

Making Competition Policy and Law Work for the Private Sector

Background and Rationale

Ghana has been taking a leading role in the drafting of the ECOWAS regional competition policy, despite the country not having yet finalised its competition reforms. It has been more than a decade since Ghana began the process of getting a functional competition regime.

The objective of a functional competition regime is to promote competition and contribute towards increased efficiency and curb anti-competitive practices in the market. With the coming into effect of the AfCFTA Competition Protocol and ECOWAS Competition Law, Ghana cannot afford to be left out from instituting a functional competition regime to guide the conduct of the market.

This project focuses on the provision of UK support to Ghana's domestic competition policy. An effective competition policy will ensure a fair playing field for UK and other international businesses looking to trade and invest in Ghana but were being prevented by structural and behavioural entry barriers, which an effective competition regime can easily address. It will ensure greater confidence in the market, increasing opportunities which would benefit both international and Ghana economies.

Aim of the Meeting

The stakeholder interaction would bring together captains of industries, Ministry of Trade and Industry (MOTI), regulators, private sector, trade associations, academia, civil society, donor agencies and competition experts etc to discuss the relevance of competition policy and law as a tool for creating an efficient and robust private sector.

This programme will focus on the following issues:

1. Competition in general i.e. need for an effective competition policy and law in Ghana
2. The need for alignment of Ghana's competition policy and law to align with the ECOWAS Competition Policy and AfCFTA Competition Protocol
3. Recommendations on establishing a well-functioning competition regulator for Ghana.

Date:	Thursday 30 th March, 2023
Time:	9:00am-12:30pm
Venue:	Accra City Hotel, Accra
Guest Speaker:s	Honourable Minister of Trade and Industry, and Her Excellency, British High Commission for Ghana