



International Centre for Trade
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Intellectual Property and Access to Clean Energy Technologies in Developing Countries – An Analysis of Solar PV, Biofuel and Wind Energy Technologies

Dialogue organised by ICTSD

22 October 2007, World Meteorological Organization, ROOM C 2, Geneva

09:00 – 12:00

15 October 2007

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) I have the pleasure to invite you or a representative or your institution to take part in a dialogue on ***Intellectual Property and Access to Clean Energy Technologies in Developing Countries - An Analysis of Solar Photovoltaic, Biofuel and Wind Energy Technologies***, which the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) is organising on 22 October 2007, at the World Meteorological Organization, in Geneva.

As part of the world's move to combat global warming, developing nations are likely to seek to reduce their emissions of greenhouse gases, and particularly of carbon dioxide. They may have to obtain new technologies in order to do so. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change calls on developed nations to assist developing nations through technology transfer.

Policy makers and stakeholders in developing countries have raised concerns about potential barriers that intellectual property regimes may pose for access to clean energy technologies, and some have suggested considering the need for IPRs flexibilities for that matter.

This event aims to review and discuss the results of a study on "Intellectual Property and Access to Clean Energy Technologies in Developing Countries – An Analysis of Solar Photovoltaic, Biofuel and Wind Technologies" commissioned by ICTSD.

The study explores the question of whether there will be barriers, particularly IP barriers, for developing countries to access clean energy technologies. To do so, it examines the technology and industrial structure of three sectors – solar photo-voltaic (PV), bio-mass for fuel, and wind energy technologies in order to derive IPR implications for developing countries. The study concentrates on Brazil, China, and India.

We are sure that your participation in this dialogue will contribute to a meaningful and policy-oriented exchange of views and we are confident that you will find this dialogue a rewarding event.

I would be grateful if you could confirm your participation to Ms. Cecile de Gardelle cdegardelle@ictsd.ch before Thursday 18th of October.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Ortiz', with a horizontal line underneath.

Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz
Chief Executive, ICTSD

Draft Agenda

Welcoming remarks

Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, Chief Executive, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development

Presentation of study on Intellectual Property and Access to Clean Energy Technologies in Developing Countries

John H. Barton, George E. Osborne, Professor of Law, Emeritus, Stanford Law School

Panel and open discussion

Werner Corrales, Senior Fellow, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development

Yusong Chen, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of China to the WTO

Mr. Vladimir Hecl, Programme Officer, Technology Sub-programme, Secretariat, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Paulo Estivallet de Mesquita, Counsellor, Vice-Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the WTO (invited)

Matthew Stilwell, European Director, Institute for Governance & Sustainable Development (invited)