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**Intellectual Property and Electronic Commerce:
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Developing Countries***

By Vitor Ido**

THE MANDATE OF WTO ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

The second World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference held in 1998 adopted a Declaration on Global Electronic Commerce, which called for the establishment of a work program on electronic commerce. This work program was adopted in September 1998 and was extended periodically by subsequent WTO Ministerial Conferences. The last extension of the work program on electronic commerce was made by the WTO Ministerial Conference in Buenos Aires in 2017. The WTO General Council periodically reviewed the work program and established four WTO bodies responsible for implementing the program. Four WTO bodies were charged with the implementation of e-commerce: the General Council, the Council for Trade in Goods, the Council for Trade in Services, the Council for TRIPS (Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) Council, and the Council for Trade in Development.

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* There is an annex to this policy brief which contains a table with all the e-commerce proposals submitted to the WTO and their contents (IP related or not). Please find the annex here: <http://www.southcentre.int/policy-brief-62-june-2019/>

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Investment Policy Brief 18, June 2019: Legitimacy Concerns of the Proposed Multilateral Investment Court: Is Democracy Possible?

INVESTMENT POLICY BRIEF

Legitimacy Concerns of the Proposed Multilateral Investment Court: Is Democracy Possible?*

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Introduction

Private investment is indispensable to the world's economic development and prosperity, and thus, it must come to mean to be protected. When protecting threatened economic interests, investors' democratic values must be preserved and pursued. Moreover, international economic law must be legitimate. That is, a question that the world faces when discussing a new system of the investor-state dispute settlement ('ISDS') system is how to achieve a democratic and legitimate ISDS to work for the global south. This article discusses the sovereign space between all participant states, as well as safeguarding state rights as regards to the arbitration and to private investors, both in favoring this ideal system, however, would likely be contentious, even in the face of the challenges of democracy, anti-democratic member states, anti-democratic issues, and legitimacy problems.

Legitimacy concerns regarding the ISDS system, such as lack of coherence, predictability, and biased arbitrators have been at the center of debates since cases were recorded after the Argentinean crisis in the early 2000s.¹ These concerns, however, were historically regarded as a problem given to those countries who were criticizing ISDS² or to Third World Approaches to International Law scholars.³ The legitimacy of ISDS was first questioned by the European Union (EU), and became a global problem when private companies began to file claims in EU's own backyard. From May 18, 2018, 213 claims were backed against EU states, involving billions of dollars.⁴ Those concerns festered when ISDS negotiations were launched between the United States of America and Canada,⁵ and when the Australian Government decided to no longer include the ISDS in future international investment agreements.⁶

In 2014, during ongoing trade and investment negotiations between the EU and the United States, the European Commission (EC) launched a public consultation on international investment and arbitration. The results of this consultation and participatory debate, which considered criticisms from academia, human rights, and associations and environmental groups, gave the EC the tools to say that ISDS transformation was needed.⁷ The system was perceived as illegitimate,⁸ partial, and biased.⁹ The EC also argued that the ISDS system was not reliable by itself and that it was not consistent.¹⁰ Most of the blame for the ISDS's problems was put on the shoulders of the arbit-

