

Capacity building for technology transfer and R&D collaboration

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UNCTAD

- ✚ An organ of the General Assembly of the United Nations, that focus on:
 - the linkages between trade, investment, technology and enterprises for development

Local Production of Pharmaceuticals and Related Technology Transfer in Developing Countries

A series of case studies by the UNCTAD Secretariat (2011)

The importance of voluntary licensing, transfer of know-how and training and general policy environment.

UNCTAD's context and Key considerations

1. World Investment Report 2011,
IP licensing, contract manufacturing,
outsourcing, etc have become important forms
of investment;
2. Pharmaceutical sector as **important sectors
of a national economy** and **public health
system**;
3. The perspective of technology and know how
recipient;

Recent Experiences

- ✚ Training on IP, pharmaceutical production and public health, including licensing and technology transfer negotiations
- ✚ Training on IP and technology transfer for agricultural research directors.

Lessons learned

1. Negotiation skill is only one part of a successful technology transfer and R&D collaboration;
 - Absorptive capacity;
 - Skills development;
 - Full consideration of the entire process and involvement of key players;

2. Policy matters: legal certainty & coherence, incentives to license.
3. The role of IP offices; and institutional coordination
4. Defining the target:
 - Managers vs technical personnel
 - Independent experts / training institutions/ training of trainees ;

Current activities and the way forward

- ✚ General consultations with African pharmaceutical producers (18/12/2018, Addis Ababa); with IP licensing experts, industry representatives and academia;
- ✚ Two training on technology transfer and R&D collaboration (2019);
- ✚ Seeking partnership with development partners and IGOs

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