



## **Vacancy Announcement**

**Job Title:** Researcher (DIIP)

**Duty station:** Geneva, Switzerland.

The South Centre is seeking to fill a position in its Programme on Development, Innovation and Intellectual Property (DIIP), in the context of a project to boost the capacity of governments from developing countries to use the flexibilities contained in the WTO Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) to promote access to essential medicines. The legal protection of intellectual property rights (IPRs) limits competition by restricting the market entry of generic manufacturers that may help to drive down prices for medicines. As a result, unaffordable prices for medicines can keep patients from getting access to needed treatments. The national IPR legal and policy framework affects options for procurement and production of low-cost generics. The project will focus on capacity building interventions such as training programs.

### **General Terms:**

- The Senior Researcher will be engaged on a full time basis by the South Centre under a Special Service Agreement (SSA) as a research consultant pursuant to Annex V of the South Centre's Staff Regulations for a period of one (1) year, which may be renewed for another year subject to the availability of project funding.
- The selected candidate will work under the supervision of the Coordinator of the DIIP and the General Direction of the Executive Director of the South Centre.
- Nationals of the Group of 77 and China

### **Academic Qualification:**

- Advanced degree (Masters or equivalent) in Law, Public Health, Economics or related field.

### **Experience:**

- At least two years of post-graduate experience undertaking research in the field of public health and intellectual property
- Commitment to development and the interests of developing countries in the area of access to medicines
- Good understanding of the TRIPS flexibilities and the challenges on access to medicines of developing countries

### **Languages and other skills:**

- Fluency in English and Spanish. Knowledge of other UN languages is an advantage
- Solid work ethic
- Strong organizational skills

- Good communication and writing skills
- Initiative and ability to work independently
- Comfort working in a collaborative, team environment
- Willingness to travel

**Job Description:**

The Researcher's duties shall include:

- Undertaking research on the use of TRIPS flexibilities for access to medicines in developing countries
- Assisting in the planning of activities for project implementation, including regional and country level meetings
- Assisting in the preparation of publications, training materials and other documentation for project activities
- Undertaking any other related duties as may be assigned by the Program coordinator or the Executive Director of the South Centre

**Remuneration:**

Competitive remuneration as applicable for the duty station shall be offered.

**Selection Process:**

Applicants should send their CVs, motivation letter and a written sample or published work in English at [applications@southcentre.int](mailto:applications@southcentre.int) (stating the title of this vacancy announcement) no later than CET 24.00 hrs. on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

Copies of qualifications, previous employment certificates, publications etc. should not be sent with the application. These may be requested at later stage.

Only short listed candidates will be contacted for a subsequent interview. Candidates are kindly requested to refrain from enquiring about progress of their application.

The selected candidate is expected to take up the assignment by 1 September 2018.

**About the South Centre:**

The South Centre is the inter-governmental policy research institution of developing countries, with currently 54 developing country member States from Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean. The South Centre promotes more effective South-South cooperation and coordination, supports developing countries in participating in and voicing their development interests and priorities more effectively in various multilateral and regional development policy-related issues and fora, and provides policy advice and technical assistance to governments on their national development-related policies.

The main activities of the Centre are policy research and analysis, convening of meetings and conferences for developing countries to share views and experiences, and technical assistance and

capacity building activities. The issues taken up by the Centre include international and regional trade policy, global macroeconomic and finance issues, global public health, innovation and intellectual property policy, climate change, environment and sustainable development, international economic issues including tax policy, external debt and international investment policy; human rights policy; global governance for and North-South relations, South-South cooperation, and global governance for development. The South Centre has three major institutional pillars: The Council of Representatives in which the Member States are represented; the Board comprising a Chairperson and members who act in their individual capacities and provide guidance to the Secretariat; and the Secretariat headed by the Executive Director which implements the activities of the South Centre. The Secretariat is accountable to and works under the guidance of the Board and the Council.