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**SA COMPETITION COMMISSION TO SIGN MOUs WITH COMPETITION AGENCIES FROM  
RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND KENYA  
AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN CAPE TOWN**

The Competition Commission of South Africa (the Commission) will sign Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation and the Competition Authority of Kenya tomorrow, 6 October 2016.

The signing ceremonies will take place during the 10th Annual Competition Law Economics & Policy Conference, which is hosting international policy experts, economic consultants, scholars, lawyers and academics.

Hosted by the Competition Commission, the Competition Tribunal and the University of Cape Town, the international conference will focus on the impact of competition policy on economic growth and examine the efficacy of competition enforcement in South Africa.

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

The MOU between the competition authorities of South Africa and Russia will develop and strengthen cooperation between the countries in the field of competition law enforcement and competition policy development.

In terms of the agreement, the two countries will share non-confidential information on relevant issues relating to competition policy and law enforcement. They will, for example, be able to do joint investigations and research, capacity development staff exchanges, among other activities.

“As BRICS partners, South Africa and Russia will be combining forces to also influence international discourse around competition that meets the needs of developing countries. This is indeed very significant given the fact that BRICS nations make up 43 percent of the world’s population,” said the Commissioner of the Competition Commission, Tembinkosi Bonakele.

**KENYA**

The MOU on bilateral cooperation between South Africa’s Competition Commission and Kenya’s Competition Authority will enable the agencies to, among others, share information and conduct joint investigations and enforcement activities, subject to their respective national laws and regulations.

“The cooperation agreement makes provision for exchanging information relating to cross-border mergers which may increase the efficiency of the respective investigations and increase the overall transparency of the merger review process,” added Commissioner Bonakele.

“Regarding similar or same anticompetitive practices investigated or prosecuted by both countries’ agencies, we will endeavour to cooperate and coordinate investigations where possible,” he concluded.

The MOU also provides for an exchange program involving experts as well as an exchange of non-confidential information and documents.

Members of the media are invited to attend the signing ceremonies and photo opportunity which will take place as follows:

DATE: Thursday, 6 October 2016  
TIME: 11h00 for 11h20-11h50  
VENUE: The Lookout  
V&A Waterfront  
Cape Town

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