Abstract

Growing concerns in Europe about international investment regimes and investor-state dispute settlement systems pushed the European Union into pursuing the creation of an investment court system and a multilateral investment court. The European Union (EU) started this reform through the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement, the Vietnam-EU Free Trade Agreement, and by direct persuasion of other countries to start negotiations at the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law. Visible reasons for the change include concerns over the perception of a lack of transparency, coherence, and arbitrators' partiality, all of which diminish the legitimacy of the multilateral investment court. Other reasons might be laid on the budgetary risks of more than 213 claims against EU countries. To address these legitimacy concerns, the EU wants to replace traditional party-appointed arbitrators with a two-tiered investment tribunal system comprised by a roster of members selected by the state parties on the treaty. This Essay argues that the creation of the multilateral investment court needs to follow democratic principles in order to be legitimate. History has shown us that the EU has abused its power in the past when implementing resolution systems. Foregoing negotiation, comment by member nations, and implementing a tribunal at its own behest has shown this. The EU multilateral investment court proposal has legitimacy deficiencies because the EU has relied on its power to impose its views so far, i.e. its proposal was not previously negotiated multilaterally amongst other member nations. It is thus possible that the appointment of the future judges to this court will likely be subject to political constraints and veto that the International Court of Justice or World Trade Organization appointments suffer today. This could leave small economies at a disadvantage because they might be subject to permanent, politically biased judges. A superior solution would be to adopt better arbitrator disqualification rules, clear interpretation directives to avoid law creation, and stricter arbitrator qualifications.

* This piece was previously published in *Boston College Law Review*, Volume 59, Issue 8.

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Policy Brief 63, June 2019: ‘Phase 1B’ of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) negotiations

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Phase 1B' of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) negotiations

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1. African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement is one of the flagship projects of the First Ten Year Implementation Plan under the African Union (AU) Agenda 2063. The negotiations on the AfCFTA negotiations have been split up into two phases:

- Phase 1 covers the areas of trade in goods and trade in services.
- Phase 2 will cover the areas of Investment, Intellectual Property Rights and Competition Policy.

The main actors involved in the negotiations are the AfCFTA-Negotiating Forum (AfCFTA-NF), Senior Trade Officials (STOs) and African Union Ministers of Trade (AUMTs). The first meeting of the AfCFTA-NF was held in February 2016, followed by the first meetings of the STO and AUMT both of which were held in May 2016.

The 26th Ordinary Session of the African Union Heads of State and Government held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2017 mandated the Executive Secretary, Mr Moussa Faki Mahamat, and the President of Nigeria to be the Leader of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Negotiations.

The Agreement establishing the AfCFTA together with these Protocols (on trade in goods, trade in services and dispute settlement) were adopted by the AU Assembly on 21 March 2018 in Kigali, Rwanda. According to the terms of Article 17(1) of the AfCFTA, the General Rules of Procedure for the Settlement of Disputes were adopted by the Assembly on 1 July 2018 in Nouakchott, Mauritania. (See Table I.)

Abstract

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), which entered into force on 30 May 2019, represents a unique collaborative effort by African countries to bolster regional and continental economic integration, in a world marked by increasing protectionism and unilateral trade measures.

In order to make the agreement operational for trade in goods, negotiations on tariff concessions need to be concluded and negotiating outcomes need to be inserted into the agreement. This policy brief focuses on the expected economic impacts of tariff liberalization under the AfCFTA, the tariff negotiation modalities and discusses some legal and practical issues related to the implementation of these modalities.

Dans un monde marqué par un protectionnisme croissant et le recours à des mesures commerciales unilatérales, l’Accord prévoyant la création de la zone de libre-échange continentale (ZLEC), qui est entré en vigueur le 30 mai 2019, représente un effort unique de collaboration entre les pays africains en vue de renforcer l’intégration économique à l’échelle régionale et continentale.

Afin de le rendre opérationnel pour le commerce des marchandises, il est essentiel que des négociations sur les concessions tarifaires aient lieu, dont les résultats devront être pris en compte dans l’Accord. La présente note de synthèse s’intéresse aux répercussions économiques liées à la libéralisation tarifaire qui sont attendues dans le cadre de l’application de l’Accord et aux modalités de négociation tarifaire, et examine certains aspects juridiques et pratiques relatifs à la mise en place de ces modalités.

