

**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of  
Intellectual Property Rights**

**WTO SECRETARIAT TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE TRIPS AREA**

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This document reports on the technical cooperation activities concerning TRIPS that were undertaken between 1 October 2018 and 30 September 2019 by the Secretariat of the World Trade Organization (WTO). It covers activities that specifically relate to intellectual property (IP) and the Agreement on Trade-Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), as well as contributions to other activities of a broader character, which have a significant intellectual property (IP) or TRIPS component. It follows the previous report to the Council for TRIPS, contained in document IP/C/W/645, dated 2 October 2018. This cover note provides a general overview. More information for each activity is provided in Annex I.

**1 MAIN ORIENTATIONS, TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS**

1. Technical cooperation activities, implemented by the WTO Secretariat under the *aegis* of TRIPS, have the objective of assisting Members and Observers to meet their developmental and other domestic policy objectives, such as innovation and industrial policy, health, regulatory aspects, competition policy and environmental protection, through the trade and intellectual property regime, in line with their domestic circumstances and priority needs. These activities also have the objective of strengthening the capacity of Members to fully participate in the WTO's work on TRIPS matters and, particularly, to make assessments on the issues under examination or review.

2. During the review period, the Secretariat's technical cooperation activities in relation to the TRIPS Agreement continued to focus on assisting Members and Observers to understand their rights and obligations under the Agreement. Additionally, Members and Observers continued to receive tailored assistance regarding notifications and reviews of national legislation. Activities are essentially driven by demand from developing country and least developed country Members, as well as from governments preparing to accede to the WTO.

3. Among the more recent developments, since the entry into force of the Protocol Amending the TRIPS Agreement in January 2017, activities have increasingly focused on implementing the Protocol at the domestic level and supporting the utilization of the Special Compulsory Licensing System as an effective procurement tool to ensure access to affordable medicines. In 2018, the Secretariat also organized the first WTO activity dedicated to IP and knowledge flows in a digital era with the overall objectives of providing participants with an understanding of how existing WTO rules, particularly the TRIPS Agreement, apply to the knowledge economy and to facilitate participants' understanding of how technological advancements have enhanced the means for cross-border knowledge flows. The WTO also organized in 2018 the first ever truly trilateral activity co-organized by the WHO, WIPO and WTO, which was held in Kuwait. Further, in 2019, the Secretariat organized the Workshop on the Implementation of Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement in which capital-based officials from LDCs and from developed country reporting Members, as well as Geneva-based delegates, participated.

4. Members and Observers have identified a wide range of challenges and interests related to IP and the TRIPS Agreement. Accordingly, technical cooperation activities have become increasingly more tailored to the specific needs of a Member or Observer, or region. The Secretariat has evolved an ever more holistic approach, recognizing the situation of the TRIPS Agreement and policy choices within the TRIPS framework as integral to the broader policy context, and calling on a wider range of expertise. The systematic incorporation of case studies in the curriculum of each activity supports this approach, as it focuses on finding practical solutions on current cross-cutting challenges. Moreover, technical assistance addresses the practical needs of policymakers to understand the interface between the TRIPS Agreement and other WTO Agreements, such as Agriculture, Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS). In turn, this requires closer collaboration amongst different divisions in the Secretariat. The case studies delivered during the Advanced Trade Policy Courses and the annual Workshop on Trade and Public Health – and the strong positive feedback received from participants, as well as the continuing high level of demand – confirm the successful implementation of this interdisciplinary approach.

5. Throughout the period under review, technical cooperation on TRIPS continued to also be delivered through information and advice provided directly to delegations in Geneva. In particular, following the February 2019 launch of the e-TRIPS Submission System, an online tool for WTO Members to submit notifications, review materials and reports related to the TRIPS Agreement, the Secretariat has provided on-demand training sessions regarding TRIPS transparency mechanisms and how to use the e-TRIPS Submission System. The Secretariat was also invited to deliver TRIPS-related sessions in study programmes, training courses, seminars and workshops in Geneva, in national capitals and in regional centres.

6. Complementarity and cooperation with other intergovernmental organizations continues to be ensured, as detailed in section 3 below. The Trilateral Study on "Promoting Access to Medical Technologies and Innovation" remains the main reference and comprehensive information resource to support a multidimensional approach in relation to the intersections between public health, trade and intellectual property.<sup>1</sup> The annual Workshop on Trade and Public Health, conducted in Geneva for the benefit of a diverse group of public health, trade and IP officials, exemplifies this interdisciplinary and holistic approach, which is also evident in growing demand for cross-cutting capacity building in this area at the regional and national levels.

