

Seminar on Public Health and Intellectual Property

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Pyramisa Suites Hotel Cairo



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	Content	Facilitator
09:00 -09:30	Registration of participants	
09:30 -10:00	Opening Session	<p>Professor Carlos Correa (Executive Director, South Centre),</p> <p>Ambassador Seif Kandeel (Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt),</p> <p>Professor Mahmoud Sakr (President, Academy of Scientific Research and Technology)</p>
<p>Description of session objectives and format: This session will be a high level opening segment of the seminar with high level panelists from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the South Centre and the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology delivering the welcome address and setting the objectives and expectations of the seminar.</p>		
10:00-10:15	Introduction of participants	
10:15-11:15	Relationship between Patents and Public Health	<p>Moderator: Ms. Rasha Gamal Lotfy (Head of Pharmaceutical Examination Section, Egyptian Patent Office)</p>

		<p>Speakers:</p> <p>Dr. German Velasquez (Special Adviser, Health and Policy, South Centre),</p> <p>Professor Hossam El Saghir (Professor of Commercial and Intellectual Property Laws, and Founder of the Regional Institute of Intellectual Property, Faculty of Law - Helwan University)</p>
<p>Description of session objectives and format: This session will be comprised of two speakers and a moderator. The South Centre will present a global overview of the relationship between patents and public health and the history of the global debate. It is proposed that the speaker from Egypt addresses the initiatives on the multilateral engagement on patents and public health by Egypt, and on the key issues relating to patents and public health in Egypt. Each speaker will have 15 minutes of presentation followed by 15 minutes of discussion.</p>		
11:15–11:30	Tea/Coffee	
11:30–12:30	Concept of Invention and Patentability Requirements in the TRIPS Agreement and Diversity in Patent Examination Policies	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Ms. Eman S. Ibrahim (Senior Pharmaceutical Patent Examiner, Egyptian Patent Office)</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <p>Professor Carlos Correa</p>
<p>Description of session objectives and format: This session will address the scope of flexibilities under the TRIPS Agreement that are available to developing countries defining the criteria of patentability and the importance of defining the same from a public health perspective.</p>		
12:30-13:30	The Egyptian Experience in Examination of Pharmaceutical Patents - The Law and Practice	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Professor Carlos Correa</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <p>Ms. Eman S. Ibrahim</p>
<p>Description of session objectives and format: This session will discuss the criteria of patentability as applied under the Egyptian law and the experience of applying these criteria in Egypt.</p>		
13:30-14:30	Lunch	
14:30-15:30	Public Health Related Flexibilities under the IP Law of Egypt	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Mr. Nirmalya Syam (Senior Programme Officer, South Centre)</p>

		<p>Speakers:</p> <p>Dr. Abeer El Anwar (Rapporteur of Consultative Committee of IP, Ministry of Health and Population, Egypt),</p> <p>Professor Hossam El Saghir</p>
<p>Description of session objectives and format: This session will discuss the experience of using other flexibilities under the Egyptian law such as intervention by Ministry of Health under Section 17, compulsory licensing, parallel importation, etc. Each speaker will have 15 minutes of presentation followed by 15 minutes for discussion.</p>		
15:30-15:45	Tea/Coffee	
15:45-16:15	Experiences of using TRIPS flexibilities for Public Health in Other Countries	<p>Moderator: Mr. Ahmed Al Hamamy (Director of Innovation and Technology Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)</p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Pascale Boulet, Intellectual Property & Access Leader, DNDi</p>
<p>Description of session objectives and format: This session will discuss experiences of using TRIPS flexibilities for public health by other countries</p>		
16:15 -16:45	TRIPS Plus Provisions in Bilateral and Regional Trade Agreements	<p>Moderator: Ms. Nermine El Meligy (Director, IP Department - Ministry of Trade and Industry, Egypt)</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Nirmalya Syam (Senior Programme Officer, South Centre)</p>
<p>Description of session objectives and format: This session will discuss TRIPS plus provisions that can impact the use of flexibilities in the patent system for public health</p>		
16:45 -17:30	Evaluation of the Seminar and Closing	Professor Carlos Correa, South Centre