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Nathalie Khaled, Economic Affairs Officer at the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA). Currently, she is leading the implementation of several regional and national Programs at ESCWA, among them: Enhancing competition and consumers protection policies in the Arab region; Enhancing Integrated National Development Planning in the Arab Region and The Arab Business Environment Legislative Framework. She facilitated the e-Cornell University /ESCWA cohort program on Leadership in The Public Sector. In 2018, ESCWA awarded her a Gender Equality Award, in recognition of her efforts to mainstream a gender perspective into major ESCWA publications.

She holds a master's degree in business from the Lebanese American University, and acquiring another Master's Degree in Economics Of Competition Policy from King's College London in addition to a professional certificate from Cornell University in Public Sector Leadership. She contributed to the production of several publications on socioeconomic developments and economic governance such as the Arab Business Legislative Framework Report as well as developed online courses such as Fighting Bid Rigging in Public Procurement course in addition to the development of knowledge portals and Policy Simulation tools. She served in United Nations peacekeeping before starting her career at ESCWA. Before her journey at the United Nations, Ms. Khaled worked as a quality management consultant and auditor for the American Management Association. She is an ISO-certified consultant.

## **Teresa Moreira**

**Head, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UN Trade and Development**

Teresa Moreira, Head, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch of UNCTAD - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development since October 2016, and also rotating officer in charge of the Division on International Trade and Commodities of UNCTAD (mid-October 2020-March 2023), previously served as Consumer Director-General of Portugal (January 2010 - September 2016) and as a Member of the Board of the Portuguese Competition Authority (March 2003 - March 2008) when it was first established. She also served as Portugal's Director-General and Deputy Director General for International Economic Relations, Ministry of Economy, and held senior positions at the former Directorate-General for Competition. She worked for 20 years as a part-time Teaching Assistant at the Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon in the areas of International Economic Law and European Law as well as in European Competition Law and European Economic Law (graduate studies).

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## **Said Kechida**

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Mr. Saïd Kechida is an economist and a competition expert at OECD's Competition Division where he is responsible for the Middle East and Africa managing projects on a wide range of competition law and policy issues, including peer reviews, market studies and competition assessments. At the OECD, he held different positions since 2007, first at the Private Sector Development Division and the Investment Division where he co-authored a number of Business Climate and Investment Policy Reviews in Middle East, Africa and South-East Asia. He also served as Senior Advisor for MENA at the Office of the Secretary-General and later as Senior Advisor at the Countries Studies Branch of the Economics Department. Mr. Kechida also served as Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of Tunisia from 2014 to 2016. He holds a Diploma in Economics from the University of Stuttgart, Germany and a Master in Business Sciences from the Normandy Business School, France.

## **Mohamad Cheikhrouho**

**General Rapporteur, Tunisian Competition Council**

He holds the rank of Inspector General of Economic Control, holds a professorship in law, and is a graduate of the National School of Administration. He has more than 28 years of administrative experience at the Ministry of Trade and Export Development, where he held various positions within the Ministry starting in 1996. In 2013, he moved to the Competition Council where he served as rapporteur, then advanced to the position of general rapporteur in 2018.

## **Kondwani Kaonga**

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Ms Kondwani Kaonga is the Manager Economic Research, Policy and Advocacy at the COMESA Competition Commission ('the CCC'). Prior to that she held the position of Senior Consumer Welfare and Advocacy Officer at the CCC where she was among the first officers to operationalise the Consumer Welfare Division.

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### **Economist and Competition Consultant**

Menna M. Fahmy is an economist with a focus on competition and public policy, macroeconomic analysis, and fiscal policy design. She currently works at the Ministry of Finance of Egypt, where she supports structural and regulatory reforms with a strong emphasis on enabling private sector-led economic growth, reducing market distortions and improving market competitiveness.

Previously, Menna worked as a consultant with the OECD Competition Division, where she contributed to flagship publications including the OECD Competition Assessment Review of Tunisia and the Peer Review of Tunisia's Competition Law. She also co-authored the OECD Competition Trends, analysing merger control frameworks and enforcement practices across more than 70 jurisdictions.

Earlier in her career, Menna was part of the Egyptian Competition Authority, where she contributed to the development of Egypt's merger control regime and led sectoral assessments in digital markets and construction materials. She also co-authored strategic policy documents such as the State Ownership Policy, with a focus on advancing competitive neutrality.

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