



Intellectual Property Rights and Development

Access to Health and Medicine

27-28 September 2009

Description

This workshop gave basic information about intellectual property, and focused on the latest topics on access to health and medicine in relation to intellectual property rights. Speakers were from Egypt, Jordan and other international speakers.

The first session entitled "The intellectual property: history, definition and topics covered". It discussed the genesis of IP Laws and its development, the copyright and industrial property, the exceptions and flexibilities to IP laws, and the international treaties in the field of IP.

The second and third sessions focused on trademarks, patents and copyright in details. The participants were divided to 4 groups to discuss the impact of IP laws on the Arab world and what is meant by the culture of IP.

The second day started with a session on the free trade agreement in the Arab world in relation to IP protection. The development from TRIPS Minus, TRIPS to TRIPS-PLUS.

The second session focused on IP and its effect on access to health and medicine covering the public health related aspects of intellectual property rights and the TRIPS flexibilities.

The last session discussed IP issues in Geneva such as health, climate change, food security and access to knowledge.

Participants

Participants are from the Arab world (Egypt, Sudan and Jordan): Judges, lawyers, researchers, scientists especially those working in the field of access to health and medicine and librarians who work as researcher's assistants.

