



OECD Conference Centre, Paris (Room 1)

## Draft Agenda

**Chair:** Frédéric Jenny  
Chairman of the OECD Competition Committee (France)

### Thursday 27 February

#### OPENING SESSION

09:00 am – 09:45 am

#### OPENING REMARKS

William Danvers  
Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

#### KEY NOTE SPEAKER

Obiageli Ezekwesili  
Co-founder of Transparency International

#### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Frédéric Jenny  
Chairman of the OECD Competition Committee

#### SESSION I

09:45 am – 1:15 pm

#### FIGHTING CORRUPTION AND PROMOTING COMPETITION

**Chair:** Frédéric Jenny (Chairman, OECD Competition Committee)

*This session will discuss the ways that anti-competitive behaviour and corruption interact through the corruption of business licensing processes or other types of regulation to restrict entry. More general links between corruption and anti-competitive behaviour will also be addressed such as public and judicial attitudes to these two abuses, as well as the links between institutions engaged in fighting them. Participants will be encouraged to discuss relevant cases from their own jurisdictions, including advocacy efforts, and also any formal or informal agreements with anti-corruption institutions.*

**Discussant:** Obiageli Ezekwesili (Co-founder of Transparency International)

#### Panellists:

- Calvin S. Goldman (Partner, Goodmans LLP, BIAC)
- Drago Kos (Chairman of the Working Group on Bribery, Anti-corruption division, OECD)
- Michael Kramer (Attorney of Law and co-founder of International Anti-corruption Resource Centre, US)
- David Lewis (Executive Director, Corruption Watch, South Africa)
- Tina Søreide (Post-doctoral researcher in law and economics, University of Bergen, Norway)



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### SESSION I (cont'd)

#### Documentation:

Call for contributions	DAF/COMP/GF(2013)14
Background note by David Lewis	DAF/COMP/GF(2014)1
Paper by W. Michael Kramer	DAF/COMP/GF(2014)7
Paper by Tina Søreide	DAF/COMP/GF(2014)9

#### Written contributions:

Benin	DAF/COMP/GF/WD(2014)1
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1:15 pm – 2:30 pm

**Buffet lunch hosted by the OECD for all participants**  
(Château de la Muette - Rooms G. Marshall & R. Ockrent)

SESSION I (cont'd)

### FIGHTING CORRUPTION AND PROMOTING COMPETITION

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

The Roundtable discussion continues.



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**SESSION II**

3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

[Open to country representatives and intergovernmental organisations only - Report under restricted circulation on OLIS]

**PEER REVIEW OF ROMANIA'S COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY**

**Chair:** Frédéric JENNY

*“Peer review” is a core element of OECD work. The mechanisms of peer review vary, but it is founded upon the willingness of a country to submit its laws and policies to substantive questioning by other peers. The process provides valuable insights into the country under study, getting to the heart of ways in which each country deals with competition and regulatory issues, from the soundness of its competition laws to the structure and effectiveness of its competition institutions. In 2014, Romania’s competition law and policy will be subject to such a review.*

For discussion:

Draft Report by the Secretariat

DAF/COMP/GF(2014)2

**Examiners:**

- Anita Vegter (Member of the Board, Authority for Consumers and Markets, Netherlands)
- Elisabeth Flüry-Hérard (Vice-president, Autorité de la Concurrence, France)
- Pablo Felipe Robledo del Castillo & German Bacca Medina (Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent, SIC, Colombia)
- Skaidrite Abrama (Chairperson, Competition Council, Latvia)

**The Romanian Panel** will be headed by Bogdan Chiritoiu (President of the Romanian Competition Council).

6:00 pm – 8: 00pm

**Cocktail hosted by the Delegation of Romania on the occasion of its Peer Review** (Château de la Muette - Rooms G. Marshall & R. Ockrent)



