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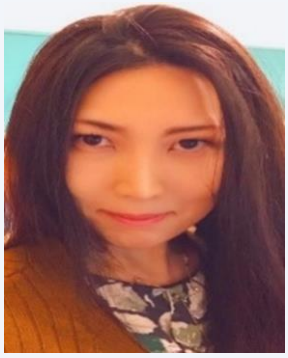
Seventh ARAB COMPETITION FORUM (ACF)

SESSION 4 | SPEAKERS AND BIOGRAPHIES

Institutional coordination between competition and consumer protection in the digital era

Day 2 • Thursday, 29 October 2026 • 11.00 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

Session coordinator: UNCTAD



MODERATOR

Akari Yamamoto-Bonenfant

Legal Officer, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD

Ms. Yamamoto-Bonenfant is a Legal Officer at the Competition and Consumer Policies Branch of UNCTAD. Ms. Yamamoto-Bonenfant has around 15 years of working experience in Japan Fair Trade Commission. Her work included case investigations, international cooperation, competition policy making, leniency policy and practices as well as technical assistance for younger competition authorities (mainly for ASEAN countries). Ms. Yamamoto-Bonenfant holds a Law Degree by Kyoto University, Japan, and Masters' Degrees in Law by City, University of London and the University of Edinburgh, the United Kingdom.



SPEAKER

Diogo Thomson de Andrade

President, Administrative Council for Economic Defense (CADE), Brazil

Diogo Thomson de Andrade has been serving as Acting President of the Brazilian Competition Authority (CADE) since April 2026, and has been a Commissioner at CADE since 2023. He previously served as Assistant Superintendent at CADE for 11 years, as well as Acting Superintendent-General on two occasions (2021-2022 and 2017).

He holds a PhD in Law from the Brasília Institute for Education, Development, and Research (IDP) and a Master's degree in Philosophy of Law from the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC-SP). He has been a Federal Attorney since 2004.



SPEAKER

Irakli Lekvinadze

Chairman, Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency (GCCA), Georgia

Irakli Lekvinadze serves as Chairman of the Georgian Competition and Consumer Agency (GCCA) since November 2019. His work focuses on strengthening competition policy, protecting consumer rights and overseeing anti-dumping activities.

His public service experience includes serving as Georgia's Business Ombudsman from 2018 to 2019 and as Deputy Mayor of Tbilisi from 2015 to 2017, where he was responsible for the city's transport and economic affairs. He also served on the Ministry of Finance Advisory Board from 2013 to 2015.

Alongside his public service, he has contributed to economic education and training, including programmes delivered through the International Republican Institute (IRI) and the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy. He holds a doctorate in Business Administration from Ilia State University and has been an Associate Professor at Caucasus International University since 2022.



SPEAKER

Mohamad Cheikhrouho

General Rapporteur, Tunisian Competition Council, Tunisia

Mohamad Cheikhrouho serves as General Rapporteur of the Tunisian Competition Council. He holds the rank of Inspector General of Economic Control, holds a professorship in law, and is a graduate of the National School of Administration. He has more than 28 years of administrative experience at the Ministry of Trade and Export Development, where he held various positions within the Ministry starting in 1996. In 2013, he moved to the Competition Council where he served as rapporteur, then advanced to the position of general rapporteur in 2018.



SPEAKER

Ghada El-Wakil

Director, Department for Combating Monopolistic Practices, Egyptian Competition Authority (ECA), Egypt

Ghada El-Wakil serves as Head of the Department for Combating Monopolistic Practices at the Egyptian Competition Authority (ECA). She previously served as Head of a Group within the Department and Head of a Team in the Bid-Rigging Department at the ECA. Prior to joining the ECA, she worked in the Legal and Compliance Department of the Confederation of African Football (CAF).

She holds a Diploma in Competition Law from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, a Master's degree in Contracts and Liabilities and a Master's degree in International and European Law from Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University.



SPEAKER • VIRTUAL

Wang'ombe Kariuki

Senior Consultant, Bowmans, and former Director-General, Competition Authority of Kenya, Kenya

Wangombe is an economist specializing in industrial organization with over 30 years of public service experience in competition policy, trade, and regulatory reform. He has received national recognition from the Kenyan President and international awards from the World Bank and ICN. He is currently working for Bowmans Law as a Consultant.

He led the development of Kenya's Competition Act later becoming its 1st Director General. Regionally, he has contributed to building capacity in COMESA member states Competition Agencies. Globally, he is recognized as a thought leader, advising the World Bank and contributing to international frameworks.

His work has driven consumer savings, increased financial inclusion, improved market competition, and enhanced Kenya's investment climate. He holds advanced qualifications in economic regulation and competition from institutions in the UK and Japan.