## **2 SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, TRAINING COURSES AND OTHER TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES**

### **2.1 Geneva-based Activities**

7. The activity on IP and knowledge flows in a digital era was the first capacity building activity to acknowledge the transformation of the interplay among IP, trade and knowledge due to digital disruption. This transformation has given rise to the need to update developing country Members' understanding of the context for the disciplines of the TRIPS Agreement and IP systems within the framework of the digital environment. Its main objective was to familiarize participants with how the TRIPS Agreement, and other WTO rules, apply in the knowledge economy and in light of rapid advancements in digital technology. The activity also aimed at building participants' understanding of how technological changes have enhanced the means for cross-border knowledge flows through new forms of trade, including through the use of information and communication technologies, transformation of the content industries and global value chains.

8. The WTO also held the first Workshop on the Implementation of Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement (incentives to transfer technology to LDCs) to which involved capital-based delegates from LDCs were invited. The Reports from developed countries, the transparency mechanism under Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement, priority areas of technological development in LDCs, projects relevant to those priority areas and LDC experience with projects reported under Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement were the primary focus of the Workshop.

9. The annual Trade and Public Health Workshop focused on training and sharing experiences amongst officials from trade, IP and health authorities. The programme has continuously evolved towards a holistic approach. It was delivered in close collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). It benefited from

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news13\\_e/trip\\_05feb13\\_e.htm](https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news13_e/trip_05feb13_e.htm)

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contributions of experts from the three organizations, as well as from the United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD), civil society and the private sector. The use of case studies strengthened the analytical capacity of participants to address current issues at the crossroads of trade, IP and health policies and developed their decision-making processes.

10. The 16<sup>th</sup> WIPO-WTO Colloquium for Teachers of Intellectual Property from developing countries and economies in transition is part of the Secretariat's wider approach towards cooperation with the academic community. The overall objective is to build capacity on WTO matters, as a sustained resource for Members and Observers. The 2019 Colloquium updated university teachers of IP on the activities and instruments of both Organizations. It focused on important policy issues under negotiation or discussion. Additionally, speakers from the WHO and the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) enriched the programme with their interventions. Participating university teachers also made presentations on selected research topics. The significance and sustained impact of this activity is ensured by the resulting alumni network and the publishing of the Colloquium papers as a quality academic journal.<sup>2</sup> Colloquia and coordinated follow-up strengthen indigenous capacity both for teaching IP with an international and policy-rich perspective, and for analysing and assessing current IP policy issues.

11. The 11<sup>th</sup> WIPO-WTO Advanced Course on Intellectual Property continued to draw on the experience of the Colloquium, and applied a similar programme structure and pedagogic strategy. The target group were, however, government officials and public-sector policymakers. The course also applied the notion of gradual and progressive learning: in order to qualify for the course, the candidates had to have successfully completed the WTO eLearning TRIPS Course or possess commensurate knowledge or professional experience. Thus, the course was able to work from a truly advanced baseline and to explore cutting edge issues, such the intersection of artificial intelligence, IP and economic development, through an interactive debate and practical case studies, so as to strengthen participants' capacity to review policy options and their implications, and to learn from the wide range of practical experiences covered in the programme.

12. Since the February 2019 launch of the e-TRIPS Submission System, an online tool for WTO Members to submit notifications, review materials and reports related to the TRIPS Agreement, the WTO has held both informal ad hoc training sessions at Members' request and on the margins of the TRIPS Council meeting in June 2019. These informal sessions focused on TRIPS notification obligations, transparency mechanisms and how to use the e-TRIPS Submission System.

13. The WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (ITTC) organizes many activities that include a significant TRIPS component, such as the Advanced Trade Policy Courses, WTO Introduction for LDC Members, an LDC Priority Issues Course, and other events held in Geneva. The three Advanced Trade Policy Courses that took place during the reporting period incorporated: modules on selected TRIPS issues; a cross-cutting case study addressing trade, agriculture, SPS and IP policy; as well as a visit to WIPO, which provided an opportunity for participants to learn about that Organization, its treaties and activities.