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A fin de que el acuerdo sea operativo para el comercio de mercancías, es necesario concluir las negociaciones sobre las concesiones arancelarias e incorporar al acuerdo los resultados de dichas negociaciones. Este informe de políticas se centra en las repercusiones económicas que se prevé que

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SouthViews

SouthViews No. 181, 25 June 2019: UN tax committee gets a boost through new working methods By Abdul Muheet Chowdhary

The UN in May published a document titled '[Practices and Working Methods for the Committee Of Experts On International Cooperation In Tax Matters](#)'. For those who believe that the UN should play a stronger role in the governance of international tax, this is a welcome development. The document further deepens the institutionalisation of the UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (henceforth UN tax committee) by developing new working methods and making several clarifications. Some of these are welcome while others are problematic. Overall, it is clarified that the working methods must be read in conjunction with the rules of procedure of the [United Nations Economic and Social Council \(ECOSOC\)](#) and in the case of inconsistency, the ECOSOC rules are to prevail.

En mai, l'Organisation des Nations Unies a publié un document intitulé « Pratiques et méthodes de travail du Comité d'experts de la coopération internationale en matière fiscale ». Pour ceux qui pensent que l'Organisation devrait jouer un rôle plus important en matière de gouvernance de la fiscalité internationale, il s'agit là d'une évolution bienvenue. Le document contribue à institutionnaliser davantage le Comité d'experts des Nations Unies de la coopération internationale en matière fiscale (ci-après le Comité des Nations Unies en matière fiscale) en proposant de nouvelles méthodes de travail et en apportant plusieurs précisions. Si certaines sont souhaitables, d'autres soulèvent des difficultés. Il est précisé dans le document que les méthodes de travail définies par le Comité doivent être analysées au regard du règlement intérieur du [Conseil économique et social des Nations Unies \(ECOSOC\)](#) et qu'en cas de divergence, le règlement de l'ECOSOC doit prévaloir.

*En mayo, las Naciones Unidas publicaron un documento titulado *Practices and Working Methods for the Committee Of Experts On International Cooperation In Tax Matters* (prácticas y métodos de trabajo para el Comité de Expertos sobre Cooperación Internacional en Cuestiones de Tributación). Se trata de un hecho positivo para quienes consideran que las Naciones Unidas deberían desempeñar un papel más destacado en la gobernanza tributaria internacional. El documento refuerza la institucionalización del Comité de Expertos sobre Cooperación Internacional en Cuestiones de Tributación de las Naciones Unidas (en adelante, «Comité sobre Cuestiones de Tributación de las Naciones Unidas») desarrollando nuevos métodos de trabajo y aportando varias aclaraciones. Algunos de ellos han sido acogidos favorablemente, mientras que otros resultan problemáticos. En general, se explica que los métodos de trabajo deben entenderse en relación con el reglamento del [Consejo Económico y Social de las Naciones Unidas \(ECOSOC\)](#) y que, en caso de incompatibilidad, prevalecerá el reglamento del ECOSOC.*

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SouthNews

SOUTHNEWS No. 258, 6 June 2019: The 1st South Centre Tax Initiative Peer Exchange on Digital Taxation and the 18th Session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters



The South Centre held the first South Centre Tax Initiative Peer Exchange on Digital Taxation in New York on 27 April. The event was chaired by Manuel Montes, Senior Adviser on Finance and Development of the South Centre, with the participation of government officials, the Director of the Group of Twenty-four (G-24), academics and civil society representatives. The United Nations (UN) Tax Committee proposals for the taxation of the digital economy were discussed with a focus on the allocation of taxing rights and income rules and the imposition of withholding tax on digital companies. During the same week, the eighteenth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters was held in New York from 23 to 26 April 2019. The work of the UN Tax Committee and its Subcommittees were discussed covering topics such as digital taxation and carbon tax.

