



DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROGRAMME (DIIP)

Monthly Update

October 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

- The South Centre organized a *Side Event to the Fifty-Seventh Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)* on 4 October 2017 at the WIPO Headquarters in Geneva. Prof. Carlos Correa made a special presentation on “Intellectual Property Rights and Development”. Dr Viviana Muñoz made a presentation on the question of WIPO mandate and the way forward for the WIPO Development Agenda (DA). Mr Nirmalya Syam made a presentation on History of the WIPO Development Agenda. Coverage of the event by [South News](#) and [IP-Watch](#).



- The South Centre led a track of the G-STIC 2017 (Global Science, Technology & Innovation Conference series <https://www.gstic.org/>) on Agroecology, held on 23-25 October 2017, in Brussels. Dr. Viviana Muñoz participated. A draft of the Co-hosts statement and Chairperson’s summary is available from: https://cdn.nimbu.io/s/gcj6927/assets/1508850967564/G-STIC-2017_Draft-Chairperson-Summary_20171024.pdf.



- 20 October, Dr. Germán Velásquez was appointed *President of the Chair at the Complutense University of Madrid to promote studies on the “Right to health and access to medicines”*. The ceremony took place at the Complutense University of Madrid (UCM) in Spain, and included professionals from different disciplines of several Spanish universities; the NGO Farmamundi.

PUBLICATIONS

Policy Briefs

- Viviana Muñoz Tellez, **The Value Added of the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Political Declaration on Antimicrobial Resistance**, *Policy Brief 45*, October 2017. Available from: <https://www.southcentre.int/policy-brief-45-october-2017/>.

South Centre News on AMR

- **ReACT Conference Identifies Challenges and Actions to Tackle AMR in Africa**, *South Centre News on AMR 8*, 23 October 2017. Available from: <https://www.southcentre.int/south-centre-news-on-amr-8-23-october-2017/>.
- **G77 and China highlights priorities for tackling AMR**, *South Centre News on AMR 9*, 24 October 2017. Available from: <https://www.southcentre.int/south-centre-news-on-amr-9-24-october-2017/>.

Statements

- South Centre Statement to the Fifty-Seventh Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, 3 October 2017. Available from: https://www.southcentre.int/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/171003_SC-statement-to-the-WIPO-Assemblies-2017_EN.pdf.

EVENTS/MEETINGS

- 26 October, *South Centre and Third World Network Working Lunch Meeting in preparation for the WHO Consultation with Member States on 6 and 7 November on the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PIP) Framework*, specifically on issues of genetic sequence data and seasonal influenza viruses, following WHA Decision WHA70(10)(8)(b).

PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

- 5 October, *Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting New Investment Models in Health-related R&D – the Case of Antibiotic Resistance*, organized by UNCTAD and held at the Palais des Nations, in Geneva. Dr. Viviana Muñoz and Mr. Nirmalya Syam participated.
- 9-11 October, WIPO/University of Turin course on IP, held in Turin, Italy. Prof. Carlos Correa participated and gave lectures on biotechnological inventions, CBD, the Nagoya Protocol and patentability standards.
- 11 October, panel on “*Digitalization and implications of Industry 4.0: North and South*” organized by PowerShift, Bread for the World and DNR, in Berlin, Germany. Dr Viviana Muñoz participated and spoke on the implications for the South.

- 12 October, *Rethinking global philanthropy: Can philanthropy bridge the development gap?* Held at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. Ms. Mirza Alas participated.
- 12-13 October, *Call to Action Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance*, held in Berlin, organized by Ghana, Thailand, UK, Wellcome Trust and UN Foundation. Dr. Viviana Muñoz participated and made a presentation of the South Centre work on AMR.
- 13 October, *International Forum on Rights in Access to Medicines: The judicialization of health*, organized by UNASUR and held in Quito, Ecuador. Dr. Germán Velasquez participated as a keynote speaker in the forum titled: “Dialogo de poderes sobre la garantía de acceso a medicamentos” (Dialogue between powers to guarantee access to medicines).
- 17 October, side event on *Fairness and Transparency in Intellectual Property Rights for an Inclusive International Trade: The Case of Geographical Indications, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge* organized by the members of the W52 Coalition at the WTO. The meeting discussed national and international developments from a public and private sector perspective on three TRIPS "implementation" issues of the Doha Round, namely the amendment of the TRIPS Agreement to introduce a mandatory disclosure requirement for patents using GRs and associated TK and reference to prior informed consent and benefit sharing; the establishment of an international register for GIs; and extension of protection for all types of GI. Dr. Viviana Muñoz and Mr. Nirmalya Syam participated.
- 25-27 October, *Workshop on the South African Draft IP Policy* organized in Pretoria by DTI, UNDP and UNCTAD. The workshop was part of the consultation process required in SA for the formal approval by the cabinet of the IP policy. Prof. Carlos Correa attended and made several presentations (IP and Development, Patentability Standards, Use of TRIPS flexibilities).
- 28 October to 3 November, *7th session of the Governing Body of the ITPGRFA*, held in Kigali, Rwanda. The session considered the revision of the SMTA (notably through the adoption of a “subscription system”) and the possible expansion of the list of crops in Annex 1. Prof. Carlos Correa participated. He also moderated a side event on October 31 on “Farmers’ Rights: highlights of the 2016 Global Conference” organized by Norway.

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