

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Competition Commission of India to host 8<sup>th</sup> BRICS International Competition Conference during October 11-13, 2023 in New Delhi**

#### **Curtain Raiser**

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) will be hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> BRICS International Competition Conference (BRICS ICC) 2023 themed “New Issues in Competition Law and Policy – Dimensions • Perspectives • Challenges” during October 11-13, 2023 at The Ashok, New Delhi.

Addressing the media at the Curtain Raiser event of the conference today, Smt Ravneet Kaur, Chairperson, CCI apprised that Hon’ble Justice Ashok Bhushan, Chairperson, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) will deliver the Keynote Address at the Opening Ceremony of the BRICS ICC on October 12, 2023.

Sharing the details of the biennial conference, CCI Chairperson said that the BRICS ICC is a seminal event to be held in India after a decade. More than 600 delegates from the competition authorities of BRICS and non-BRICS nations, competition law experts, non-government advisors and domestic invitees are expected to participate in the conference. Highlighting the objective of the conference, CCI Chairperson said, “The conference aims to discuss various emerging issues and challenges in competition enforcement in BRICS countries and take forward the agenda of cooperation among the BRICS competition authorities”.

She informed that on October 11, registration and welcome reception will be held for the delegates. On October 12, joint reports on Leniency Programme and Digital Economy will be released and discussed. She added that the heads of BRICS competition authorities will address the closing ceremony on October 13 and sign a Joint Statement.

CCI Members Shri Anil Agrawal, Ms. Sweta Kakkad and Shri Deepak Anurag were also present at the press meet.

The conference, hosted biennially by the BRICS competition authorities, provides a platform for promoting cooperation, experience sharing and mutual learning amongst the competition authorities of BRICS countries. The 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the conference will comprise three plenary sessions and four breakout sessions on the following themes:

- BRICS Joint Documents (Leniency Programme & Digital Economy Reports)
- New Issues in Competition Law and Policy in the BRICS Countries
- Promoting Soft law Tools to Create a Pro-competitive Environment in the Markets
- Competition Analysis in Digital Economy: Big Technologies and Algorithms
- Sustainability and Climate change: New Dimensions in Competition Law
- Role of Market Studies in Emerging Competition Issues
- Challenges in Merger Control: International Perspective

Key speakers at the conference will include, among others:

- Ravneet Kaur, Chairperson, CCI
- Victor Olivera Fernandes, Commissioner, CADE Brazil
- Maxim Shaskolsky Head, FAS Russia
- Gan Lin, Vice Minister of SAMR, Administrator of the State Anti-Monopoly Administration, China
- Doris Tshepe, Commissioner, CCSA South Africa