

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Enforcers Summit -- Monday, April 8, 2024

Public Sessions with Livestreaming -- 9:00-12:15

9:00 **Welcome Remarks**

9:10-9:45 **Conversation with AAG Kanter and Chair Khan: DOJ and FTC experience implementing the 2021 Whole of Government Executive Order.**

9:45-10:45 **Conversation #1: Whole of Government Approach to Competition Policy**

In July 2021, President Biden signed the Executive Order on Promoting Competition in the American Economy which called for a whole of government approach to competition policy. As part of this Administration-wide approach, Federal agencies have used their authorities to facilitate more competition through information sharing, interagency collaboration, reciprocal trainings, and service on the President's Competition Council. This session will highlight collaborations between competition enforcers and Federal regulators in the pursuit of a procompetitive agenda. It will also discuss best practices and lessons learned when channeling the whole of government to address competition policy.

10:45-11:15 **Break**

11:15-12:15 **Conversation #2: From Farmer to Grocer: Competition Concerns in the Food Supply Chain.**

High and rising food prices are a significant concern to citizens and governments both domestically and abroad, especially as those with lower incomes bear the disproportionate brunt of these higher costs. The food supply chain has become increasingly concentrated over the last several decades and may be contributing to this concerning trend. This session will explore potentially anticompetitive conduct and mergers up and down the food supply chain.

12:15-1:30 **Close of public sessions and lunch**

Closed Door Sessions 1:30–5:00

1:30-2:30 Round 1 Table Discussions

Topics:

- Following up on the whole of government discussion: working with sectoral regulators in mergers of regulated industries; creating partnerships with administrative agencies; and protecting public procurements.
- How can competition keep down healthcare costs?
- How can agencies use their tools to best detect cartels, with or without a leniency application?
- Artificial Intelligence: Investigating algorithmic collusion and how to support competition in the AI stack.

2:30-2:40 Introduction to Round 2 and Table Change

2:40-3:40 Round 2 Table Discussions

Topics:

- Following up on the food supply chain panel: what are agencies doing to protect competition in food production, processing and retail outlets; addressing food deserts; and protecting wages and benefits for workers by promoting competition in the food supply chain.
- Carry over topics from Round One

3:40-4:00 Break

4:00-5:00 Round 3 Table Discussions

Topics:

- Enforcers discuss their agency's challenges, such as:
 - undertaking legal reforms
 - horizon scanning
 - improving competition advocacy
 - handling resource constraints.
- Artificial Intelligence: Investigating algorithmic collusion and how to support competition in the AI stack. (repeating from Round One)

5:00 Closing