



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

Monthly Update

December 2016

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Side Event to the COP-13/CP-MOP-08/NP-MOP-02 titled “*Stocktaking of Global Negotiations and Norms on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) and Intellectual Property (IP)*”, held on 15 December 2016 in Cancun, Mexico. The event was covered by IISD Reporting Services and their report is available from: <http://www.iisd.ca/biodiv/cop13/enbots/15dec.html#event-7>.



- 1 December 2016, ISAGS/UNASUR/South Centre/Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi) “*High Level Meeting on Strategies against Hepatitis C*”, held in Quito, Ecuador. The meeting was opened by H.E. Ernesto Samper, UNASUR SG and former President of Colombia, with the Ministers of Health of Colombia and Ecuador. The meeting discussed the barriers and challenges of HCV treatment at the regional level; analysed the “public health approach” proposed by DNDi; and developed strategies to overcome intellectual property (IP) obstacles. Prof. Carlos Correa and Dr. Germán Velásquez represented the South Centre.



## PUBLICATIONS

### *Policy Briefs*

- Nirmalya Syam and Yujiao Cai, **Outcome of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization 2016**. *Policy Brief 33*, South centre, December 2016.

### *Background Notes*

- Background Note to the 25th session of the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP).

## EVENTS/MEETINGS

- 7 December, Working Lunch Meeting at the South Centre on *Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) of Plant Genetic Resources and Pathogens, Traditional Knowledge and Farmers Rights*.
- 8 December, Working Lunch Meeting at the South Centre in preparation for the *25th session of the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP)* held in Geneva on 12-15 December 2016.

## PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

- 28 November to 2 December, *32nd session of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)*, held in Geneva. The DIIP team participated.
- 8-9 December, meeting on *Transforming the R&D system for Global Public Health*, organized by the Global Health Centre of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and the Public Health Program of the Open Society Foundations. Dr Viviana Muñoz participated.
- 13 December, *'Roundtable on Intellectual Property, Economics of Knowledge and Development'* organized by IEPI (Ecuador) and Fundacion Innovarte organized in Santiago de Chile, on the occasion of the adoption of the new Intellectual Property law in Ecuador ('Codigo Ingenios'). Prof. Carlos Correa was invited to give the key note speech on the integration of IP into national policies.
- 20 December, *Workshop on Trade and Health* organized by the Trade and Health Network, a recently established network of European/USA NGOs. Dr Viviana Muñoz participated as a speaker on innovation, health and intellectual property.
- 21-22 December, *Meeting on recent developments on plant patents in Europe and developing countries*, organized by OXFAM Novib in The Hague. Possible actions to promote an expansion of the exceptions to patentability and the narrowing down of the scope of plant patents were discussed. Prof. Carlos Correa participated.

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