

Barbados Fair Trading Commission
Training Programme in Competition Law and Policy
March 22 - 23, 2017

This short training course on Competition Law and Policy is designed to give participants (business leaders, legal professionals, administrators) a general overview of competition law and policy, focusing on goals and benefits of effective competition. The two-day event should provide an introduction to the main areas of competition law and also explain the broader policy goals of a competition regime. All sessions will be interactive allowing discussion and question and answer segments. A certificate signifying completion of training will be awarded to participants

Wednesday, March 22, 2017		Thursday, March 23, 2017	
9:00 - 9:25a.m	REGISTRATION	9:00 – 10:30a.m	Agreements I USFTC An introduction to the basic principles – horizontal/vertical agreements - harms caused by cartels, methods of detection and policies concerning sanctions.
9:30 - 9:45a.m	Opening Remarks BFTC		
9:45 - 10:30a.m	Introduction to Competition Law and Policy USFTC/BFTC History of competition law enforcement; goals and policies, various competition regimes pursued; enforcement of standards and priorities.		
10:30 - 10:45a.m	BREAK	10:30 – 10:45a.m	BREAK
10:45 - 12:00p.m	Dominance I USFTC An introduction to the basic principles of relevant market dominance and abuse of dominance with examples related to specific conduct. Predation, excessive pricing, refusals to supply and tying/bundling etc.	10:45 - 12:15p.m	Agreements II BFTC This session will continue the morning session's discussion of agreements using a video presentation, along with case studies to illustrate important concepts.
12:00 - 1:15p.m	LUNCH	12:15 – 1:30p.m	LUNCH
1.15 – 2.45p.m	Dominance II and Case Analysis BFTC There will be a brief look at one of the Commission’s cases on Abuse of Dominance and then participants will be divided into groups and given a hypothetical case to analyse.	1:30 - 2:15p.m	Quiz BFTC Participants will be given a brief quiz and some scenarios to gauge their understanding of the concepts.
2.45 - 3:00p.m	BREAK	2.15 – 2.20p.m	BREAK
3:00 - 4:15p.m	Mergers USFTC/BFTC An introduction to merger review; introduction to theories of harm in the context of mergers and an explanation of how competition authorities assess the benefits/detriments of mergers.	2:20 - 3:00p.m	Summing up USFTC/BFTC Review of topics discussed as well as discussion on issues/trends in competition law and policy.