



14th annual competition law economics & policy conference 2020



INVITATION FOR VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Competition Commission and Competition Tribunal proudly present the 14th Annual Competition Law, Economics and Policy Conference on the topic:

“COMPETITION IN A CRISIS: COMPETITION POLICY, REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT IN UNPRECEDENTED TIMES”

3 - 4 November 2020

As previously announced, the 14th Annual Competition Law, Economics and Policy Conference (“Annual Competition Conference”) will be held on 3 and 4 November 2020. The conference topic is:

“Competition In A Crisis: Competition Policy, Regulation And Enforcement In Unprecedented Times”

As noted in the *Call for Papers* for the Annual Competition Conference, the conference will be held using a virtual format. One of the advantages of this format is the opportunity to allow for broader participation by including more voices than in previous conferences.

The Commission is therefore calling for virtual participation in the conference in the form of short pre-recorded videos which will be broadcast following panel discussions on the same theme. These videos will allow for a broader selection of conference participants to make contributions and provide their perspectives.

Each video should be no longer than **2 minutes** long – the Commission cannot engage in a video editing exercise and thus videos that exceed this limit will be excluded. More detailed guidelines for the videos are provided further below.

QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

The Commission is inviting video submissions that address specific questions related to a selection of topics or themes (submissions on multiple topics are welcome, although separate video clips must be provided):

Topic: Competition policy and prioritisation in a post-Covid world

- **Questions:**
 - What is the role of competition enforcement in the broader economic recovery?
 - Where should competition agencies focus their enforcement efforts?

Topic: An appropriate digital market response for a developing economy

- **Question:**

With the Covid-19 pandemic driving a shift in demand towards digital platforms and digital commerce, how should developing countries approaches the competition challenges of digital markets?

Topic: Consumer protection and competition laws: a convergence?

- **Questions:**

Is there a growing duplication of efforts across consumer protection, competition, data privacy and information regulation, and other consumer protection legislation and agencies?

Were agencies that had a mandate for both consumer protection and competition enforcement better equipped for the challenge of the Covid-19 pandemic and what are the lessons for the protection of consumers going forward?

GUIDELINES FOR VIDEO SUBMISSIONS

The following requirements should be adhered to:

1. Videos must not exceed 2 minutes in length
2. Videos must be submitted in a MP4 format
3. Please make it clear when submitting your video which topic the video is addressing and provide your name, organisation and title/designation.
4. Avoid the inclusion of slides given the short duration.
5. Submit the video to: annualconf@compcom.co.za

The structure of each video should be as follows:

1. First, look directly at camera for three seconds before speaking
2. Introduce yourself briefly and (if necessary) state whether your views are on behalf of your firm/organisation or in your personal capacity
3. Address the questions outlined above or part thereof.
4. Allow for three seconds of silence before the video terminates.

Note that the Commission makes no commitment to use videos submitted and will not confirm in advance whether the video will be used.

The deadline for submission is **Friday, 23 October 2020**.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please visit the Competition Commission website: www.compcom.co.za

