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Programme

MONDAY JUNE 4

9:00-9:45am	Welcome and Introductions
	<i>Welcome address – purpose of workshop, agenda, etc...</i> Tina Piper (McGill University, Canada)
	<i>Introduction of ICTSD</i> Marie Chamay (ICTSD, Switzerland)
	<i>Participant Introductions</i>
9:45-10:30am	Country Updates
	Facilitator: oline Twiss (McGill University, Canada)
	<i>Kenya</i> Betty Kiplagat (KARI, Kenya)
	<i>South Africa</i> Julian Kinderlerer (University of Cape Town, South Africa)
10:30-11:00am	Morning break
11:00-11:45am	Organization Updates
	<i>WIPO</i> Anthony Taubman (WIPO, Switzerland)
	<i>NGOs / MSF</i> Ellen t'Hoen (MSF, France)
	<i>OECD</i> Benedicte Callan (OECD, France)
11:45am-12:30pm	The IPMG Project and Access
	Richard Gold (McGill University, Canada)

12:30-2:00pm	Lunch break
2:00-3:00pm	Access to agricultural and health-related knowledge Moderator: David Castle (University of Ottawa, Canada)
	Overview Julian Kinderlerer
	<i>Does patent protection get in the way of accessing knowledge?</i> Rose Ndegwa (CGIAR, Kenya)
	<i>How useful is traditional knowledge to the scientific community and how best can the interface between the two be dealt with?</i> Anthony Taubman
	<i>Should the scientific community have access to traditional knowledge? If so, under what conditions?</i> Tania Bubela (University of Alberta, Canada)
3:00-3:30pm	Afternoon break
3:30-4:30pm	Discussion Facilitator: Abdallah Daar (University of Toronto, Canada)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• how do we mitigate potential <i>risks</i> of access to knowledge?;• to <i>what</i> knowledge is access needed?;• <i>who</i> needs such access?;• <i>how</i> is access secured?; and• <i>how</i> do we prioritize access needs?
5:00pm	Adjournment
8:00pm	Dinner (location TBD)

Tuesday June 5

9:00-9:30am	Day 1 highlights Tina Piper
9:30-10:30am	Access to agricultural and health-related products Moderator: Tina Piper
	<i>What policies may be needed to regulate trade and access to biotechnology products?</i> Marie Chamay
	<i>What are the key issues of technology transfer from North-South, South to North, or South to South? Why?</i> Kent Nnadozie (FAO and McGill University, Canada)
	<i>To what extent are developed countries the problem or the solution to the question of access to biotech in Eastern Africa?</i> Benedicte Callan
	<i>What is commonly overlooked in the formulation of policies governing technology transfer and access to products?</i> Kate Hoye (University of Ottawa, Canada)
	<i>Can we fix the problem of access to health care products without legislative change?</i> Ellen t'Hoen
10:30-11:00am	Morning break
11:00-12:00pm	Discussion Facilitator: Jean-Frédéric Morin (McGill University, Canada)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how do we mitigate potential <i>risks</i> of access to products?; • to <i>what</i> products is access needed?; • <i>who</i> needs such access?; • <i>how</i> is access secured?; and • <i>how</i> do we prioritize access needs?
12:00-1:30pm	Lunch break
1:30-2:30pm	Access to markets, business & money for agricultural and health-related biotechnology Moderator: Lori Knowles (Research Practice Institute, USA)
	Overview Anthony So (Duke University, USA)
	<i>What are the barriers that foreign direct investment contributes to access in the area of biotechnology?</i> Moustapha Kamal Gueye
	<i>To what extent can micro credit jump-start biotechnology commercialization in Eastern Africa?</i> Joseph Wekundah (Biotechnology Trust Africa, Kenya)
	<i>What (if anything) distinguishes Eastern Africa as a region in its technology transfer policies?</i> Betty Kiplagat
2:30-3:00pm	Afternoon break

3:00-4:00pm

Discussion

Facilitator: oline Twiss

- how do we mitigate potential *risks* of access to markets, business & money?;
- to *which* markets, businesses & money is access needed?;
- *who* needs such access?;
- *how* is such access secured?; and
- *how* do we prioritize access needs?

4:00-4:30pm

Consolidation and wrap up

Tina Piper and Richard Gold

4:30-5:00pm

Closing, thanks, adjournment
