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Bangladesh, Brazil, India and South Africa, the Secretariat of the United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines and the South Centre

invite you to a discussion of

**THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL'S HIGH-LEVEL PANEL ON  
ACCESS TO MEDICINES: OPPORTUNITIES TO ADVANCE HEALTH  
TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND ACCESS**

**1 March 2017, 13:00-15:00**

Room S1, WTO Building,

Centre William Rappard, Rue de Lausanne 154, Geneva

The WTO TRIPS Council will continue to consider the report of the United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines in its regular session on 1 and 2 March 2017.

This side event on the first day of the WTO TRIPS Council will provide an opportunity for WTO members, observers and all interested stakeholders to engage in an open discussion with some Members of the High-Level Panel and its Expert Advisory Group.

The High-Level Panel has made numerous recommendations for action to WTO members and observers, the WTO Secretariat and other international organizations, the private sector, patient groups and civil society that could help boost innovation and access to health technologies within the framework of the multilateral trading system.

The Panel's final report is available at <http://www.unsgaccessmeds.org/final-report/>.

*Light sandwich lunch will be offered*

## Agenda

### ***Advancing Health Technology Innovation & Access in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development***

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**1. Introductory remarks**

*Dr. Suerie Moon: Director of Research, Global Health Centre and Visiting Lecturer, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva and Member of the High-Level Panel's Expert Advisory Group*

**2. Health technology innovation: Opportunities to address unmet health needs to advance the SDGs**

*Ms. Ruth Dreifuss: former President of the Swiss Confederation and co-Chair of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Access to Medicines*

**3. Advancing the Recommendations of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Access to Medicine at the WTO**

*Mr. Celso Amorim: Chairman of the UNITAID Board, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brazil and Member of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Access to Medicines*

**4. The relevance of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel's Report for Least Developed WTO Members**

*H.E. Mr. M. Shameem Ahsan: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva*

**5. The relevance of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel's Report for Developing Country WTO Members**

*H.E. Mr. Evandro Didonet: Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the WTO in Geneva (TBC)*

**6. Using the report of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Access to Medicine at a national level: Opportunities and challenges**

*Professor Carlos Correa: Special Advisor, Trade and intellectual property, South Centre and Member of the High-Level Panel's Expert Advisory Group*

**Discussion**

**Closing remarks**