

# High-Level Regional Meeting on Intellectual Property Policies to Facilitate Access to Medicines

San José, Costa Rica



2 – 4 October 2019

Hotel Hilton Garden Inn, San José, La Sabana

	Content	Facilitator
	<b>2 October 2019</b>	
8:00-8:30	Registration of participants	
8:30-9:00	Opening Ceremony	<p>Dr. Dennis Angulo Alguera Vice- (Minister of Health Costa Rica)</p> <p>Dr. Román Macaya Hayes (Caja Costarricense de Seguro Social – CCSS)</p> <p>Dra. Marjorie Obando (Pharmaco-Epidemiology Division – CCSS)</p> <p>Prof. Carlos Correa (Executive Director, South Centre)</p>
9:00-9:15	Presentation of the South Centre and the agenda	Thamara Romero (Senior Programme Officer, South Centre)
9:15-10:45	Session 1. Panel: Policy coherence to promote access to medicines	<b>Moderator: Dr. Albin Chaves</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Right to health, intellectual property and access to medicines (15')</li> <li>b) The role of generic and biosimilar medicines (15')</li> <li>c) Challenges to access to medicines in Costa Rica (30')</li> <li>d) Q&amp;A (30')</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Germán Velásquez</p> <p>Thamara Romero</p> <p>Dr. Román Macaya Hayes</p>
10:45-11:15	Tea/Coffee and Group Photo	
11:15-13:00	<p><b>Session 2. Panel: Use of public health IP flexibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Flexibilities of the TRIPS Agreement in access and its role in reducing drug prices; Patentability criteria (40')</li> <li>b) Exceptions to Exclusive Rights (15')</li> <li>c) Control of anti-competitive practices and their impact on drug prices (15')</li> <li>d) The regulatory framework in DR-CAFTA (video conference)(20')</li> <li>e) Q&amp;A (15')</li> </ul>	<p><b>Moderator: Carolina Gómez</b></p> <p>Prof. Carlos Correa</p> <p>Thamara Romero</p> <p>Vitor Ido (Programme Officer, South Centre)</p> <p>Judit Rius Sanjuan (United Nations Development Programme, UNDP)</p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	<p><b>Session 3. Roundtable: Public policy coherence to facilitate access to medicines in the region</b></p> <p>Film projection "India: the Pharmacy of the World" (Novartis Case) (30').</p> <p>Participants prepare answers to the following questions, working in groups, and making contributions about country experience. ( 30' preparation, 30' presentations)</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the main challenges to public policy coherence at the national/regional level?</li> <li>2. What are the good practices at the national and regional levels?</li> </ol>	<p><b>Moderator: Dr. Germán Velásquez</b></p>

	3. What new measures could be introduced to promote coherence?	
15:30-16:00	Tea/Coffee	
16:00-17:00	<b>Session 4. Presentation.</b>  Transparency in prices and costs of production and research and development of medicines	Dr. Francisco Rossi
18:00	Welcome Cocktail	
<b>3 October 2019</b>		
8:30-10:30	<b>Session 5. Panel: Strategies to reduce drug prices</b>  a) Policy options for price reduction (45') b) Joint Negotiations (45') c) Q&A (30')	<b>Moderator: Dr. Germán Velásquez</b>  Dr. Francisco Rossi Carolina Gómez
10:30-11:00	Tea/Coffee	
11:00-13:00	<b>Session 6. Panel: Biological and New Therapies</b>  a) The debate on biological products (30') b) How to promote access to biosimilars: interchangeability? c) Intellectual property in biological products and new therapies (example of CAR-T) (30') d) Q&A (15')	<b>Moderator: Dr. Francisco Rossi</b>  Dr. Germán Velásquez Carolina Gómez Prof. Carlos Correa
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:00	<b>Working Group. Recommendations: What can be done at the regional level to strengthen these strategies?</b>	<b>Moderator: Thamara Romero</b>
15:00-15:30	Coffee/tea	

15:30-17:30	<p><b>Session 7. Panel. Judicialization of Health</b></p> <p>a. The phenomenon of judicialization and the Latin American experience: the cases of Colombia, Argentina, Brazil and Chile (Videoconference) (60')</p> <p>b. The Costa Rica experience (30')</p> <p>c. Q&amp;As (30')</p>	<p><b>Moderator: Carolina Gómez</b></p> <p>Dra. Claudia Vargas (IFARMA)</p> <p>Dr. Albin Chávez</p>
<b>4 October 2019</b>		
8:30-9:00	Summary of debates per session, conclusions and recommendations.	Thamara Romero
9:00-10:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 8. Presentation.</b></p> <p>Medicines that require bioequivalence studies (45')</p> <p>Q&amp;A (15')</p>	Carolina Gómez
10:00-10:30	Coffee/Tea	
10:30-11:30	<p><b>Session 9. Roadmap: Identification of priority national actions to facilitate access to medicines and a better use of the TRIPS Agreement flexibilities(60')</b></p> <p>Presentation of conclusions and recommendations by country delegates: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic and Cuba</p>	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Dr. Albin Chávez</b></p>
11:30-12:00	Feedback and closing	
12:30-14:00	Lunch	