



SIDE EVENT TO THE WIPO ASSEMBLIES

Organizer: South Centre, Geneva

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Title: The Adoption of the UN Post 2015 Development Agenda: What Does it Mean for WIPO?

Date: 8 October, 13h00-15h00

Venue: WIPO Room NB 0.107

Description:

The UN is at a crucial historical moment. The UN General Assembly adopted the post-2015 Development Agenda, which includes a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets to be achieved by 2030, building on the previous Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The common goals and targets of the post 2015 UN post-2015 Development Agenda envision a world free of poverty, hunger, disease and want, where all life can thrive. A world with universal literacy, with equitable and universal access to quality education at all levels, to health care and social protection. A world where physical, mental and social well-being are assured. A world in which development and the application of technology are climate-sensitive, respect biodiversity and are resilient.

The new Goals and targets will come into effect on 1 January 2016 and will guide the decisions of the UN over the next 15 years. Thus, it is timely for WIPO to begin to consider how it will work, as part of the UN system, to implement the Agenda and create linkages with the implementation of the WIPO Development Agenda.

List of Speakers:

❖ **Manuel Montes**, South Centre, Main speaker

Manuel Montes is a Senior Advisor on Finance and Development at the South Centre. He was previously Chief of Development Strategies, UN-DESA, where he led the team that produced the World Economic and Social Survey (WESS) in 2011. Before that, he was Chief of Policy Analysis and Development in the UN's Financing for Development Office; and Programme Officer for International Economic Policy at the Ford Foundation in New York. He has held teaching and research posts at the East-West Centre, University of The Philippines, Institute for Developing Economies, UNU/WIDER, and Institute for Southeast Asian Studies. His recent publications have been in areas of macroeconomic policy, development strategy, income inequality, climate change financing and industrial policy. He holds a PhD in Economics from Stanford University.

- ❖ Representatives of Developing Countries, Discussants
- ❖ Representative from Civil Society, Discussant
- ❖ Representative from WIPO Secretariat, Discussant