## Friday 28 February

### SESSION III

09:15 am – 12:30 pm

#### COMPETITION ISSUES IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF PHARMACEUTICALS (Roundtable in plenary)

**Chair:** Michelle Cohen (President, Procompetencia, Dominican Republic)

*This full day session looks at the market for the distribution of pharmaceuticals which differs from other consumer markets. Its particular features imply that market competition cannot fully be relied upon to reach an efficient allocation of resources. In addition, many governments consider that drugs should be affordable and accessible to all citizens. Market competition cannot ensure that these equity and fairness concerns are met. Hence, this market is heavily regulated. Even so, competition can and should play a role in ensuring that this market works well for consumers, so that these can benefit from higher quality, greater choice and variety, more innovation and lower prices. This session will provide an overview of how competition works in this market and identify the main problems that can arise at different levels of the distribution chain. Participants are invited to share experiences so as to better understand the interplay between competition and regulation.*

#### Panellists:

- Farasat Bokhari (Senior Lecturer in Economics, University East Anglia)
- Aidan Hollis (Professor in Economics, University of Calgary)
- Panos Kanavos (Reader in International Health Policy, London School of Economics)
- Adrian Majumdar (Partner, RBB Economics)
- Pradeep S Mehta (Secretary General, CUTS)
- Valérie Paris (Senior Health Policy Analyst, OECD Health Division)
- Sabine Vogler (Head of the Pharma Team, Austrian Health Institute and Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre)

#### Documentation:

Call for contributions	DAF/COMP/GF(2013)15
Background note by the Secretariat	DAF/COMP/GF(2013)3
Paper by Farasad Bokhari	DAF/COMP/GF(2014)4
Paper by Panos Kanavos	DAF/COMP/GF(2013)8
Paper by Sabine Vogler	DAF/COMP/GF(2013)6



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### SESSION III

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#### Written contributions

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Lithuania	DAF/COMP/GF/WD(2014)11
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Norway	DAF/COMP/GF/WD(2014)13
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Romania	DAF/COMP/GF/WD(2014)30
Russia	DAF/COMP/GF/WD(2014)33
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Chinese Taipei	DAF/COMP/GF/WD(2014)31
Turkey	DAF/COMP/GF/WD(2014)51
Ukraine	DAF/COMP/GF/WD(2014)12
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BIAC	DAF/COMP/GF/WD(2014)57

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

**REMARKS** by Angel Gurría, Secretary-General, OECD

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

**BREAK**

**SESSION III (cont'd)**

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS: COMPETITION ISSUES IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF PHARMACEUTICALS**

[Participants will be allocated in breakout rooms for this session by the Secretariat]





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**SESSION III**  
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**Session 1**

**Moderator:** Shila Dorai Raj (CEO, Malaysia Competition Commission)

**Panellist:** Sabine Vogler (Head of the Pharma Team, Austrian Health Institute)

*Session 1 will examine how the market for the retail distribution of pharmaceuticals is regulated. The session will also discuss the experience of those countries that have moved from a regulated environment to a less constrained one. Finally, it will examine what impact this deregulation has had on retail prices and on the availability of medicines to final consumers.*

**Session 2**

**Moderator:** Abdelali Benamour (President, Competition Council in Morocco)

**Panellists:** Aidan Hollis (Professor of Economics, Calgary University, Canada), Pavos Kanavos (Reader in International Health Policy, London School of Economics, UK) and Pradeep Mehta (Secretary General of CUTS, India)

*Session 2 will examine to what extent countries make use of price and margin regulation to control final prices of prescription pharmaceuticals, originators and generics, and to what extent they rely on competition. The session will discuss how successful different approaches are in constraining consumers' and insurers' drug expenditure. It will also discuss the role that pharmacies and doctors can have in supporting governments' and insurers' attempts to keep drug expenditure under control.*

**Session 3**

**Moderator:** Andrey Tsyganov (Deputy Head, FAS Russia)

**Panellists:** Farasat Bokhari (Senior Lecturer in Economics, University of East Anglia, UK) and Adrian Majumdar (Partner at the consulting firm RBB Economics, UK)

*Session 3 will examine vertical and horizontal relationships between players in the distribution chain, and discuss the kind of competition concerns that arise from these relationships.*

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

**COMPETITION ISSUES IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF PHARMACEUTICALS**

(Wrap-up in plenary session, Cont'd)

1. Report by Moderators

General Discussion

2. Summary and final remarks by session chair

**FINAL SESSION**

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**OTHER BUSINESS AND PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE WORK**