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Session IV Strengthen Competition Law Enforcement against Abuse of Dominance: **Developing Legal Frameworks and Investigation Tools**

As competition law enforcement continues to advance across the Arab region, tackling abuse of dominance remains a key priority. While many jurisdictions have established legal frameworks to regulate anti-competitive conduct, significant challenges persist in identifying dominance, ensuring legal clarity, and effectively responding to the misuse of market power. Strengthening institutional capacities and enforcement tools is essential to fostering fair competition and safeguarding market integrity.

This session will explore strategies to enhance the effectiveness of investigations into abuse of dominance by developing integrated legal frameworks and adopting modern tools to better detect and address dominant market positions and their abuse. Discussions will emphasize the role of advanced technologies and contemporary legal and economic methodologies in assessing market power and anti-competitive effects. The aim is to improve the speed, accuracy, and impact of enforcement efforts. The session will also review global best practices, offering insights into how various jurisdictions have reinforced their legal and institutional approaches to addressing dominance-related behavior.

Note: The duration of this session will be 120 minutes; each panelist will speak for 15 minutes, followed by interventions from Member States and a O&A session.

Topics of discussion

- O Development and refinement of legal frameworks in Arab countries to address abuse of dominance.
- Practical challenges in enforcing abuse of dominance cases, including legal ambiguity and difficulties in detecting and proving market power.
- O Use of modern investigative tools and economic/legal methodologies to assess market power and identify anti-competitive effects.
- Review of international best practices in investigating and sanctioning abuse of dominance.
- Presentation of selected national case studies highlighting practical experiences and lessons learned.

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