

Draft Programme

4th WHO-WIPO-WTO Trilateral Workshop

Technology Transfer from the Perspectives of Practitioners

Date June 27th, 2023 [13:00 – 15:00 TBC] (CET)

Format: Virtual event, hosted by WTO

Objectives

The workshop, jointly organized by the Secretariats of the WHO, WIPO and the WTO, will draw from the experience and perspectives of practitioners working on the ground. The objectives are as follows:

- Strengthen the capacity of policymakers and experts in member governments to understand the process of technology transfer in the area of health technologies in order to ensure better response and preparedness to future pandemics;
- Foster a better understanding of intellectual property and trade to promote technology transfer, and examine the role of licensing and financing as part of the ecosystem for innovation, local production and access to health technologies.
- Provide a forum for the exchange of experiences and views that can help the Secretariats of the WHO, WIPO and the WTO to better respond to the capacity-building needs of their members and WTO accession candidates.

The significant role of technology transfer beyond COVID-19

Technology transfer is a collaborative and practical process connecting various actors of the innovation ecosystem to move towards common public health goals. The experience gained from the COVID-19 pandemic gave rise to great interest in technology transfer with a view to scaling up and diversifying manufacturing capacity to ensure timely, global, and equitable access to medical technologies. Their geographically diverse production requires a fertile ecosystem, where the transfer of technology, knowledge, know-how, and data can take place smoothly and regularly, as new technologies emerge.

Experience and best practices in the technology transfer ecosystem are rapidly evolving; and up-to-date information is not always readily available. The technical workshop will bring together experts working directly on IP, licensing and financing to draw from their practical experience. In view of recent efforts to bolster manufacturing particularly in LMICs, this workshop aims to address technology transfer issues experienced by practitioners in the field, as well as to explore innovative measures and incentives to support technology transfer.

Format

The technical workshop will be a Zoom event open to the public. Participants are required to register at [link for online registration] [by June xx, 2023.]

The workshop will be in English only.

Draft Agenda

SESSION	SPEAKER
Opening Remarks 5 minutes	Amy Dietterich, WIPO
Session 1: Technology Transfer and Financing in Pandemic Times and Beyond [10 minutes each] Moderator: Erika Duenas Loayza	Padmashree Gehl Sampath, Senior Advisor, African Development Bank World Bank (Pandemic Fund)- Speaker tbc Islamic Development Bank- Speaker tbc
Q&A [15 minutes]	
Session 2: Technology Transfer and Licensing in Practice [10 minutes each] Moderator: Frederick Abbott	Prof. Frederick Abbott – Introduction Pfizer-Hetero- Speaker tbc Cuban Vaccines-tbc Marta Fernandez Suarez, FIND & Implementing Partner in Senegal- tbc Spanish Research Council-tbc Biotech Africa
Q&A [15 minutes]	
Closing Remarks 5 minutes	Antony Taubman, WTO

Background on the Trilateral Cooperation

The Secretariats of the WHO, WIPO and the WTO organize technical workshops on current issues to enhance the flow of updated information related to innovation and access to medical technologies, as well as pandemic preparedness and response. The core objective of the trilateral workshops is to strengthen the capacity of policymakers and experts in member governments by facilitating access to expertise, data, and evidence.

The workshop is part of the existing collaboration between the three organizations, as highlighted by their [Directors-General on 15 June 2021](#) and reaffirmed at their [meeting on 1 February 2022](#).