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SOUTHNEWS No. 259, 7 June 2019: Scaling-up Energy Access and Finance in Least Developed Countries



On 30-31 May 2019, the Global Conference on Scaling-up Energy Access and Finance in Least Developed Countries was held in Beijing, China, jointly organized by the United Nations Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) and the Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization (GEIDCO), with the support of the UN system. The Conference focused on concrete measures to accelerate energy access and enhance financing for sustainable and modern energy, as called for in Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7. Dr. Youba Sokona, Senior Adviser on Sustainable Development of the South Centre, gave one of the four keynote remarks of the high-level opening session, reproduced below, along with the UN Under-Secretary General of the UN-OHRLLS, the Chair of GEIDCO, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, and the representative of Timor-Leste government.

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SOUTHNEWS No. 260, 13 June 2019: Work Programme on Electronic Commerce - The E-commerce Moratorium and Implications for Developing Countries - Communication from India and South Africa

Tariff revenue losses and the need to improve local capacities to attain competitiveness and economies of scale are two main reasons why the moratorium on customs duties on e-commerce should be revisited, argues a submission by India and South Africa made in the context of the WTO WORK PROGRAMME ON ELECTRONIC COMMERCE. The text of the submission is found in the following link - [THE E-COMMERCE MORATORIUM AND IMPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES](#)

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SOUTHNEWS No. 261, 18 June 2019: South Centre Statement at the Meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Labour Ministers



Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 8 calls upon us to promote full and productive employment and decent work for all. For achieving this goal, we have to work together to defend multilateralism, ensure that different components of the international regulatory regime deal with labour in a coherent and effective manner, uphold the International Labour Organization (ILO)'s founding ideals and march for its next more equitable and more prosperous centennial leaving no one behind. Below is the South Centre Statement delivered by Yuefen Li, Senior Adviser on South-South Cooperation and Development Finance, on behalf of the Executive Director of the South Centre, Dr. Carlos Correa, at the Meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Labour Ministers during the 108th International Labour Conference of the ILO held on 17 June 2019 in Geneva.

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SOUTHNEWS No. 262, 20 June 2019: The Inclusive Framework on BEPS Programme of Work to Develop a Consensus Solution to the Tax Challenges Arising from the Digitalisation of the Economy

In May 2019, the Inclusive Framework on BEPS released the Programme of Work to Develop a Consensus Solution to the Tax Challenges Arising from the Digitalisation of the Economy. The document is the road map for the final report on digital taxation to be delivered in 2020. However, the challenges for developing countries' effective participation in the process demand active engagement in tax administration fora designed to gather them in the quest for solutions convening their interests and strategies.

En mai 2019, les membres du Cadre inclusif sur le BEPS ont publié un Programme de travail en vue d'aboutir à une solution consensuelle aux problèmes fiscaux posés par la numérisation de l'économie. Ce document trace la feuille de route à suivre dans le cadre de l'élaboration du rapport final sur la fiscalité de l'économie numérique qui sera présenté en 2020. Toutefois, les obstacles sont nombreux à une participation effective des pays en développement au processus, ce qui nécessite un engagement actif de leur part au sein des instances régionales sur l'administration fiscale conçues pour leur permettre d'établir des positions et stratégies communes tenant compte de leurs intérêts.

En mayo de 2019, el Marco Inclusivo sobre BEPS lanzó el Programa de Trabajo para Desarrollar una Solución de Consenso a los Desafíos Fiscales Derivados de la Digitalización de la Economía. Este documento constituye la hoja de ruta para el informe final sobre imposición digital que se presentará en 2020. Sin embargo, las dificultades a las que se enfrentan los países en desarrollo para participar de forma efectiva en el proceso exigen una colaboración activa en los foros de administración fiscal diseñados para reunir a estos países en la búsqueda de soluciones que combinen sus intereses y estrategias.

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SOUTHNEWS No. 263, 21 June 2019: Declaration of the Non-Aligned Movement Labour Ministers

The Ministers of Labour of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) reflected on the progress made regarding fundamental labour principles and rights, on the occasion of the centenary of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and in the context of important changes in the world of work. The Declaration of the NAM Labour Ministers adopted during the 108th International Labour Conference in Geneva on 17 June 2019 can be found in the link below.

