Agenda

Day 1 – 3rd of March 2024

8:30 – 9:00 am	**Registration**
9:00 – 9:30 am	**Opening remarks and introductory comments** • Ahmed bin Abdul Kareem Al-Kholifey, Chairman of The Board of Directors, The General Authority for Competition,KSA • Abdulaziz bin Abdullah Al-Zoom, Chief Executive Officer of The General Authority for Competition, KSA. • Mahmoud Momtaz, Chairman of the Egyptian Competition Authority (ECA), and the President of the Arab Competition Network (ACN). • Lamya Said Alsaid, Arab League representative
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	**Special Session: Winners of the Competition Agencies Simulation Contest**
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	**Session I. Judiciary and Competition Law** This session aims to identify the judicial role in competition cases and the limits of judicial control over the decisions issued by competition authorities regarding various issues (fines - requests for economic concentration - measures). The panelists will bring international, regional and national perspectives and examples to the discussion. **Moderator:** • Faisal Alfadhil, Member of the Shura Council, Member of the Permanent Committee for Consumer Protection and former chairman of the Adjudicating Violations of the Competition Protection. **Panellists:** • Ian Forrester KC, Former Judge at the General Court of the EU. • Frederic Jenny, Professor of Economics, Chairman of the OECD Competition Committee, and a Judge on the French Supreme Court • Hasan Abu Abdulmajeed, Vice President of the Moroccan Competition Council **Open Discussion**
11:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	**Coffee break**
11:50 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.	**Session II. Impact Assessments for competition agencies** This session aims to delve into the pivotal realm of impact assessment for competition authorities, shedding light on its definition, importance, the various methodologies for conducting impact assessments, and potential challenges agencies might face while conducting an assessment. Moderator: • Dr. Hesham Alogeel, Deputy Chief Executive Officer for Economic Affairs, the General Authority for Competition (KSA). **Speakers:** • Georgiana Pop, Senior Economic Expert, Global Competition Expert, the World Bank Group. • Sean Ennis, Professor, Centre for Competition Policy, University of East Anglia. **Open Discussion**
1:20 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	**Lunch break**
2:20 p.m. – 3.20 p.m.	**Session III. Competition Authorities in the Digital Age** This panel discussion will explore the best approaches for competition authorities to effectively regulate digital markets. The panel will provide valuable insights into navigating the complexities of the digital landscape while fostering innovation and ensuring fair competition. **Moderator:** • Saïd Kechida, Economist and Competition Expert, OECD **Speakers:** • David Stallibrass, Competition Director at Fingleton Company. • Dr. Mahmoud Momtaz, Chairman of the Egyptian Competition Authority (ECA) and the President of the Arab Competition Network (ACN) • Nandan Kumar, Economics Director, Competition Commission of India. **Open Discussion**
3:20 – 4:00 pm	**Session IV: A Lecture on harnessing computational methods for Competition Enforcement** This lecture will delve into the contemporary tools within emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, and their role in strengthening control and competition law enforcement. It will examine the utilization of algorithms and AI methodologies to identify anti-competitive behaviours, bolster market analysis, and uphold regulatory standards, all aimed at fostering equitable competition within markets. **Presenter:** • Thibault Schrepel, Associate Professor of Law at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam University and a Faculty Affiliate at Stanford University **Open Discussion**

Day 2 - 4th of March 2024

8:30 – 9:00 am	**Registration and opening session**
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	**Closed Session for the ACN members**
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	**Lunch break**

3rd annual conference of the Arab competition network (ACN)
Riyadh, Kingdome of Saudi Arabia

The Arab Competition Network (ACN) stands as a vital platform dedicated to advancing competition policy and fostering economic development in the Arab region. Comprising competition authorities, experts, scholars, and stakeholders, the ACN aims to promote fair competition, enhance market efficiency, and contribute to the integration and growth of Arab economies.

Established with the recognition that robust competition policies are essential for creating vibrant and competitive markets, the ACN serves as a collaborative forum for sharing knowledge, experiences, and best practices among its members. By facilitating dialogue and cooperation, the network strives to harmonize competition policy
approaches, strengthen enforcement mechanisms, and address emerging challenges in the dynamic economic landscape of the Arab world.

The 3rd Annual Conference of the Arab Competition Network, under Egypt presiding, will be organized by the General Authority for Competition of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (GAC). The event scheduled over two days, will serve as a dynamic venue for competition authorities from member countries to engage in an interactive exchange of insights. By delving into a spectrum of international case studies and exemplary practices from a diverse array of countries, participants will significantly advance their understanding of competitive policies, enforcement tactics, and governance frameworks.

Objectives
Objectives of the 3rd annual conference of the Arab competition network includes the following:

- Knowledge sharing and capacity building.
- Addressing emerging challenges in competition policy.
- Promoting cooperation and collaboration among stakeholders.

The conference aims to achieve these objectives through discussions, information sharing, and the exchange of best practices among participants from Arab competition authorities, experts, and stakeholders.

Language
The Conference will be conducted in Arabic and English language. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided between Arabic and English for onsite and online participants. meeting will be conducted in Arabic and English language