

Vice Chair for International Coordination

Mandate: The Vice Chair for International Co-ordination is responsible for developing, in consultation with the Vice Chair for Outreach and the Vice Chair for Advocacy and Implementation, and implementing with Steering Group's approval, a work plan to coordinate the work of the ICN with that of other international organisations in a way that meets the needs of ICN members in terms of outreach, advocacy, and implementation.

2009- 2010 Projects and activities

1. Database of regional networks and technical assistance donors and providers. In order to maintain closer contact with international organizations, the Vice Chair for International Coordination sent last March a letter and a questionnaire to 21 organizations to identify potential areas for collaborative efforts. The responses to the questionnaires will be used to produce a report that will include a general background on the events, technical assistance and projects conducted by multilateral organization over the last five years related to competition; and all the information about technical assistance and competition related studies planned for 2010.
2. ICN materials for technical assistance. The Vice Chair for International Coordination is working with the Vice Chair for Outreach to identify ICN's work products that are particularly suitable for use in the provision of technical assistance and prepare template package for the providers. This package will highlight existing ICN materials that can be used in training sessions to competition agencies. The materials included in the package are planned to be translated into Spanish and French.
3. Joint projects. The Vice Chair for International Coordination has coordinated the work of the ICN with the following international organizations:
 - *World Bank Group-ICN:* Launched a pilot collaboration from the ICN to support the World Bank in a competition assessment of the haulage industry in the East African Community, through sharing the ICN member's expertise in competition advocacy, market studies and proposals for the removal of anticompetitive regulation. The project is currently developed by a task force composed by the World Bank Group experts and members from the Zambia Competition Commission (ZCC), Kenya's Monopolies and Prices Commission (KMPC), UK's Office of Fair Trading (OFT), US Department of Justice (DOJ), US Federal Trade Commission (FTC), South African Competition Commission, French Competition Authority, Swiss Competition Commission, and Mexican Federal Competition Commission (CFC). A summary of this collaboration is included in Annex 1.
 - *UNCTAD-ICN:* Launched an outreach project aimed at supporting competition authorities from developing and least developed countries to effectively participate in

the ICN, in order to enhance a competition culture and thereby contributing to economic development. The main activities of this project involve: translation of main ICN materials into French and Spanish; facilitating the participation of experts from agencies from least developed and developing countries in the ICN working groups; support of UNCTAD training courses and workshops by ICN experts; and possible organization of joint training events.

- *APEC-ICN*: The Vice Chair for International Coordination promoted collaboration with APEC in order to establish closer links between our organizations. In February 2010, an ICN member for the Merger Working Group participated in APEC's 2010 Round Table with ABAC on Procedural Fairness in Competition Cases, in Hiroshima, Japan. Further collaboration between both organizations is expected to take place in 2010.