



Strathmore Business School

COMPETITION POLICY EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME

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Introduction

A nation's competition policy (sometimes called its antitrust policy) is a set of laws and institutions that promote economic efficiency through the protection and encouragement of competitive markets. Kenya has recently entered a new, modern, era in its competition policy history through the passage of the Competition Act (2010) and the establishment of key new institutions for its implementation: the Competition Authority of Kenya and the Competition Tribunal. This new law and its associated enforcement authorities will surely change the landscape for competition in Kenya and advance the nation's progress toward a modern middle-income economy.

For the new competition policy regime to succeed however requires the development of a considerable amount of human capital – people knowledgeable about the law and economics of competition policy who can participate in its implementation, evaluate its effectiveness and contribute to its evolution through the inevitable learning process.

The intended audience are policy practitioners, university faculty members and graduate students, with training in micro economic theory and industrial organization, who are interested in learning about competition economics and becoming themselves part of the “training team” developing courses and curricula to prepare individuals for work in public and private sector organizations focused on competition policy. It is also hoped that exposure to this training will encourage research and advising on competition policy in Kenya as well – as a further part of the development of a competition policy ecosystem in Kenya.

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Programme Delivery

This is an intensive course that will run for 16 hours over four days from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm covering the following major topics:

- Introduction to Competition Policy and review of key economic concepts
- Agreements between competitors (e.g. cartels)
- Abuse of a dominant position
- Vertical agreements and restraints
- Mergers

As indicated, the course will be devoted to the economics of competition policy and is therefore not a course on competition law. However, references to the new Competition Act (2010) of Kenya will be made repeatedly. Recent Kenyan competition cases will also be discussed.

The course will assume an advanced level of training in microeconomic theory. Some background in industrial organization economics (sometimes called industrial economics) would be valuable as well.

The lectures will be conducted at the Strathmore Business School at Strathmore University in Nairobi.

Programme Dates

- 28th - 31st May 2018

Programme Fee

- Kshs. 30,000 per participant

Generous support from the Kenya Markets Trust, the Competition Authority of Kenya and Centre for Public Policy and Competitiveness at Strathmore Business School is covering other programme development and delivery costs.

Core Faculty



Thomas W. Ross

Prof. Tom Ross is the UPS Foundation Professor of Regulation and Competition Policy in the Sauder School of Business at the University of British Columbia. He is also the Director of the Phelps Centre for the Study of Government and Business at the Sauder School. An economist, he earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Western Ontario, his doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania and worked at the University of Chicago and Carleton University before moving to U.B.C.

His research in the areas of competition policy, industrial organization, public-private partnerships and experimental economics has been published in a number of scholarly journals. Professor Ross has also served as a consultant to a number of public and private sector organizations.

Guest Speaker



David Otieno Ong'olo - Chairman, Competition Authority of Kenya

David Ong'olo is Non-Executive Chairman of the Competition Authority of Kenya (CAK) serving his second term after re-appointment by the Cabinet Secretary in the National Treasury in February 2016. In the 1980s, he worked in the Government of Kenya's Ministries of Industry and National Planning and the International Labour Organization (ILO) in its Skills Development for Self-Reliance (SDSR) Programme where he held the position of Credit Specialist/Research Analyst. He recently retired after 2 decades, from His Majesty's Service as Senior Policy Advisor (Economics) in the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Nairobi, Kenya.

Mr. Ong'olo has a long-standing interest in competition policy and private sector development and has worked on these topics spanning institutional development, sectoral regulation and industrial policy analysis. He holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Nairobi and a Masters of Science degree in Industrial Economics from Lancaster University, U. K

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