

INFORMATION NOTE ON Competition Policy – A project for the development of a competition policy for Uganda and for the establishment of a mechanism and infrastructure for its implementation

This project proposal was presented to TRACE I but it has not made progress (under EIF) due to lack of clarity on how far the Ministry wishes to go on the issue of competition policy infrastructure.

- 1. The Project:** UCLP – Uganda Competition Law and Policy.
- 2. Implementing Entity:** MTIC and UNCTAD
- 3. Duration:** 2 (two) years.
- 4. Total Cost:** \$0.33 million
- 5. EIF Funding Sought: Total: \$0.33 million**
- 6. Other Sources of Funding:** to be determined.
- 7. Objective of the Project:** The principal objectives of the project are to assist Uganda in the adoption of the competition bill, the establishment of the competition agency and the effective implementation of the competition law and policy.
- 8. Brief Description:** The project is to provide technical assistance to MTIC for the development of a competition policy and law and subsequently create and nurture a unit within MTIC to oversee the implementation of the policy and law and monitor competition issues in the marketplace.

Initially the project would support the development of a national policy, guide the passage into law of the Competition Bill and start a competition monitoring/enforcement unit at the Ministry. It would also design and recommend for future implementation the structures and budgets for a more permanent arrangement for the administration and surveillance of competition issues.

TRACE COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION: EPA TAPSS has been working with the Ministry on the development of a policy on competition. A draft has been prepared but has not yet been discussed with stakeholders. The draft law has been around for some time but that needs to be brought into line with the policy. The EU has also indicated that it is possible to fund most of what this project seeks to do under the EPA TAPSS project. It is recommended that the proposal be held in abeyance pending the finalisation and adoption of the policy and clarification as to how far EPA TAPSS can take the process that will be carted by GoU.

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