT MARKETS AND COMPETITION POLICY

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AGENDA

OPENING SESSION

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SESSION 3: GOVERNANCE OF PRIMARY PRODUCT MARKETS & ITS IMPACT ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Issues
1) Transnational mergers and acquisitions in raw materials: What are the effects of such mergers? Which competition authorities examine them? Can developing countries impose effective remedies if they have a competition law instrument? What about the affected countries which do not have a competition law?

2) Export cartels and exemptions from domestic competition laws (e.g. material distribution).

3) Can transnational abuses of dominance be controlled easily by competition authorities in developing countries?

Speakers
Simon Evenett
Professor of International Trade and Economic Development and Director of Swiss Institute for International Economics, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland

Pradeep S Mehta
Secretary General, CUTS International, Jaipur, India

Discussants
Harak Singh
Chair, Caribbean Community Competition Commission, Trinidad & Tobago

Eugenio Diaz-Bonilla
Executive Director for Argentina and Haiti, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC, USA

Abid Suleri
Executive Director, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan

Representative of Agence Francaise de Developpment (AFD)*

SESSION 4: SYSTEMIC ISSUES & POLICY OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Issues
1) Can regulation help improve the performance of primary products markets? Can competition policy help?

2) To what extent are competition policy principles already built into or interface with WTO Agreements?

3) Conflicts of jurisdictions and overlapping remedies: issues and solutions.

4) How does the development of competition policy in major developing countries affect the issue?

5) How to fill the gaps in the governance of transnational markets (ban on export cartels, cooperation between national authorities etc.)

Speakers
Bernard Hoekman
Sector Director, Trade Department, World Bank

Robert Anderson
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Discussants
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