



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

Monthly Update

September 2017

### HIGHLIGHTS

- The South Centre together with APBREBES, ACB and TWN organized a *Capacity Building Workshop on Plant Variety Protection, Exploring Policy Options*, held at Prangins, Switzerland on 26-27 September. Prof. Carlos Correa made presentations focused on the room and options to develop sui generis regimes. Dr Viviana Muñoz made a presentation on the international legal framework relevant to plant varieties.



- New Research paper by Prof. Carlos M. Correa, **Access to and Benefit-Sharing of Marine Genetic Resources beyond National Jurisdiction: Developing a New Legally Binding Instrument**. *Research Paper 79*, South Centre, September 2017.

This paper examines the underlying principles and main elements of binding and non-binding international instruments relating to access and benefit-sharing of genetic resources. It discusses the gap left by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and some of the elements that might be considered in developing a new legally-binding instrument on access and benefit-sharing derived from the exploitation of marine genetic resources found in areas beyond national jurisdiction, as mandated by the United Nations General Assembly. The paper further elaborates on some of the problems faced in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and other international instruments on genetic resources and the extent to which the principles and operative mechanisms of those instruments



may provide guidance for the development and adoption of that new instrument. Available from: <https://www.southcentre.int/research-paper-79-september-2017/>.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

### *Background Notes*

- Background Note on the WIPO Program and Budget – 27th Session, September 2017.
- Background Note on Proposal to Permanently Exclude Non-Violation and Situation Complaints from the WTO TRIPS Agreement, September 2017.
- Background Note on the Fifty-Seventh Series of Meetings of the WIPO Assemblies, September 2017.
- Matrix of Key Issues in the World Intellectual Property Organization, September 2017.

### *South Centre News on AMR*

- Viviana Muñoz Tellez, **Growing impetus to make AMR an integral issue in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, *South Centre News on AMR* 4, 6 September 2017. Available from: <https://www.southcentre.int/south-centre-news-on-amr-4-6-september-2017/>.
- **World running out of antibiotics, says WHO in new reports**, *South Centre News on AMR* 5, 20 September 2017. Available from: <https://www.southcentre.int/south-centre-news-on-amr-5-20-september-2017/>.

### *Statements*

- South Centre Statement at the 12th Session of the WIPO Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE), 5 September 2017. Available from: [https://www.southcentre.int/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/170905\\_SC-statement-to-the-12th-WIPO-ACE\\_EN.pdf](https://www.southcentre.int/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/170905_SC-statement-to-the-12th-WIPO-ACE_EN.pdf).

### *Submissions*

- South Centre together with members of the Antibiotic Resistance Coalition (ARC) submitted comments to the online consultation on the Tripartite Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) approach to the WHO Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (GAP) on 30 September 2017.

## EVENTS/MEETINGS

- 8 September, *South Centre Working Lunch Meeting in preparation for the Twenty-seventh WIPO Program and Budget Committee* to be held from 11-15 September 2017.
- 19 September, *Student Visit of the MGG Academy of the German Development Institute*. Mr. Nirmalya Syam briefed the visiting students on the activities of DIIP.

- 22 September, Meeting on *Biomedical Innovation and Access to Medicines*, organized by Médecins Sans Frontières together with DNDi, KEI and the South Centre, at the MSF offices in Geneva.
- 25 September, South Centre *Informal Meeting for the Development Agenda Group in the context of the 57th WIPO Assemblies*.
- 28 September, South Centre *Workshop & Working Lunch in preparation for the 57th WIPO Assemblies*.

#### **PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL EVENTS**

- 5 September, *Training Course for Latin American Judges* organized in Washington DC by the American University and the International Judges Association (AIJ). Prof. Carlos Correa participated and made several presentations.
- 5-6 September, The Drive-AB (Re-investment in R&D and responsible Antibiotic use) final conference “*Revitalizing the Antibiotic Pipeline: Stimulating Innovation while driving Sustainable Use and Global Access*”, held in Brussels. Ms. Mirza Alas participated.
- 19-21 September, seminar on *Intellectual Property and the Promotion of Innovation, Science and Technology* organized by Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property. Prof. Carlos Correa participated and made several presentations and conducted exercises.
- 21 September, *Seminar on IP, Innovation and Agriculture*, organized by the Mission of Chile at WIPO. Mr. Nirmalya Syam participated.
- 21 September, *Second Policy Dialogue Workshop on Gridlock and Beyond: How Does Global Health Compare to Other Sectors of Governance?* Organized by the Graduate Institute in Geneva. Dr Germán Velásquez and Ms. Mirza Alas participated.
- 21 September, *The Rights of Peasants and other Rural Workers: The Value Added of a UN Declaration*, Side Event to the 30th Session of the Human Rights Council, organized by CETIM, FIAN International and La Via Campesina, held at the Palais des Nations, in Geneva. Mr. Nirmalya Syam participated.
- 27 September, *Working Session at the WTO Public Forum*, titled *Mitigating the Challenges of Sustainable Development through the Adaptation of Clean Technologies*. Dr. Viviana Muñoz participated and made a presentation.
- 28 September, *Capacity Building Workshop on Plant Variety Protection, Exploring Policy Options*. The focus of the discussion was the implementation of the Arusha Protocol on plant variety protection. Prof. Carlos Correa participated.

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