



DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROGRAMME (DIIP)

Monthly Update

November 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

- Side Event to the WTO TRIPS Council titled “*Paragraph 6 of the Doha Declaration on TRIPS and Public Health: An Effective Solution?*” held on 8 November 2016 at WTO Headquarters in Geneva. A report of the event is available from: <https://www.southcentre.int/sc-side-event-paragraph-6-of-the-doha-declaration-on-trips-and-public-health-an-effective-solution-8-november-2016/>.



- 16 November, South Centre and GRULAC Side event to the 33rd session of the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights titled: “*Implementation of the WIPO Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Printed Works for Persons who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled*”. This side event was held at the WIPO Headquarters in Geneva and discussed national experiences in the implementation of the treaty, to support and inform new ratifications or accessions to the treaty by WIPO Member States.

PUBLICATIONS

Background Notes

- Background Note on the 31st session of the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR).
- South Centre Matrix of Key Issues in the WTO TRIPS Council.

Research Papers

- Research Paper No. 72: "**Is the Right to Use Trademarks Mandated by the TRIPS Agreement?**" authored by Prof. Carlos Correa, available from: <https://www.southcentre.int/research-paper-72-november-2016/>.

Journal Articles

- G. Velasquez, "**Qué remedios para la Organización Mundial de la Salud?**" in *Le Monde Diplomatique* Spanish edition November 2016.

EVENTS/MEETINGS

- 10 November, Working Lunch Meeting at the South Centre in preparation for the *31st session of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR)* of WIPO, held on 14-18 November in Geneva.
- 11 November, *Expert Meeting on Disclosure of Origin Requirements in Intellectual Property Law*, held at the South Centre. The objective of the expert meeting is to advance concrete recommendations on how to advance the negotiations on elaborating an international system for a mandatory disclosure requirement of genetic resources and/or traditional knowledge in intellectual property law.
- 18 November, Working Lunch Meeting at the South Centre in preparation for the *Fifth Meeting of WHO Member State Mechanism on Substandard/Spurious/Falsely-Labelled/Falsified/Counterfeit (SSFFC) Medical Products* that took place in WHO on 23-25 November 2016.
- 24 November, Working Lunch Meeting at the South Centre in preparation for the *32nd session of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources, Traditional knowledge and Folklore*, held in Geneva from 28 November to 2 December 2016.

PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

- 1-3 November, *GIZ-UNCTAD-UNDP capacity building workshop on patent examination guidelines for pharmaceuticals*, Hanoi, November 1-3, 2016. After an initial general discussion, the workshop focused on an analysis of the draft guidelines prepared by the Vietnamese patent office (NOIP), particularly on the patentability of second medical indications. Prof. Correa participated and made several presentations.
- 7-9 November, *10th Annual Forum of Developing Country Investment Negotiators*, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Prof. Carlos Correa participated in two panels (Session 2: New dynamics in global investment governance: Mega-regionals, plurilaterals, the WTO, and the emergence of principles and Session 3: New dimensions in international investment negotiations: Investor obligations).
- 10-11 November, *Workshop on National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance for Developing Countries: Focusing on Resistance Emanating from Antibiotic Use in Food*

Animals, held in New Delhi, India and organized by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE). The aim of the workshop was formulating guiding inputs for the National Action Plan on AMR for Developing Countries with a particular focus on looking at resistance emanating from antibiotic use in food animals and its spread into the environment.

- 14 to 15 November, *First meeting of the Standing Group of Legal Experts established to advise the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System*, held in Rome, Italy. The Group considered several legal questions regarding the implementation and possible reform of the Multilateral System of the ITPGRFA. Prof. Carlos Correa participated.
- 14-15 November workshop on "*R&D for Global Public Health: Effective Practices to Secure Innovation in the Public Interest*", organized by the Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of Geneva, Drug for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi), and Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI). The discussions were organized around the themes of product development, affordability, availability, follow-on innovation and broader research efforts, and implementation, monitoring and enforcement of agreements. Dr. Viviana Muñoz participated.
- 16-17 November, *Friends of the Co-Chairs FoCC Committee on Access Mechanisms and Payment Rates*, held in Rome, Italy. Discussion on several aspects relating to the level and modalities of payments that could be required under a subscription system currently discussed by referred to the Working Group. Prof. Carlos Correa chaired and participated in the meeting.
- 16-18 November, *International Congress on Access to Medicines, Medical Technologies and Human Rights*, held in Buenos Aires. The congress was organized by the Latin American NGOs working on A2M with the participation of NGOs from Africa, Asia, and East Europe. The Congress was funded by UNITAID. Dr. Germán Velásquez participated as a keynote speaker.
- 22-23 November 2016, *Informal LMCs Roundtable on the Protection of Traditional Knowledge* held at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva. Dr Viviana Muñoz participated as a facilitator.

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