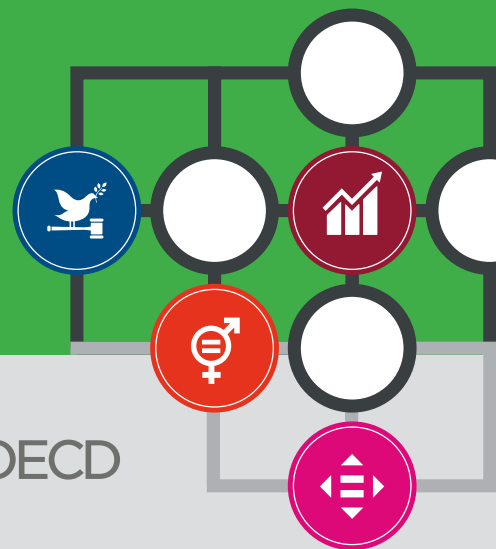


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**Day 2-Session 3: Cross Border Merger Control**



### Moderator



#### Nathalie Khaled

**Coordinator of the Competition and Consumer Protection Project,  
Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA**

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 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.

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## Speakers



### Willard Mwemba

**Director, and Chief Executive Officer of the COMESA  
Competition Commission**

Willard Mwemba is the Director and Chief Executive Officer of the COMESA Competition Commission. The COMESA Competition Commission is responsible for both Competition regulation and consumer protection in the Common Market.

Prior to that, he was Head of the Mergers and Acquisitions Division at the same institution for 7 years. Dr Mwemba previously worked for the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission in Zambia for 7 years where he rose through the ranks to become Director of Mergers and Monopolies until he left in 2013. During his employment at the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission in Zambia, he also worked in the Consumer Division where he handled several cases that had a direct impact on consumers especially the poor.

With more than 17 years of experience in competition and consumer law enforcement, Dr. Mwemba has been key in the enforcement of the COMESA Competition Regulations in the Common Market as well as in the development of competition and consumer protection laws in some Member States. He drove the process of drafting, inter alia, the COMESA Competition Mergers Operations Manual, Merger Investigation Procedures, COMESA Merger Assessment Guidelines, and amendments to the COMESA Merger Notification Form 12. Further, Dr. Mwemba was instrumental and led the team that amended the Rules on the COMESA Merger Notification Thresholds and Merger Filing Fees. Dr. Mwemba continues to play a key role in the development of competition and consumer protection laws, guidelines, and operational manuals in the Member States and provides support to other Regional Economic Communities in the development of such enforcement tools. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Competition Training Centre for the Middle East and Africa.

He has written extensively about competition law and has spoken at several high profile and he is usually invited as a guest lecturer on the subject at Universities and Colleges in Zambia and beyond.

Dr. Mwemba holds several qualifications among them two bachelor's degrees with specialization in Law and Economics from the University of Zambia, a master's degree in European Union Competition Law from Kings College: London, and a Ph.D. in Competition Law from the University of Cape Town.

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**Sabine Zigelski**

Senior Case Manager, Bundeskartellamt, Germany

Sabine Zigelski is a Senior Case Manager at the German Competition Authority, the Bundeskartellamt, with more than 30 years of experience in competition law enforcement and policy.

At the Bundeskartellamt she is currently in charge of a portfolio comprising e-commerce-related mergers and abuse cases as well as vertical restraints in a variety of consumer goods sectors. The work portfolio covers the inception of a case, investigations, competitive assessment, drafting, and taking decisions including their defence in court.

Her work experience in competition enforcement on a national level covers 22 years, with extensive experience in merger control, cartel prosecution, and abuse of dominance proceedings in a variety of industry sectors. Between 2013 and 2023, she served as a Senior Competition Expert at the OECD Competition Division in Paris. She was responsible for Working Party 3 of the OECD's Competition Committee, which focuses on enforcement-related topics and recommendations and on international enforcement co-operation. Prior to that, she was responsible for the OECD-GVH Regional Centre for Competition in Budapest for six years (RCC), which provides competition law training seminars to officials from competition authorities from 18 jurisdictions in East and South-East Europe. The work at the OECD included the drafting and management of peer reviews, background papers, training on bid rigging and competition assessment, workshops for OECD member countries, and representation of the Competition Division as a speaker on international conferences. Sabine regularly lectures on e-commerce and on vertical online restraints at the Florence Competition Programme. She is an economist by training.



**Esteban Greco**

Former President, Comisión Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia (CNDC), Argentina, director, GAMES Economics

Esteban Greco is an international consultant in competition and regulatory economics who has held numerous prestigious positions throughout his career, including

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Chairman of the Comisión Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia (CNDC) in Argentina, and has advised both public and private organizations in Latin America for nearly twenty years on competition policy, economic regulation, and energy economics. Esteban has also served as a Commissioner and Chief Economist at CNDC, and as Deputy Manager of Performance and Economics at Argentina's Natural Gas regulatory agency (ENARGAS). In addition to his professional roles, Esteban is a professor at several universities and has published extensively on competition and regulation in Latin America.



**Paul Lugard**

**Partner at Baker Botts LLP**

Paul Lugard is an EU and international competition law partner at the Brussels office of Baker Botts LLP with significant experience in representing clients in complex merger review proceedings and investigations into alleged anticompetitive business practices.

Over the past 25 years, Mr. Lugard has steered over 100 international mergers and joint ventures through the merger review process of the European Commission and government agencies around the world, including in the MENA region.

Mr. Lugard has assisted clients in oil and gas, LNG, human and animal health, consumer electronics, fast-moving consumer goods, medical imaging, telecommunications and in various online industries.

Mr. Lugard is active in the development of international competition policy. He is the immediate past Chair of the ICC Competition Commission and serves as a European Commission Non-Governmental Advisor to the International Competition Network (ICN) and as Vice Chair of the Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD.

Mr. Lugard graduated in law in 1989 from the University of Groningen, the Netherlands and in 1990 from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium. From 2005 until 2012 he was a senior vice president and the Head of Antitrust at Royal Philips Electronics

He speaks Dutch, English, French, and German.

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**Mohamad Cheikhrouho**

General Rapporteur, Competition Council of Tunisia

Mohamed Cheikhrouho is a high-ranking government official in Tunisia, serving as a General Inspector for Economic Monitoring and a General Rapporteur for the Competition Council of Tunisia.

