AGENDA
(Washington Time)

7:45 AM Participants arrive at meeting sites and connections are tested. Lead by local World Bank staff

8:00 AM Video-conference begins

8:00 AM Welcoming remarks, introduction of audiences and speakers, Francois Nankobogo, Moderator, ECA GDLN Coordinator

8:05 AM Opening remarks, Alexander Pirozhenko, Director, Competition Development Department, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

8:10 AM Competition landscape in Russia, by Paulo G. Correa, Lead Economist, World Bank

8:25 AM Challenges in promoting competition in the drug industry: the Brazilian experience, by Mariana Tavares, former Head, SDE, Ministry of Justice, Brazil

08:40 AM Competition policy strategies at the regional level in Russia – presentation by the Government of Kaluga Region, Russia

08:55 AM Questions and answers


9:20 AM Competition policy strategies at the regional level in Russia – presentation by the Government of Belgorod Region, Russia

9:35 AM Questions and answers

9:45 AM Open discussion, moderated by Francois Nankobogo, GDLN Coordinator

10:25 AM Conclusions & Closing Remarks, by Paulo G. Correa, Task Team Leader & Francois Nankobogo, GDLN Coordinator.

10:30 AM End of Session.
Live webcast:

mms://wbmswebcast1.worldbank.org/external-3 - in English

Speakers’ bios

Russell Pittman is Director of Economic Research and Director of International Technical Assistance in the Economic Analysis Group, Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice. He is also a visiting professor at the New Economic School, Moscow.

Dr. Pittman has published a large number of articles in scholarly journals; in addition to English language journals, his articles have been published in journals in Russia, Romania, and numerous other countries. His 1983 paper in the Economic Journal on the measurement of productivity in the presence of undesirable outputs is considered the seminal paper on that topic. He is currently co-editing a special issue of the journal Utilities Policy on electricity restructuring in South Eastern Europe.

Dr. Pittman consults regularly with antitrust enforcers and economic reformers in transition and developing economies, most recently with the Federal Antimonopoly Service in Russia, the Romanian Competition Council, and the Indonesian KPPU. He has acted as an advisor on railroad restructuring projects in Brazil, China, Poland, and Russia, and he served on the Core Team of the World Development Report 2002, Building Institutions for Markets. He also served on the team of experts for the Russian Regulatory Reform Review carried out by the OECD and the European Conference of Ministers of Transport in 2003-2004 and was one of the three co-authors of its report, Regulatory Reform of Railways in Russia.

Dr. Pittman earned his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin in 1979.

Mariana Tavares de Araujo is currently a Partner at Levy & Salomao Advogados where she represents clients in both administrative and judicial proceedings and provides preventive counseling in these areas through the review of client business practices.

Prior to joining Levy & Salomão Advogados, Ms. Araujo held a series of important appointments in government during a nine-year period. As Secretary of Economic Law of Brazil’s Ministry of Justice – SDE from 2006 to 2010, she was in charge of the Departments of Competition and Consumer Protection, as well as the Federal Council for the Management of Collective Rights.

Ms. Araujo directed the preparation of the National Strategy for Fighting Cartels, a permanent forum that gathers administrative and criminal authorities, both at the Federal and state-levels. While at the SDE, Ms. Araujo worked with foreign antitrust authorities and represented the Brazilian government in key international organizations, such as the OECD Competition Committee and the International Competition Network, where she co-headed with the U.S. Department of Justice its cartel sub-group (2004-2007). In the merger area, Ms. Araujo oversaw the review of all mergers filed in Brazil from 2006 to 2010 and implemented a procedure for the joint review of filings with the Secretariat of Economic Monitoring of the Ministry of Finance – SEAE, which significantly reduced the average time for merger review in Brazil.

Ms. Araujo supervised the implementation of the National Consumer Rights Data Base – SINDEC in twenty-two states. She was also in charge of the implementation of the regulatory framework for call centers by regulated service providers. She was a member of the Brazil’s Drug Market Regulation Chamber – CMED, the inter-ministerial body that regulates the drug market in Brazil.

From 2003 to 2006, Ms. Araujo served as head of the Merger Division and head of the Competition Department of the SDE, having previously served as International Affairs and of the Anticompetitive Practices Department at SEAE.

Ms. Araujo is a member of the International Bar Association and of the American Bar Association Section of Antitrust Law and is licensed to practice law in Brazil (Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo sections). Global Competition Review named her on its list of the Top 100 Women in Antitrust. She has a Master of Laws (LL.M.), Georgetown University Law Center (2001).