



**Climate Change, Transfer of Technology and IPRs:
The Challenge of Evidence based Policy**

**WIPO
Room B
27th March 2009
13:15 -14:45**

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The International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) is pleased to invite you to a Dialogue on Climate Change, Transfer of Technology, and Intellectual Property rights (IPRs) on 27th March 2009, (13-15-14h45), Room B, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), 34, Chemin des Colombettes, Geneva, Switzerland.

The objective of the dialogue is to contribute to a better understanding of issues relating to climate change, transfer of technology and Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) in perspective of the meeting of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Copenhagen this year, which will examine a global response to the climate change crisis for 2012 and beyond.

Background

The magnitude of the climate change crisis, and the key role of environmentally sound technologies (EST) in addressing it, have spurred efforts for more effective and vigorous action in the area of transfer of technology, one of the cornerstones of the UNFCCC regime and a key element of any new climate change agreement.

In this regard, the Bali Plan of Action called for: ***“Enhanced action on technology development and transfer to support action on mitigation and adaptation, including, inter alia, consideration of: (i) Effective mechanisms and enhanced means for the removal of **obstacles** to, and provision of financial and other incentives for, **scaling up of the development and transfer of technology to developing country Parties in order to promote access to affordable environmentally sound technologies;***”**

In the UNFCCC discussions since Bali and more recently at Poznan, the role of IPRs in transfer of technology has been the subject of increased attention by different stakeholders such as governments, international organizations, civil society and the private sector. At the same time, there is a significant need for evidence based analysis to adequately inform policy and action in this area.

In this context, and building on previous research in this area, ICTSD has invited a number of distinguished scholars and experts to present analysis and research which would contribute toward a better understanding of issues in relation to climate change, transfer of technology and IPRs with a view towards achieving a wider diffusion of EST.

WIPO's Standing Committee on Patents (SCP) offers a timely opportunity to present such analysis and research to an informed audience of policy makers, negotiators and experts knowledgeable on IP matters.

The interventions will be followed by an exchange of views with the participants.

We hope you will be able to participate in a lively exchange of ideas and contribute your experience and expertise to the panel discussion.

PROGRAMME

Welcome and Introductory remarks

*Transfer of Technology between the trade, IP and climate change regimes:
From shared frustrations to converging expectations?*

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Speakers

Innovation and Technology Transfer to Address Climate Change: lessons from global policy development on intellectual property and public health

Frederick Abbott

Professor, Florida State University College of Law

Climate Change Policy and Technology Transfer: recent work and analysis from the OECD using patent information

Nick Johnston, OECD

Commentators

Maximiliano Santa Cruz

Mission of Chile, Chair of the SCP

Dr. Konstantinos Karachalios

European Patent Office (EPO)

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Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)

Exchange of views with participants

Pre-registration by March 25th is required due to limited space and security requirements.

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