



TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM

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Access to Medicines, Patent Information and Freedom to Operate

*Organized by
the World Health Organization (WHO),
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
and the World Trade Organization (WTO)*

Geneva, WHO Headquarters, February 18, 2011

(preceded by a Workshop on Patent Searches and Freedom to Operate, February 17, 2011, 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm at WIPO)

Provisional Program

February 17
14.00 – 17.00

A Workshop on Patent Searches and Freedom to Operate will be offered for those interested in learning more about the basic concepts of how to do patent searches and FTO analysis. Venue: WIPO, 1, rue du Pré-de-la-Bichette, Geneva, WIPO Academy Training Room (P&G Building, ground floor)

February 18
08.30 – 09.00

Registration of Participants

09.00 – 09.30

Opening Remarks

- **Margaret Chan**, Director-General
World Health Organization (WHO)
- **Francis Gurry**, Director General
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- **Pascal Lamy**, Director-General
World Trade Organization (WTO)

09.30 – 10.45

Session 1: Access to medicines, patent information and freedom to operate – the context

- Access and information needs from a public health perspective
Speaker: Zafar Mirza, WHO
- Linking empirical data to policy processes: strengthening the base for policymaking on access to medicines
Speaker: Antony Taubman, WTO
- Managing intellectual property for access
Speaker: Anatole Krattiger, WIPO
- Discussion

Moderator: Hans Hogerzeil, WHO

10.45 – 11.15

Break

11.15 – 13.00

Session 2: Patent information and freedom to operate: Methodologies and sources of information – case studies

- The patent status of medicines on the WHO model list for essential medicines
Speaker: Stanley Kowalski, University of New Hampshire School of Law
Comments: Richard Laing, WHO
- Understanding the patent status of Antiretroviral Drugs – a Medicines Patent Pool/WIPO collaboration
Speaker: Ellen 't Hoen, Medicines Patent Pool
- Global patent landscape on patenting activities in the field of vaccines
Martin Friede, WHO
- A freedom to operate analysis of dengue vaccines
The comparative role of IP in achieving access
Speaker: Richard Mahoney, International Vaccines Institute
- Discussion

- Moderator: Konji Sebati, WIPO
- 13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch Break*
- 14.30 – 16.00 **Session 3: Practicalities of patent information use – gaps and needs**
- Overview of patent information resources: WIPO experiences on legal status information
Speaker: Lutz Mailänder, WIPO
 - Access to medicines: patent information in pharmaceutical procurement
Speaker: Carmen Pérez-Casas, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
 - Using patent information in managing practical access scenarios
Speaker: Tahir Amin, Intellectual Property Initiative for Medicines, Access & Knowledge (I-MAK)
 - Discussion
- Moderator: Mathias Schaeli, Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property
- 16.00 – 16.30 *Break*
- 16.30 – 17.45 **Session 4: Panel Discussion: Strengthening the information base for access to medicine strategies – taking stock of experience and charting future directions**
- Panellists:
- Rajiv I. Modi, Cadila Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
 - Eric Notegen, IFPMA / F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd.
 - Gitanjali Sakhuja, UNICEF
 - John Kabare, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)
- Moderators: Anatole Krattiger, WIPO, and Antony Taubman, WTO
- 17.45 – 18.00 **Closing Session**
- Speaker: Marie-Paule Kieny, WHO
- Moderator: Johannes Christian Wichard, WIPO

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