À l'occasion du centenaire de l'Organisation internationale du Travail (OIT) et dans le contexte des changements importants survenus dans le monde du travail, les ministres du Travail du Mouvement des pays non alignés (MNA) se sont penchés sur les progrès accomplis en ce qui concerne les principes et droits fondamentaux du travail. La Déclaration qu'ils ont adoptée lors de la 108e Conférence internationale du Travail à Genève le 17 juin 2019 peut être consultée sous le lien ci-dessous.

Con motivo del centenario de la Organización Internacional del Trabajo (OIT) y en el contexto de importantes cambios en el mundo laboral, los ministros de Trabajo del Movimiento de Países No Alineados (MNOAL) reflexionaron sobre los avances logrados en relación con los principios y derechos laborales fundamentales. Mediante el enlace que figura a continuación, puede accederse a la Declaración de los ministros de Trabajo del MNOAL, aprobada el 17 de junio de 2019 durante la 108.a Conferencia Internacional del Trabajo celebrada en Ginebra.

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SOUTHNEWS No. 264, 27 June 2019: South Centre Workshop on Examination of Pharmaceutical Patents, Cairo, Egypt, 18 June 2019 - OPENING STATEMENT OF DR. MONA MOHAMED YAHIA, PRESIDENT OF THE EGYPTIAN PATENT OFFICE



A national workshop on the examination of pharmaceutical patents from a public health perspective, organized by the South Centre and the Egyptian Patent Office (EGPO), discussed international experiences on policies and practices concerning the examination of pharmaceutical patent applications in the context of the TRIPS flexibilities. This event was held in response to growing concerns about the proliferation of patents that protect minor, and in some cases obvious, variants of existing drugs or processes. The workshop took place in Cairo, Egypt, on 18 June 2019. Below is the opening statement of Dr. Mona Mohamed Yahia, President of the Egyptian Patent Office, at the workshop.

Le Centre Sud et l'Office égyptien des brevets ont organisé un atelier national portant sur l'examen, sous l'angle de la santé publique, des brevets pharmaceutiques. Cet atelier a été l'occasion d'un échange de vue sur les expériences acquises à l'échelle internationale en matière de politiques et de pratiques concernant l'examen des demandes de brevets pharmaceutiques dans le contexte des flexibilités prévues par l'Accord sur les ADPIC. Il a été organisé en réponse aux préoccupations croissantes au sujet de la prolifération de brevets protégeant des variantes mineures et, dans certains cas, évidentes, de médicaments ou de procédés existants. L'atelier s'est tenu au Caire, en Égypte, le 18 juin 2019. Vous trouverez ci-dessous l'allocution d'ouverture de l'atelier de Mme Mona Mohamed Yahia, présidente de l'Office égyptien des brevets.

El Centro del Sur y la Oficina de Patentes de Egipto (EGPO, por sus siglas en inglés) organizaron un taller nacional sobre el examen de las patentes farmacéuticas desde la perspectiva de la salud pública. En él, se analizaron experiencias internacionales sobre políticas y prácticas relativas al examen de solicitudes de patentes farmacéuticas en el contexto de las flexibilidades de los ADPIC. Este acto se celebró en respuesta a la creciente preocupación por la proliferación de patentes que protegen variantes menores, y en algunos casos obvias, de medicamentos o procesos ya existentes. El taller tuvo lugar en El Cairo (Egipto) el 18 de junio de 2019. A continuación, se encuentra la declaración de apertura del taller que pronunció la Dra. Mona Mohamed Yahia, presidenta de la Oficina de Patentes de Egipto.

