



## **AFRICA HEADS OF COMPETITION DIALOGUE**

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### **Joint Statement of the African Heads of Competition Authorities Dialogue on Regulation of Digital Markets**

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Heads of Competition Authorities of Egypt (Egyptian Competition Authority); Kenya (Kenyan Competition Authority); Mauritius (Competition Commission of Mauritius); Nigeria (Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission) and South Africa (Competition Commission of South Africa), met as the Africa Heads of Competition Authorities Dialogue on Digital Markets and issued a joint statement.

In furtherance and continuation of that meeting/statement, and the consensus and mutual understandings therefrom and therein, the same authorities in an expanded meeting, now including COMESA Competition Commission; Gambia Competition and Consumer Protection Commission; Moroccan Competition Council; and Competition and Consumer Commission of Zambia, met at the second meeting of the Africa Heads of Competition Dialogue in Cairo, Egypt, on February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

Reaffirming their previous statement, commitments, and recognising the greater shared regulatory challenges that digital markets pose for Africa, and the importance of competition policy in ensuring economic growth; recognising the need to provide a stronger and collaborative approach with respect to the regulation of digital markets, which necessitated that African jurisdictions work in close partnership to share knowledge, and mutual strategies for the development of significant markets.



**Agreed to the following:**

1. Set up a working group to collaborate on competition issues in digital markets, whose leadership would be rotational;
2. Enhance capacity building in digital markets enforcement among African competition authorities through cooperation and use of their own resources;
3. Compile and share a compendium of cases, studies and enforcement experiences in digital markets among members;
4. Cooperate dynamically on matters that affect African digital markets that raise mutual concerns; and
5. Set an annual working plan on tackling matters of common interest in digital market.

**We hereby give our confirmation** that we are committed to expanding and deepening the dialogue amongst competition authorities on the continent.

**Issued by:**

The COMESA Competition Commission

The Competition Authority of Kenya

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission of Zambia

The Competition Commission of Mauritius

The Competition Commission of South Africa

The Egyptian Competition Authority

The Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission of Nigeria

The Gambia Competition and Consumer Protection Commission

The Moroccan Competition Council