

Contribution of Competition Policies to the achievement of MDGs

The MDGs are an integral part of UNCTAD work on Competition Law and Policy. Our approach to the formulation and enforcement of competition consumer protection laws seek to ensure that markets are pro-poor and that the efficient allocation and use of resources lead to the alleviation of poverty in developing countries and economies in transition.

In this context, UNCTAD organized several training programme conferences and presented studies on the interface between competition policy and development during the transition to market economies.

Most of the countries with economies in transition which benefited from these activities have the main MDGs high among their development objectives. However, they are facing challenges in the design and implementation of appropriate competition law and policy so as to maximise their benefits from trade-liberalization and ensuring that the poor are not further marginalized in the transition to a market economy.

UNCTAD activities seek to provide for a for the exchange of best practices among CIS and other countries as well as disseminating the results of research carried out by UNCTAD on the interface between competition law and policy and development.

Romania

UNCTAD jointly with the Romanian Competition Council and Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a National Seminar on Competition in Bucharest, Romania, on 16-17 March 2005. The Seminar was organized for judges, business leaders and competition officials.

Baku

In cooperation with the Department on Antimonopoly Policy of the Ministry of Economic Development (DAP/MED) of the Republic of Azerbaijan UNCTAD organized the International Conference on the Contribution of Competition Policies to the Achievement of the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDG) with a focus on Countries in Transition. The Conference was held in Baku, Azerbaijan on 27 and 28 September 2005.

Brno

The UNCTAD Competition and consumer Policies Branch participated in the Conference organized by the Czech Competition Agency and presented a report on the "Interface between competition policy and MDGs and raise awareness among competition authorities". The Conference was held on 28-29 November 2006, in Brno, Czech Republic.