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### ACF-2022 List of Speakers and Bios

#### Day 2. Session IV. Competition Provisions in Trade Agreements

##### Moderator

**Teresa Moreira**, Head, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD



Teresa Moreira, Head, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch of UNCTAD - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development since 5 October 2016, and rotating officer in charge of the Division on International Trade and Commodities of UNCTAD since mid-October 2020, 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 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 of European Competition Law and European Economic Law (graduate studies).

Teresa Moreira holds a Law Degree and a Masters' Degree in European Law (European Competition Law) from the Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon, Portugal.

##### Speakers

**Anna Caroline Muller**, Legal Affairs Officer, WTO's Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division



Anna Caroline Müller is a Legal Affairs Officer in the WTO's Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division specialized on cross-cutting topics spanning from the role of IP in the digital economy to illicit trade. She first joined the WTO in 2007 and focused on the administration of the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement and on competition policy including its relationship with IP, related publications and technical assistance. In particular, she has worked with transition and developing countries, often in co-operation with other international institutions supporting policy reform. She publishes extensively on topics related to IP, government procurement and competition policy at the international level. She completed an Executive Master of Public Administration at the Hertie School in Berlin 2018, holds an LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law and a D.E.A. in international relations and is a fully qualified lawyer admitted to the bar in Germany and to the roll of solicitors in England and Wales. Prior to taking up her current role, she practiced law in the Commercial Litigation & Arbitration section of Clifford Chance's Frankfurt office.

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### Regina Vargas, Superintendent of Competition, El Salvador



Ms. Regina Vargas is the Competition Advocacy Intendant of the Competition Superintendence of El Salvador since 2009. Before her appointment, she held the position of Head of International Relations. She has also worked with the World Bank program for state modernization as a competition advocacy consultant.

Ms. Vargas is a founding member of the Instituto de Derecho de Competencia (IDC) of Guatemala. She has been a collaborator in various initiatives for the approval in Congress of the Competition Law in Guatemala. She is an advisor to the Dominican Republic Competition Authority (PROCOMPETENCIA) on Competition Advocacy Program, a secretariat for the Red Centroamericana de Autoridades Nacionales de Competencia from 2009 to date, and she has been a speaker at International Conference such as the Intergovernmental Competition Experts meeting (UNCTAD), Latin American Competition Forum (OECD and IADB), among others.

She holds an undergraduate degree on International Business from Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey and a master degree on Business Law from Universidad José Simeón Cañas (UCA).

### Nathalie Khaled, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA



Ms. 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 projects in ESCWA, among them: Improving competition and protecting consumers in the Arab region; Enhancing Integrated National Development Planning in the Arab Region; The Arab Business Environment Legislative Framework. She is also a facilitator at e-Cornell University for programs on Leadership in The Public Sector. In 2018, ESCWA awarded her the "Munasara Gender Equality Award", in recognition of her efforts to systematically mainstream a gender perspective into major ESCWA publications.

She served in the United Nations peacekeeping mission with UNIFIL before starting her career at ESCWA. Prior to 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.

She has a graduate certificate from Cornell University in Public Sector Leadership, and she holds a master's degree in business administration from the Lebanese American University. She has many

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publications and studies related to economic and social developments in the Arab region and her contribution to the development of several online courses.

Ms. Khaled is also a facilitator at e-Cornell University for leadership programs in the public sector. She is leading the implementation of The Annual Competition Forum for the Arab region. Furthermore, Ms. Khaled also led the production of the Arab Legislation Portal and the Arab National Development Planning Portal and contributed to the development of Economic and Policy Simulation tools.