Social Media

Twitter Highlights:

Top Tweet earned 3,445 impressions

Dr. Carlos Correa, Exec. Dir. [@South_Centre](#) discussed with Nikhil Seth, Executive Director of [@UNITAR](#) possible training programs based on the Centre's policy research outputs to strengthen [#developingcountries](#)' collective capacity in international negotiations.
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Profile visits

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Mentions

104

New followers

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Dr. Carlos Correa, Exec. Dir. @South_Centre stressed at the Regional Training for #Patent Office Representatives in Kiev, that there was room under natl. #patentlaws to apply rigorous criteria of patentability & avoid undue limitations to #marketcompetition in #Pharmaceuticals



Carlos Maria Correa and ITPC Global

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Mr. Yohane Soko, from Malawi, has joined the @South_Centre Secretariat as Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, strengthening its M&E capacity and geographical representation.



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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 7

Carlos Correa, Exec. Dir. @South_Centre highlighted @ LEDC Summer Lecture #Internationallaw, #conservation & #sustainable use of #marine #biologicaldiversity @SOAS - need to address asymmetries in access & develop fair rules for benefit sharing on MGRs outside natl jurisdictions



SOAS Uni of London

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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 7

Dr. Carlos Correa, Exec. Dir., @South_Centre, & Dr. Zhang Ning, Deputy Sec-Gen of the China Scholarship Council, signed an agreement for the China Scholarship Council to sponsor Chinese visiting experts & interns to contribute to the research program of South Centre.



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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 12

@ 56th #GEFCouncil meeting @WorldBank June 11-13 it will be key to effectively address #developingcountries' needs to implement #mitigation & #adaptationmeasures that tackle drivers of #environmentaldestruction while supporting #development efforts & empowering #localcommunities

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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 12

.. @IISD_news @South_Centre and @CCSL_Columbia with the support of @FESonline co-organize a meeting for #developingcountries on ISDS reform in Geneva, 12-14 June 2019



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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 13

The @South_Centre was pleased to receive Ambassador H.E. Mr. Vaqif Sadiqov of Azerbaijan to discuss areas of cooperation and the role of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), which will be chaired by Azerbaijan in October 2019.



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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 14

#TRIPSflexibilities in UK: 'Crown use' (#compulsorylicense) is an option to address the failure of #Vertex to offer a fair price for #cysticfibrosis treatment, told the Under-Secretary for #PublicHealth & Primary Care, S Kennedy, to the UK Parliament parliamentlive.tv/event/index/73...

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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 14

Asia & the Pacific need to accelerate progress towards all Sustainable Development Goals of the #UnitedNations #2030Agenda for #SustainableDevelopment. Progress has been made towards some #SDGs but the rate of progress is insufficient. See @UNESCAP report bit.ly/2F5IOZY

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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 17

Dep. Asst. Foreign Min Amb Seif Kandeel, Dr. Carlos Correa Exec. Dir. @South_Centre & Dr. Mona Yahiya, Pres. EGPO stress on imp. of use of #TRIPSflexibilities for #accesstomedicines @South_Centre ntl. seminar on #PublicHealth & #IntellectualProperty Cairo ipaccessmeds.southcentre.int/event/national...



Egypt MFA Spokesperson, MOFA Egypt, Carlos Maria Correa and Nirmalya

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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 14

Political leadership is critical to advance needs-driven #researchanddevelopment commitments of the HLM on #TB 2018. Thanks to #SouthAfrica for hosting dialogue, co-sponsored by @South_Centre @TheUnion_TBLH @TAGTeam_Tweets @MedsPatentPool @StopTB @MSF_access



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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 19

#USMCA (replacement of NAFTA) will not restore #innovation #industrialjobs #workerrights & #livingwages nor will it provide protections for affordable #healthcare & #environment that have been on decline since original #NAFTA went into force @GDPC_BU PB bu.edu/gdp/2019/06/07...

