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Akari Yamamoto-Bonenfant- Moderator

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Ms. Yamamoto-Bonenfant is a Legal Officer at the Competition and Consumer Policies Branch of UNCTAD.

Ms. Yamamoto-Bonenfant has around 15 years of working experience in Japan Fair Trade Commission. Her work included case investigations, international cooperation, competition policy making, leniency policy and practices as well as technical assistance for younger competition authorities (mainly for ASEAN countries).

Ms. Yamamoto-Bonenfant holds a Law Degree by Kyoto University, Japan, and Masters' Degrees in Law by City, University of London and the University of Edinburgh, the United Kingdom.

Hassan Abou Abdelmajid

Vice President of the Competition Council of Morocco

Dr. Hassan Abou Abdelmajid currently serves as the Vice President of the Competition Council in Morocco, a position he has held since 2018. Since 2013, he has also served as an advisor at the Court of Cassation. From 2010 to 2012, he was Vice President of Mohammed V University in Rabat, responsible for academic affairs and university development. Prior to that, he served as Dean of the Faculty of Law in Salé from 2005 to 2009.

Dr. Abou Abdelmajid earned his Doctorate in Public Law from the University of Nice in France in 1984. He was a Professor of Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, and Public Procurement Law from 1984 to 2017, with extensive teaching and research contributions. He is the author of several publications in both Arabic and French on public procurement management and legal drafting techniques.

Passant Mamdouh Youssef

Head of the Bid-rigging Team, Egyptian Competition Authority

Passant Youssef is currently the Head of the Bid-rigging Team at the Egyptian Competition Authority (ECA), where she has over eight years of experience. She holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Business Law from Indiana University, Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

Throughout her professional career, she has held diverse roles in national and multinational companies as well as non-profit organizations. She has gained hands-on experience in areas such as telecommunications, intellectual property rights, and education. Her passion for education led her to teach at Egyptian law schools, aiming to positively influence the legal education system.

Driven by a desire to expand her expertise, she joined the public sector, initially serving as Head of the Investigation Team before taking on her current role. Over the past three years, she has successfully led key and high-profile cases at ECA across various sectors, including telecommunications, school uniforms, agriculture, and bid-rigging. Her work is rooted in rigorous research and the application of effective investigative techniques.

In addition to her efforts in combating anticompetitive practices, Passant is known for her collaborative spirit and commitment to knowledge-sharing, continuously inspiring her colleagues through the exchange of ideas and experience.

Seyoung Oh

Deputy Director, Antitrust Investigation Division, Korea Fair Trade Commission

Ms. Oh has graduated from Yonsei University with a degree in Business Administration. Since 2020, she has worked as a Deputy Director in the Holding Companies Division, focusing on improving regulations.

In 2022, she began serving as a commissioner's staff member. Since 2025, she has been working in the Anti-Monopoly Investigation Division(Service), where she is responsible for investigating violations of the Fair Trade Act, with a focus on abuse of market dominance in the service sector.

Francis Kariuki

Senior Consultant in Competition and Trade Policy, Bowmans Law Firm

Mr. Kariuki is a Competition Policy and Law expert. He is the immediate former and the first Director-General of the Competition Authority of Kenya. He served in the public service for 30 years and left in 2023 to join Bowmans Law, Kenya.

His main interests lie at the intersection of competition policy and other related government policies, particularly in the areas of poverty reduction and financial inclusion—mainly through the effective regulation of the digital economy and platforms. He has also played a key role in building competition agencies across the region to support regional trade and integration, under the auspices of COMESA

and AfCFTA. Mr. Kariuki has published and co-authored various works on topics related to institutional development of competition agencies and has contributed to numerous competition policy and law conferences worldwide.