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HIGHLIGHTS

- The South Centre launched a new information service called *South Centre News on AMR*, on 7 August 2017. This service aims to provide news and information on issues relating to antimicrobial resistance (AMR). This will include reports on events, news releases from various organisations including WHO, FAO and OIE, information from CSOs, media and journals, and also reports by the South Centre personnel. The service will be run in cooperation with the Third World Network and other organisations. More information and articles are available from: <https://www.southcentre.int/category/newsroom/news-from-the-south-centre/>.

- Intellectual Property Negotiations Monitor – Issue No. 22, August 2017.** 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, FAO, UPOV and on Internet Governance, particularly the Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation (WGEC) of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD). It also gives updates on the United Nations Human Rights Council, and on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations. The monitor is available from: <https://www.southcentre.int/ip-negotiations-monitor-22-august-2017/>.

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EVENTS/MEETINGS

- 29 August, Working Lunch Meeting at the South Centre in preparation for the *Twelfth session of the WIPO Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE)*, held on 4-6 September 2017.
- 31 August, South Centre responded to the *stakeholder consultation on the draft work plan for the interagency Coordination Group (IACG) on antimicrobial resistance* established by UN Resolution A/RES/71/3, as part of the Antimicrobial Resistance Coalition (ARC). More information is available from: <http://abrdeclaration.org/news-and-events/>.

PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

- 23 August, *IMSSET-UBA meeting* (Institute of Medicine for Social Security and Technological Evaluation of Argentina) the objective of the Conference was to promote a dialogue on priority points to form an agenda 20/30 and 20/50 on drug policy. Dr. Germán Velásquez participated remotely and made a presentation titled “The R&D model for pharmaceuticals products.”
- 23-25 August, “*IV Seminario Internacional sobre Derechos Humanos y Empresas*” organized by HOMA, in Sao Paulo. Prof. Carlos Correa participated and made a presentation on the proposed binding instrument on TNCs and human rights.
- 28 August, *Seminar on TNCs and Human Rights* organized by the Escuela de Gobierno and the Parliament of Uruguay, in Montevideo. Prof. Carlos Correa participated and made a presentation on the proposed binding instrument on TNCs and human rights.
- 28-29 August, *XXV Meeting of the Andean Committee on Access to Medicines* held in La Paz, Bolivia. Dr. Germán Velásquez participated via teleconference facilities.
- 31 August to 1 September, *Inter-sessional meeting for the review of the “Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property”*, held in London. The draft report, to be finalized by mid-September, was reviewed. Prof. Carlos Correa participated as member of the review panel.