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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 20
 Dr. German Velasquez, Special Advisor, Policy and Health. @south_centre delivers opening remarks at the joint information session on #AntimicrobialResistance - #Agriculture and #SustainableDevelopment Goals #SDGs organized by South Centre & @FAO at the @CICG_Geneva



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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 20
 . @vivicmt from @South_Centre speaking about the importance of ensuring a development perspective in addressing #AntimicrobialResistance #AMR



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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 21
 AFCFTA is major step fwd: needs to be supplemented by active industrial & other policies to achieve exptd outcomes' stressed Dr. Carlos Correa Exec Dir @South_Centre - highlevel plenary session #SouthSouthTrade for Africa integration into #globaleconomy Annual Meeting @afreximbank



AFCFTA

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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 21
 Read mondiplo.com/la-increible-y... - 'La increible y triste historia de la industria farmacéutica y de los gobiernos desalmados' - contribuido a @MondeDiploEs por Dr. Germán Velásquez @scgva2011 Special Adviser, Policy & Health, @South_Centre

Translate Tweet



« La increible y triste historia de la industria farmac...
 Uno de los factores más importante para resolver los actuales problemas de salud de los países en desarrollo, es la posibilidad de que estos (...) mondiplo.com

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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 21
 . @South_Centre is at the #Bonn #ClimateChange negotiations this week ready to provide policy analysis & technical advice & support to #developingcountries in promoting their interests in effectively addressing climate change #ClimateChangeIsReal 🌎🌍🌏 #ClimateAction



UN Climate Change, COP23, UN Climate Change Learn and FAO Climate Change

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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 24
 Supporting #OneHealth exchange on #AMR among Asian countries at Regional Workshop on #AntimicrobialResistance in Asia, Penang, Malaysia 24-26 June. Opening by YB Dr. Lee Boon Chye, Dep. Min of Health, Malaysia, Martin Khor @3rdworldnetwork & Dr. Viviana Munoz Tellez @South_Centre



Viviana Munoz Tellez

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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 24

. @South_Centre attends opening of the 66th session of UNCTAD's #Trade and #Development Board and High Level segment on #inequality; the Centre will continue to cooperate with @UNCTAD to support #inclusivedevelopment

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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 25

Dr. G. Velásquez Sp. Adviser Policy & Health @South_Centre keynote speaker at 'Colloque ntl. sur la propriété intellectuelle et l'accès aux médicaments' Casablanca. SC pleased to cooperate w/ @UNITAID supported ITPC project-strengthening community responses-prevention & treatment

ITPC Global and German Velasquez

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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 25

@South_Centre contribtd to work of #ASEAN Centre for #Biodiversity addr. interface btw IP #biodiversity & ATK & opps. for @ASEAN regn @ 'Regnl Experience-Sharing -#IPR Biodiversity & CommunityAccess & BenefitSharing frm Use of #BiologicalResources & Assoc Tradtl Knowledge, Hanoi

Thamara Romero

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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 26

The important role of Cuba in the production and supply of #biologicalmedicines & in #SouthSouthCooperation in areas of #health & #education were some of the issues discussed by Dr. Carlos Correa, Exec. Dir. @South_Centre with Amb. H.E. Mr. Pedro Luis Pedroso Cuesta of Cuba.

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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 26
 'SSC has dramatically increased in vol & coverage but remains subject to basic principles recently reaffirmed by #BAPA40, incl solidarity & mutual benefit' stated Dr. Carlos Correa, Exec Dir. @South_Centre @ HighLevel Segment of @UNCTAD #Trade & #Development Board
@HornaPierre



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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 27
 Dr. Carlos Correa Exec. Dir @South_Centre was pleased to meet Egyptian Ambassador H.E. Mr. Alaa Youssef to evaluate recent activities of the South Centre in Cairo on #TRIPSflexibilities and further cooperation in other areas.



MOFA Egypt

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South Centre @South_Centre · Jun 28
 At the closure of the June 2019 #Bonn #climatenegotiations, the G77+China, chaired by Ambassador Ammar Hijazi of the State of Palestine, delivers statement stressing #developingcountries' commitment to #ClimateAction under the @UNFCCC and its #ParisAgreement



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