



DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROGRAMME (DIIP)

Monthly Update

February 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

- *South Centre and G77 Briefing on Health-related issues*, held on 16 February at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The briefing was an exchange among G77 countries with technical support from South Centre staff on key issues in the global health agenda being discussed in New York and in Geneva. These issues include health in the context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and SDG 3 targets to achieve universal health coverage and access to medicines and vaccines for all, preparations for the UN High Level meetings on Tuberculosis and on Non Communicable Diseases during UNGA 2018, efforts to tackle antimicrobial resistance and the work of the Interagency Coordination Group on AMR (IACG), follow up to the United Nations Secretary-General High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines, and health in the context of frontier issues. With regards to the Geneva based processes, discussion focused on the agenda for the upcoming May 2018 World Health Assembly as well as the ongoing work in the Human Rights Council on the right to health.



From left to right, Mrs. Mirza Alas, Research Associate DIIP, Dr. Viviana Munoz Tellez, Coordinator, DIIP, Mahmoud El Ashmawy, Egypt (Chair of G77 – NY) and Mr Shaeku Allieu, G77 Secretariat

PUBLICATIONS

Background Notes

- Matrix of Key Issues in the World Intellectual Property Organization in 2018.
- Matrix of Key Issues in the WTO TRIPS Council in 2018.

South Centre News on AMR

- Anthony D. So, **Menace of drug resistance growing**. *South Centre News on AMR* 14, 2 February 2018. Available from <https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=fa9cf38799136b5660f367ba6&id=45337c071d>.
- Mirza Alas, **WHO Executive Board adopts draft resolution on TB, stresses importance of resistant TB in overall fight against AMR**. *South Centre News on AMR* 15, 5 February 2018. Available from <https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=fa9cf38799136b5660f367ba6&id=4feae1277b>.

EVENTS/MEETINGS

- 9 February, *Annual Strategy and Planning Meeting on Intellectual Property Issues in WIPO and WTO*, held at the South Centre. The meeting reviewed the substantive work plan in WIPO and WTO for 2018, taking into account intellectual property related developments in other international fora. The aim of the meeting was to collectively identify the priority issues for developing countries and LDCs and develop joint strategies for action.
- 15 February, *Study Visit* from 30 students from the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance (integrated at the United Nations University). Mr. Nirmalya Syam gave a presentation on DIIP work.

PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

- 1st February, *IACG Panel: Engagement with Civil Society*, Prince Mahidol Award Conference (PMAC), Bangkok, Thailand. Dr. Viviana Muñoz Tellez participated as a panellist, representing Martin Khor, Executive Director and member of the IACG in expert capacity.
- 6 February, *Graduate Institute Executive Course on Trade, Intellectual Property and Health*, Geneva. Dr. Viviana Muñoz participated in a panel discussion on IP, innovation and health.
- 7-9 February, *11th Annual Forum of Developing Countries Investment Negotiations*, held in Nairobi, Kenya. One of the main themes of the Forum related to the initiatives to develop regional and multilateral rules on investment. Prof. Carlos Correa was one of the South Centre representatives, made a presentation and gave the closing remarks.
- 20 February, *Informal Consultation on the Fifth Session of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Group on United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas*, organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. Mr Vitor Ido participated.

- 26 February, *WHO-WIPO-WTO Technical Symposium on Sustainable Development Goals: Innovative technologies to promote healthy lives and well-being*, held at the WHO Headquarters in Geneva. Mr Vitor. Ido participated.
- 26-27 February, *WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Group on antimicrobial resistance (STAG-AMR) meeting*, held at WHO headquarters in Geneva. Dr. Viviana Muñoz and Ms. Mirza Alas participated.
- 28 February, *Master Program in International Trade Law of Turin (ITCILO)*, Prof. Carlos Correa participated and gave presentations on the evolution of international intellectual property law and flexibilities under the TRIPS Agreement.

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