



**SOUTH  
CENTRE**

**SIDE EVENT TO THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE WIPO COMMITTEE ON  
GENETIC RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND FOLKLORE**

**18 February 2015, 13:00-14:45**

**Venue/Room: WIPO, Room NB 0.107**

**Organizer: South Centre**

The South Centre is a developing country intergovernmental organization

**Title: Preventing Misappropriation of Genetic Resources and Traditional  
Knowledge: What is the Role of WIPO?**

**Description:**

WIPO Member States have agreed to undertake negotiations to prevent misappropriation of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge through the intellectual property system and to promote prior informed consent as well as benefit-sharing arising from their utilization.

This side event will discuss and critically assess the role of WIPO in this endeavour against the backdrop of various related international agreements and ongoing deliberations in other multilateral fora.

**Confirmed Speakers:**

- ❖ Carlos Correa, Special Advisor on Trade and Intellectual Property, South Centre, Geneva
- ❖ François Meienberg, Berne Declaration, Switzerland
- ❖ Sangeeta Shashikant, Third World Network, Geneva
- ❖ David Vivas Eugui, Legal Officer, Biotrade Initiative/UNCTAD, Geneva

*A sandwich lunch will be provided*