



DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROGRAMME (DIIP)

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HIGHLIGHTS

- New Research Paper by Dr. Germán Velásquez, **Intellectual Property, Public Health and Access to Medicines in International Organizations**, *Research Paper 78*, South Centre, July 2017. (Original version is in Spanish: **El tema de la propiedad intelectual, la salud pública y el acceso a medicamentos en las organizaciones internacionales**).

This paper describes and analyses the mandate, programmes, strategies, and activities that different international organizations such as WHO, WTO, WIPO, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNAIDS, the UN Human Rights Council, and the UN Secretary-General's High Level Panel (UNHLP) on access to medicines have undertaken on the subject of access to medicines, intellectual property, international trade rules and human rights. Available from: <https://www.southcentre.int/research-paper-78-july-2017/>. French translation also available.



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, PUBLIC HEALTH AND ACCESS TO MEDICINES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Germán Velásquez



- Revised Research paper by Prof. Carlos M. Correa, **Intellectual Property in the Trans-Pacific Partnership: Increasing the Barriers for the Access to Affordable Medicines (revised)**, *Research Paper 62R*, South Centre, July 2017.

Most free trade agreements (FTAs) signed by the United States, the European Union and the members of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) in the last 15 years contain chapters on intellectual property rights with provisions applicable to pharmaceuticals. This paper discusses some characteristics of the TPP negotiations and their main outcomes, and how the adopted TRIPS-plus provisions may negatively affect access to medicines, notably in developing countries that may become parties to that agreement. Available from: <https://www.southcentre.int/research-paper-62r-july-2017/>.



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP: INCREASING THE BARRIERS FOR THE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE MEDICINES

Carlos M. Correa



SouthNews Articles

- Mirza Alas, **Civil society and South Centre call for urgent actions to tackle AMR and ensure access and new innovation models**, *SouthNews*, No. 172, 28 July 2017. Available from: <http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=fa9cf38799136b5660f367ba6&id=e40af5ad20>.

EVENTS/MEETINGS

- 6-8 July, *Workshop on Intellectual Property in Current Trade Negotiations* held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, co-organized by the South Centre and Third World Network. The focus of the discussion was the RCEP (IP, e-commerce and investment draft chapters). The workshop was attended by 9 countries (including China). Prof. Carlos Correa participated and made several presentations.
- 12 July, *American University Washington College of Law Summer IP Course*, held at the South Centre. Dr. Viviana Muñoz and Mr. Nirmalya Syam gave lectures on IP and Development to the students.
- 13 July, *Visit to the South Centre of students of political science and international relations of the Los Andes University, Colombia*. Dr. Viviana Muñoz made a presentation on SC work on innovation, IP, health and other issues.
- 17 July, *Student visit from the School of International Relations of Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs*. The students had a briefing session on South Centre history, function & work areas by Mr. Vicente Yu, as well as an introduction to intellectual property and development by Dr. Viviana Muñoz and Mr. Nirmalya Syam.
- 20 July, *Briefing session for focal points to the South Centre*, held at The South Centre. Dr. Viviana Muñoz gave a presentation on the work of the DIIP programme.

PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

- 3 July, *meetings with various FAO officials on antimicrobial resistance* in Rome, Dr Viviana Muñoz participated.
- 3-6 July, *Twenty-sixth session of the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Patents*, held at the WIPO Headquarters in Geneva. The DIIP Team participated and Mr. Nirmalya Syam delivered a general statement on behalf of South Centre, relating to issues on the agenda of the SCP. Available from: <http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=fa9cf38799136b5660f367ba6&id=8c5cc89cc1>.
- 3-8 July, *40th Session of the FAO Conference* in Rome. Dr. Viviana Muñoz participated.
- 4-6 July, *Teleconferences with Ecuador and other countries in the Latin American region* Organized by the Ecuadorian Ministry of Health, on legal actions these countries are facing regarding access to medicines that are not within the national framework of basic medicines, or medicines that are not within the financial capacity of the whole health system. Dr. Germán Velásquez gave the teleconferences.

- 5 July, *Knowledge Ecology International (KEI) side event to the WIPO SCP: Compulsory licensing of patents in the United States*, held at the WIPO Headquarters in Geneva. Dr. Viviana Muñoz supported the presenters call for a WIPO study on cases where non-voluntary use has been allowed as a limitation on remedies for infringements of IPRs as an alternative to an injunction, consistent with Article 44 of the TRIPS Agreement. The event was covered by IP watch. Available from: <https://www.ip-watch.org/2017/07/06/kei-recommends-wipo-study-running-royalties-limitation-remedies/>.
- 6-8 July, *Workshop on Intellectual Property in Current Trade Negotiations*, held in Kuala Lumpur, and organized by TWN. Officials of several ministries and agencies including the Patent Office and the competition authority participated. Prof. Carlos Correa participated and made presentations on Patentability requirements, and IP & competition law.

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