



# SOUTH CENTRE

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

### Monthly Update

May 2018

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- The South Centre in collaboration with the Third World Network and ReAct organized a workshop titled “*Charting a Future Free from the Fear of Untreatable Infections: A Civil Society Agenda*”, held at The South Centre on 7 to 9 May 2018. The workshop brought together representatives from over 30 civil society organizations and was an opportunity for these groups from all around the world to discuss the key issues on AMR that have emerged since the creation of the Antibiotic Resistance Coalition (ARC) in 2014 and to develop next steps as a coordinated global civil society effort.



- *Side Event to the 71st World Health Assembly, on Access to Medicines: Overcoming Obstacles created by monopolies - Essential to UHC and the 2030 Agenda*, co-organized by the Missions of Brazil, India, Morocco, Senegal, and Thailand, with the support of South Centre, on 25 May 2018 at the United Nations Office in Geneva.



### ***Background Notes***

- Background Note on the Twenty-First Session of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property, May 2018.
- Background Note on the Seventy-First Session of the World Health Assembly, May 2018.
- Matrix of Key Issues in the WTO TRIPS Council, May 2018.
- Background Note on Intellectual Property and Competition Policy, May 2018.
- Intellectual Property and Electronic Commerce: Proposals in the WTO, May 2018.

### ***South Centre News on AMR***

- Martin Khor, **Landmark Asian workshop on AMR organized by the South Centre and TWN – Brief Report**. *South Centre News on AMR* 16, 18 May 2018. Available from <https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=fa9cf38799136b5660f367ba6&id=2d5f2cfb1f>.
- **South Centre supports civil society efforts in charting next steps for tackling AMR**. *South Centre News on AMR* 17, 30 May 2018. Available from <https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=fa9cf38799136b5660f367ba6&id=ea61407c6b>.
- **South Centre hosts the IACG subgroup 4 for a consultation with ARC members and civil society allies on issues of innovation, R&D and access**. *South Centre News on AMR* 18, 31 May 2018. Available from <https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=fa9cf38799136b5660f367ba6&id=d03a799f10>

### ***Other Publications***

- Germán Velásquez (co-author), **Global governance of antimicrobial resistance**, *The Lancet*, Vol 39, 19 May 2018.

### ***Statements***

- South Centre Statement at the Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement, 22 May 2018. Available from: [https://www.southcentre.int/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/180522\\_SC-Statement-at-NAM-Health-Ministers-Meeting\\_EN.pdf](https://www.southcentre.int/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/180522_SC-Statement-at-NAM-Health-Ministers-Meeting_EN.pdf).

### **EVENTS/MEETINGS**

- 2 May, South Centre Working Lunch Meeting on the *21st Session of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP)*.

- 8 May, South Centre hosted the *United Nations Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (IACG) Subgroup 4* for a consultation with ARC members and civil society on issues of innovation, R&D and access. Members of the IACG Subgroup 4 provided a summary of their work in the past year noting it will evolve towards recommendations. Civil society then shared key messages for the IACG's consideration.
- 9 May, South Centre, hosted the *Fourth annual WHO-NGO dialogue in Geneva*, together with Third World Network and ReAct. Senior representatives of the WHO Secretariat joined the Antibiotic Resistance Coalition and other civil society partners joined ARC members and civil society allies for a three-hour discussion on the Secretariat's ongoing efforts to tackle AMR.
- 14 May, South Centre Working Lunch Meeting in preparation for the *71st session of the World Health Assembly*.
- 27 May, *Preparatory Meeting for the WIPO SCCR for agenda items on limitations and exceptions*, organized by the South Centre with academic and civil society experts.
- 29 May, South Centre Working Lunch Meeting in preparation for the *WTO TRIPS Council*.

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

- 7-9 May, *Course on IP, including enforcement measures, organized by the Supreme Court of Paraguay* and held in Asuncion, Paraguay. The course focused on enforcement of patent law under the TRIPS Agreement and the law of Paraguay. Prof. Carlos Correa gave the course.
- 8 May, *Meeting on the balance between intellectual property rights and the fundamental right to health* organized by the Geneva Aids Group funded by the Geneva Canton health authorities. Dr. Germán Velásquez participated and made a presentation.
- 14-18 May, *Twenty-First Session of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP)*, held at the WIPO Headquarters in Geneva. The DIIP Team participated.
- 15 May, *Briefing for the 71st session of the World health Assembly*, co-organized by the South Centre, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) and Knowledge Ecology International (KEI), and held at MSF offices in Geneva.
- 17 May, *Press conference on Health governance in the public interest? WHO redefines conflicts of interest and risks undermining public health mandates*, organized by the International Baby Food Action Network and the Geneva Infant Feeding Association (IBFAN-GIFA). Ms Mirza Alas participated.
- 18 May, *Workshop: 40 Years of Alma-Ata: Translating "Health for All" into the Present and Future*, organized by the G2H2 Task Group "40 Years of Alma-Ata", with representatives of Brot für die Welt, Difäm, Medico International, MMI Network,

People's Health Movement, World Council of Churches and World Federation of Mental Health at the World Council of Churches in Geneva. Ms Mirza Alas participated.

- 19 May, *Civil Society Engagement in Global Health: At WHO Governing Body Meetings and beyond*, held in Geneva. Key Items on the Agenda of the 71st World Health Assembly and the 143rd Session of the WHO Executive Board were discussed Ms Mirza Alas participated.
- 19 May, *Antimicrobial Resistance: Are We Off Track?* Organized by the World Alliance Against Antibiotic Resistance (WAAAR) and held in Geneva. The AMR session had the participation of representatives of the WHO AMR secretariat and representatives of civil society. Ms. Mirza Alas participated.
- 21-26 May, *71st session of the World Health Assembly*, held at the WHO Headquarters in Geneva. The DIIP Team participated.
- 22 May, Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement. Dr. German Velasquez participated.
- 22-25 May, The DIIP Team participated in several Side events to the 71st World Health Assembly, including on 23 May, *WHO's Roadmap on Access to Medicines and Vaccines*, organized by KEI and Health Action International (HAI); and the *International Global Health & Antimicrobial Resistance Workshop*, organized by the World Federation of Public Health Associations held at the Campus Biotech, Geneva, where Dr. Viviana Munoz participated and made a presentation and Ms Mirza Alas also participated.
- 28-29 May, *143rd session of the WHO Executive Board*, held at the WHO Headquarters in Geneva. Ms Mirza Alas participated.

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