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National Workshop on
“Supporting Competition and Competition Policy in Palestine”

AGENDA

Date: 3-4 May 2017

Location: University of Petra, Amman, Jordan

Day 1	
9.00-9.30	Coffee break and Registration
9.30-10.00	Welcome and opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Outline of workshop objectives <p><i>Speakers:</i> Mohamed Olawan, Dean of Faculty of Law, University Of Petra, Amman Ziad Toame, Minister Deputy Assistant for Industry, Ministry of National Economy - Palestine Ahmed Kamaly, Chief of Economic Governance and Planning Section, ESCWA</p>
10.00-11.30	Session 1: Market structure analysis and competition policy objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review the basic characteristics of the Palestinian market structure from a competition perspective• Discuss the current policies/legislation aiming to enhance competition and identify gaps/ policy needs• Fundamentals of competition policy <p><i>Presenters: Jamal Abu Farha , Director General of the Competition Directorate - Ministry of National Economy - Palestine</i> <i>Facilitator: Ahmed Kamaly, Chief of Economic Governance and Planning Section, ESCWA</i></p>
11:30-12.00	Coffee break
12.00-13.30	Session 2: Benefits of competition in developing countries <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focusing on the links between competition from one side and economic growth, sustainable development, and SDGs achievement from the other side <p><i>Presenters:</i> Ahmed Kamaly, Chief of Economic Governance and Planning Section, ESCWA Hetham Abu Karky, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University Of Petra <i>Facilitator: Mona El Garf, Chairperson, Egyptian Competition Authority and Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University</i></p>

13.30-14.30	Lunch break
14.30-16.30	<p>Session 3: Stakeholder outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify key stakeholders (mapping exercise) • Discuss strategies and tools for stakeholder outreach and awareness raising towards the establishment of a culture of competition – good practice examples • Lay the foundations for effective engagement between Palestinian policy makers and relevant stakeholder groups <p>Presenters: Hetham Abu Karky, Assistant Professor , Faculty of Law, University Of Petra ESCWA Ahmad Al-Hyari, General Manager, Law Advocates for Judicial and Legal Training Facilitator: Dina Waked, Assistant Professor, Global Economic and Comparative Law, Sciences Po</p>
16.30-17.00	Wrap-up discussion
Day 2	
9.00-10.30	<p>Session 4: Status of the draft legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of first day outcomes • Presentation on steps taken by the Palestinian government towards the drafting, implementation and enforcement of competition policy and overview of the draft law • Discuss gaps and priorities for moving forward <p>Presenter: Bashaer Risheq , Director General of the Policies & International Economic Relations Directorate, Ministry of National Economy - Palestine Facilitator: Ahmed Kamaly, Chief of Economic Governance and Planning Section, ESCWA</p>
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-13.00	<p>Session 5: Elements of an effective competition framework – legal considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on the existing draft law, exploring the key legal aspects of an effective policy and guidelines for establishing a sound legal structure, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legal definitions (e.g. market, dominance) ○ Scope of legislation ○ Prohibited agreements ○ Abuse of dominance ○ Mergers ○ Penalties ○ Enforcement strategy ○ Coordination with related national and sectoral laws and regulations <p>Case studies from the region and beyond will be drawn upon to discuss good practices, and deliberate on the legal elements of an effective competition framework and enforcement strategy that will translate the law into practice.</p> <p>Presenters: Qais Mahafzah, Lawyer, Associate Professor of Commercial Law at the Faculty of</p>

	<p><i>Law, University of Jordan (TBC)</i> <i>Dina Waked, Assistant Professor, Global Economic and Comparative Law, Sciences Po</i> <i>Facilitator: Ahmed Kamaly, Chief of Economic Governance and Planning Section, ESCWA</i></p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-16.00	<p>Session 6: Elements of an effective competition framework – institutional considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on the existing draft law and institutional arrangements, exploring the key institutional needs for the implementation and enforcement of an effective policy, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mandate and powers of competition agency ○ Autonomy ○ Organizational structure and staffing ○ Financing ○ Tools of a successful enforcement strategy that balances administrative requirements with compliance <p>Case studies from the region and beyond will be drawn upon to discuss good practices, and deliberate on the institutional requirements for effectively applying the law.</p> <p><i>Presenter: Mona El Garf, Chairperson, Egyptian Competition Authority and Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University</i> <i>Facilitator: Dina Waked, Assistant Professor, Global Economic and Comparative Law, Sciences Po</i></p>
16.00-16.30	Coffee break
16.30-17.30	<p>Next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A roadmap for establishing a competition framework in Palestine • Identifying further capacity-building needs