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ARAB COMPETITION FORUM

[ACF] – 24-25 MAY 2022 [Muscat, Sultanate of Oman]



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Provisional agenda

Day 1. Tuesday 24 May 2022	
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration and opening session
9:00 – 9:30 a.m. (Muscat Time – UTC+4) Meeting venue: Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre in Muscat <i>Format: Open session / Broadcasted live</i>	Opening remarks and introductory comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qais Mohammed Moosa Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, Sultanate of Oman • Rola Dashti, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA, Lebanon • Ahmed About Gheit, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, Egypt
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Coffee break and Group photo
9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. (Muscat Time – UTC+4) Meeting venue: Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre in Muscat <i>Format: Open session / Broadcasted live</i>	Session I. Panel discussion: Competition and Economic Policy Session coordinator: ESCWA During this session, a discussion will take place between reputed economists, policymakers and experts on competition policy and the interlinkages with other economic policies. The discussion will also shed light on the importance of competition policy in achieving sustainable growth and development.
11:15 – 11:30 a.m.	Coffee break
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Muscat Time – UTC+4) Meeting venue: Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre in Muscat <i>Format: Closed session / Hybrid</i>	Session II. A. Competition developments in the Arab region Session coordinators: LAS, ESCWA, and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion of the Sultanate of Oman Competition authorities from member States will present national case studies and/or competition developments since the second Arab Competition Forum, held in March 2021. LAS will present the latest projects and tools developed throughout the year to support well-established competitive policies and practices.
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch break

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<p>2:00 – 3.30 p.m. (Muscat Time – UTC+4) Meeting venue: Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre in Muscat <i>Format: Closed session / Hybrid</i></p>	<p>Session II. B. Competition developments in the Arab region Session coordinators: LAS, ESCWA, and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion of the Sultanate of Oman Competition authorities from member States will present national case studies and/or competition developments since the second Arab Competition Forum, held in March 2021. LAS will present the latest projects and tools developed throughout the year to support well-established competitive policies and practices.</p>
<p>Evening</p>	
<p>7:00 p.m – 8:00 p.m (Muscat Time – UTC+4) Meeting venue: Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre in Muscat <i>Format: Open session / Broadcasted live</i></p>	<p>Special session: Arab Youth in Competition Session coordinators: ESCWA and Centre for the Protection of Competition and Prevention of Monopoly, Sultanate of Oman Participating Omani universities were requested to prepare an original case study on the topic “Anti-competitive behaviours from digital platforms/enterprises”. The special session Arab Youth in Competition takes place as a ceremony where an award will be granted to the winners of the competition challenge. Furthermore, the winners have the opportunity to engage directly with two Arab youth competition advocates and present lessons learned and reflections on the challenge. The ceremony is followed by a celebration dinner.</p>
<p>8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Dinner</p>