

## **Experts debate the effects of competition on prices of medicines**

*Free webinar on 3-4 December, organized by the South Centre and IDEC.*

On 3-4 December 2020, experts from nine countries will gather to debate how competition practices affect the medicines market and access to health.

This question is receiving attention worldwide. Authorities are looking for ways to improve regulation in the sector to ensure equitable access to treatments and vaccines, especially for the most vulnerable populations.

The webinar “Fair and Affordable Prices in Health: Competition Law and Access to Medicines” will take place via Zoom platform. Participation is open, it is free and does not require prior registration. Simultaneous translation will be available in Portuguese, English and Spanish.

The panelists are leading experts in the field of competition and health. Competition bodies from the Netherlands, Italy, Peru and Brazil will also join the debate.

See the full programme:

### **Fair and Equitable Pricing in Health: Competition Law and Access to Medicines**

**3 December, 8:00AM - 8:30AM (GMT-5) / 14:00 - 14:30 (GMT+1)**

#### **Opening**

Carlos Correa (South Centre, Switzerland)

Teresa Liporace (IDEC, Brazil)

Judit Rius Sanjuan (UNDP, USA)

**3/12, 8:30AM - 10:30AM (GMT-5) / 14:30 - 16:30 (GMT+1)**

#### **Panel 1: Anticompetitive practices in the healthcare sector**

Yousuf Vawda (University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa)

Caroline Tauk (Federal Judge/TRF-2, Brazil)

Ilan Akker (Authority for Consumers and Markets, The Netherlands)

Carlos Correa (South Centre, Switzerland)

Sérgio Ravagnani (Administrative Council for Economic Defense, Brazil)

Moderator: Paula Forgioni (University of São Paulo, Brazil)

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**3/12, 12:00AM - 2:00PM (GMT-5) / 18:00 - 20:00 (GMT+1)**

**Panel 2: International experiences and access to medicines**

Behrang Kianzad (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

Frederick Abbott (Florida University, USA)

Luca Arnaudo (Italian Medicines Agency, Italy)

Lenisa Rodrigues Prado (Administrative Council for Economic Defense, Brazil)

Jesús Espinoza (National Institute for Competition Defense and Property Protection, Peru)

Moderator: Ana Carolina Navarrete (IDEC, Brazil)

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**4/12, 8:00AM - 10:00AM (GMT-5) / 14:00 - 16:00 (GMT+1)**

**Panel 3: Abusive prices in pandemic context**

Calixto Salomão Filho (University of São Paulo, Brazil)

Humberto Cunha dos Santos (Attorney General Office/University Centre of Brasilia, Brazil)

Duncan Matthews (Queen Mary University, United Kingdom)

Lúcia Helena Salgado (Rio de Janeiro State University, Brazil)

Moderator: Viviana Muñoz (South Centre, Switzerland)

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