

RETHINKING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT AFTER 15 YEARS OF THE WTO TRIPS AGREEMENT

28-29 April 2011
Conference Hall (2nd Floor)
IIFT Bhawan, IIFT,
B-21, Qutab Institutional Area
New Delhi - 110016

DRAFT PROGRAM

Day 1
28 April 2011

Registration

10:00- 10:30

Coffee

10:30-10:45

Special Session

11:00 – 12:00

Welcome

Abhijit Das, Centre for WTO Studies

Introduction

Martin Khor, Executive Director, South Centre

Address

K.T. Chacko, Director, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

11:30 -11:50

Keynote Address

HE Mr. Anand Sharma, Commerce Minister

Vote of Thanks

Madhukar Sinha, Centre for WTO Studies

Session 2: **TRIPS at 15 – Stocktaking**

12:00 – 13:30

This session will review the negotiation of the TRIPS Agreement in the Uruguay Round and examine whether the promises held for developing countries have been realized 15 years after TRIPS. The session will also discuss what has been learned on the relationship between intellectual property and development.

Moderator: Martin Khor

Panelists

Carlos Correa

Ambassador S Narayanan

Q&A

LUNCH

13:30- 14:15

Session 3: **New Trends in IP Negotiations**

14:15 – 15:30

This session will present the current state of negotiations on IP issues in different fora such as WIPO, WTO, WHO. The session will also discuss the trends of promoting TRIPS plus standards of IP protection and enforcement in various fora including bilateral free trade agreements and their detrimental effect for development.

Moderator: Rajeev Kher, Government of India, Department of Commerce

Panelists

Viviana Munoz Tellez, South Centre

Sanya Reid Smith, TWN

Sunjay Sudhir, Permanent Mission of India to the WTO, Geneva

Tea

15:30-15:50

Impact of TRIPS on Specific Sectors

Sessions 4-7 will review the impact of TRIPS in specific sectors. Each will discuss the challenges and constraints for developing countries in implementing TRIPS and TRIPS flexibilities, and implications of TRIPS plus trends. The panelists will discuss experiences in making use of TRIPS flexibilities and new responses that are being proposed, e.g. patent pools, treaty on limitations and exceptions, etc.

Session 4: *Industrial development and Innovation*

15:50 – 17:30

Moderator: Carlos Correa

- *Frederick Abbott*
- *D G Shah*

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Session 5: *Access to knowledge, education and learning*
10:00 – 11:15

Moderator: Madhukar Sinha

- Viviana Munoz
- N S Gopalakrishnan, CUSAT
- Pranesh Prakash, Centre for Internet Society
- Shishir Kumar Jha, IIT Mumbai

Coffee
11:15 – 11:45

Session 6: *Public Health and Access to Medicines*
11:45 – 13:00

Moderator: Leena Menghaney (MSF)

- B.N. Goldar (TBC)
- German Velasquez, South Centre
- Anand Grover, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health (TBC)

LUNCH
13:00 – 13:45

Session 7: *Agriculture and biodiversity*
13:45 – 15:00

Moderator: Ambassador S. Narayanan (TBC)

- Carlos Correa
- Biswajit Dhar, RIS (TBC)
- Shalini Bhutani, GRAIN (TBC)
- Dr. Sujata Arora, Director Ministry of Environment and Forests (TBC)

Session 8: **The Way Forward: Responding to TRIPS - National and International Strategies**
15:00 – 16:30

This session will discuss the way forward in addressing the challenges faced by developing countries in implementing TRIPS. The session will discuss how to develop an appropriate development oriented national IP strategy and how developing countries should coordinate on IP issues in different international fora. The presentations will be followed by open discussions.

Moderator: Ambassador B.L. Das

- Presentation on National IP Strategy: Carlos Correa
- International Strategies on IP Issues for Developing Countries: Martin Khor

Open discussion

Devising National Strategies for a development oriented IP law and policy

Developing Country coordination on IP issues in different fora.

South-South cooperation

Session 9: Closing

16:30 – 17:00

Tea
17:00 – 17:30