

# Day 1

## Session II.

### Competition developments in the Arab region



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## Background

Over the last two years, the annual Arab competition forums have provided a platform for Arab competition authorities to report and review developments made and challenges faced, and to consider other countries' experiences and policy options. Session II is therefore a central pillar of the third Arab Competition Forum, where peer-to-peer learning is the main focus.

Competition authorities from the region will be given the floor to present national case studies highlighting a recent event, challenge or action related to competition, specifically on antitrust or monopolistic behaviours. Authorities from outside the region will also be invited to present recent competition cases studies. Furthermore, member States will have the opportunity to discuss their national competition developments since the second Arab Competition Forum, held in March 2021, including the latest reforms, progress in regulatory frameworks, new policies, challenges faced and lessons learned throughout the year.

This year, the session is organized by the League of Arab States (LAS) in collaboration with ESCWA. Both organizations play a pivotal role in advancing knowledge and best practices in competition across the region. At the session, LAS will present their latest projects and tools developed throughout the year to support member States in adopting well-established competitive policies and practices.

The following are the main objectives of session II:

- Keep abreast of the latest developments, trends, best practices and challenges on competition across the region.
- Support member States in moving forwards with the competition agenda, based on peer-to-peer learning.
- Strengthen regional collaboration by intensifying dialogue between competition authorities from all member States.

## Speakers

- Representatives of competition authorities from ESCWA member States