



# SOUTH CENTRE

## DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROGRAMME (DIIP)

Monthly Update

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- The South Centre, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the United Nations Secretary General's High Level Panel on Access to Medicines, held a *Briefing for Developing Country Missions on the Panel's Recommendations* on 17 October 2016, at the Palais des Nations, in Geneva. The Panel Final Report is available at <http://www.unsgaccessmeds.org/final-report/>. The WTO TRIPS Council will discuss the recommendations of the report on 8-9 November.



- Side Event to the Fifty-Sixth Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) titled “*The Future WIPO Development Agenda*”, held on 4 October 2016 at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva. The event was covered by IP Watch and their report is available from: <http://www.ip-watch.org/2016/10/05/wipo-development-agenda-needs-more-promotion-country-involvement-experts-say/>.



## PUBLICATIONS

### *Background Notes*

- Background Note to the 36th session of the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT).
- Background note on the 18th session of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP).

### *IP Negotiations Monitor*

- **IP Negotiations Monitor – Issue No. 19, October 2016.** The IP Negotiations Monitor summarizes the latest developments in multilateral and regional fora where intellectual property negotiations take place, and informs on upcoming meetings and events. This issue includes coverage of developments in WTO, WIPO, WHO, UPOV, FAO, CBD, UNFCCC. It also gives updates on the report of the United Nations Secretary-General’s High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines; internet governance; Free Trade Agreements; as well as other developments related to science, technology and innovation. <https://www.southcentre.int/ip-negotiations-monitor-19-october-2016/>.

### *Statements*

- Statement by the South Centre to the WIPO Assemblies 2016. Available from <https://www.southcentre.int/statement-october-2016/>.

## EVENTS/MEETINGS

- 6 October, Briefing by Mr. Martin Khor, Executive Director, on the *High Level Political Declaration on Antimicrobial Resistance* (AMR) that was adopted on 21 September at the United Nations General Assembly in New York. Held at the South Centre. The High Level Political Declaration is available at <http://www.un.org/pga/71/event-latest/high-level-meeting-on-antimicrobial-resistance/>.
- 7 October, Side event to WIPO Assemblies on “*Designing Sui Generis Plant Variety Protection System in Developing Countries and the Role of WIPO*” organized by South Centre, the Third World Network (TWN), and the Association for Plant Breeding for Benefit of Society (APBREBES) held at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva. The event was covered by IP Watch and their report is available from: <http://www.ip-watch.org/2016/10/17/panel-wipo-assistance-should-provide-developing-countries-with-choices-on-plant-variety-protection/>.
- 13 October, Working Lunch Meeting on the *36th session of the WIPO Standing Committee on Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications* (SCT) held in Geneva on 17-19 October 2016.
- 27 October, Working Lunch Meeting on the *36th session of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property* (CDIP) held in Geneva on 31 October-4 November 2016.

## PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

- 10 October, the *Board of Coalition PLUS to review the work in 10 countries on access to Hepatitis C medication*. The coalition PLUS project is funded by UNITAID and they have the possibility to fund the participation of some individuals from developing countries to international meetings addressing the issue of Hepatitis C treatment. Dr. Germán Velásquez participated.
- 18 October, *Advisory Council on International Trade of Argentina* held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Prof Carlos Correa, who is a member of this advisory council, participated and gave the key note speech on trends in IP protection.
- 21-23 October, *Second International Seminar on Traditional Knowledge*, held in Kochi, Kerala, India, organized by the Centre for Human Rights (CHR), Centre for Health Law and Policy (CHLP) and Centre for Intellectual Property Rights (CIPR) under the aegis of National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi. Prof. Carlos Correa participated and gave the key note speech on models for TK protection and also gave a talk on the proliferation of patents as a result of low standards of patentability and legal fictions.
- 24-28 October, Second session of the *Open-ended intergovernmental working group for the elaboration of an International Legally Binding Instrument on Transnational Corporations and other Business Enterprises with respect to human rights, Resolution A/HRC/26/9*, held in Geneva. Prof. Carlos Correa participated and made presentations at two panels on ‘Overview of the social, economic and environmental impacts related to transnational corporations and other business enterprises and human rights, and their legal challenges’; and ‘Different approaches and criteria for the future definition of the scope of the international legally binding instrument’.
- 25 October, Joint Technical Symposium by WHO, WIPO and WTO on *Antimicrobial Resistance: How to Foster Innovation, Access and Appropriate Use of Antibiotics?* Dr. Viviana Muñoz participated and gave a presentation on fostering innovation in new medicines, vaccines and diagnostics. The presentation is available at [http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc\\_details.jsp?doc\\_id=356157](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=356157) Ms. Mirza Alas and Mr. Nirmalya Syam also participated.
- 26 October, *Symposium on Possible Interrelations between the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) and the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV Convention)*, held in Geneva. Dr. Viviana Muñoz participated.

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