

Global Challenges

Seminar

Patents and the WHO Model List
of Essential Medicines (18th Edition):
Clarifying the Debate on IP and Access

Speakers:

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Peter Beyer, WHO
Brendan Shaw, IFPMA

Moderator:

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Room NB 0.107, Geneva



This Seminar presents the WIPO Global Challenges Report *Patents and the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines (18th Edition): Clarifying the Debate on IP and Access*. The World Health Organization (WHO) Model List of Essential Medicines (MLEM) guides global health actors on those medicines which should be available in health systems as a minimum. It is updated biannually to take account of changing disease profiles and new medicines on the market. The Global Challenges Report aims at identifying which of the 375 items on the 2013 MLEM are patented and where.

About the Authors

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Amir Attaran is a professor in the Faculties of Law and Medicine at the University of Ottawa in Canada. He is a trained lawyer and a biologist. He researches, i.a. the role of intellectual property and trade law on access to medicines. He undertook the first academic assessment of the patent landscape for the entire MLEM and published that in 2004.

The Seminar will be held in English. It is open to the public interested in the subject as well as professionals working in this area.

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Program

13h00-13h15

Sandwiches & Coffee

13h15-13h20

Introductory Remarks

Mr. Minelik Alemu Getahun,
Global Issues Sector, WIPO

13h20-13h50

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Messrs. Reed F Beall and Amir Attaran,
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13h50-14h10

Responses

- *Mr. Peter Beyer,* Department of Essential Medicines & Health Products, WHO, Geneva
- *Mr. Brendan Shaw,* International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA), Geneva

14h10-15h00

Open Discussion

Moderator

Mr. Thomas Bombelles, Global Health, WIPO