## **2.2 Activities Outside Geneva**

14. The WTO organized two regional workshops on the intersection of trade, IP and health law and policy. The Regional Workshop on Public Health, Intellectual Property and Public Procurement for WAEMU Members, delivered in collaboration with the WHO, WIPO and WCO, focused on improving the understanding of key elements of a transparent, impartial and effective procurement regime and the link with access to medical technologies and medicines on a sustainable basis. In collaboration with the IMF Center for Economics and Finance, the WHO, WIPO and WTO jointly hosted the Regional Seminar on TRIPS for Arab government officials. The activity focused on proving the understanding of the links between trade agreements, IP and public health. The programmes for both regional workshops were developed to respond to the challenges identified in the region. In response to a demand by Members to build capacity to use the Special Compulsory Licensing System as an effective procurement tool, there were sessions in both programmes dedicated to the

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<sup>2</sup> Papers presented at the Colloquium of 2019 will be compiled and published by WIPO and the WTO and will be available online as an edited volume, intended to provide a resource for researchers and analysts covering contemporary IP and TRIPS issues from the perspective of a wide range of developing countries, and enabling to build the academic credentials of participants. This will be the 8th volume in a formal publication series.

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implementation and practical use of the System. The programme also included presentations by participants on their country experiences and best practices.

15. The WTO organized a national workshop devoted to IP and public health matters in Senegal. In line with the demand-driven nature of technical assistance, this activity responded to the specific needs identified by the requesting Member and the programme was developed jointly with the relevant authorities, as well as contributing partner Organizations, including the WIPO and WHO.

16. Broader WTO technical assistance activities outside Geneva have included a significant TRIPS component. For example, the Secretariat provided a comprehensive module on the TRIPS Agreement as part of WTO Regional Trade Policy Courses, which were organized in partnership with the École nationale supérieure de statistique et d'économie appliquée in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire; the University of Mauritius in Réduit, Mauritius; Colegio de Mexico in Mexico City, Mexico; Chulalongkorn University and the International Institute for Trade and Development in Bangkok, Thailand; and the University of The West Indies in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

17. The WTO also contributed to training activities by partner agencies which required close collaboration with the organizers. For example, the WTO jointly organized an activity in China on trade, technology innovation and IP. The WTO also participated in a national seminar organized by WIPO in the Kyrgyz Republic which focused on the patent system and pharmaceuticals. In addition, the WTO made comprehensive contributions to the Interregional Workshop on Copyright Enforcement organized by WIPO and the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Korea that was held in Seoul, Korea, in cooperation with the Korea Copyright Protection Agency, the Korea Copyright Commission, as well as the WTO. Other activities included the Conference on "Respect for IP – Growing from the Tip of Africa" held in Sandton, South Africa, which was jointly organized by the Government of South Africa, the WIPO, WCO, INTERPOL and the WTO.

### 2.3 eLearning

18. eLearning courses are the first step in the Progressive Learning Strategy<sup>3</sup> that has been implemented by the WTO. Currently, the WTO offers four courses related to TRIPS on its eLearning platform<sup>4</sup>: Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, as well as a Short Trip through TRIPS, Copyright in the WTO and Patents in the WTO. They were developed using modern pedagogical approaches and using instructional design methodologies. The learning material includes a wide variety of multimedia, interactive elements and exercises. From January to mid-September 2019, 353 participants had been accepted to take TRIPS eLearning courses.<sup>5</sup>

19. The courses are organized in English, French and Spanish all year round. Participants have online access to the course material, background documents, interactive sessions (webinars, chat sessions and discussion forum) as well as pre- and post-tests. Successful participants are awarded a certificate. They are assisted throughout the course by a trainer and a helpdesk. In the invitations to workshops and more advanced technical assistance activities on the TRIPS Agreement, the Secretariat has prioritised candidates having successfully completed the WTO TRIPS eLearning course.

## 3 COOPERATION WITH WIPO AND OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

20. The WTO Secretariat's technical cooperation in the area of TRIPS includes a wide range of coordination and cooperation with other intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), as well as contributions to programmes by other IGOs.

21. As provided for in the 1995 Cooperation Agreement between WIPO and WTO, cooperation between the two Organizations continues to be a key feature of TRIPS-related technical cooperation. The WIPO-WTO Joint Initiative on Technical Cooperation for least developed countries, launched in June 2001, further strengthened this collaboration.

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<sup>3</sup> [https://www.wto.org/english/tratop\\_e/devel\\_e/teccop\\_e/pls\\_e.pdf](https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/devel_e/teccop_e/pls_e.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://ecampus.wto.org/default.asp>

<sup>5</sup> Source: WTO eLearning database.

22. Trilateral collaboration with WIPO and WHO in the field of IP and public health continues to foster a better understanding of the linkage between public health, intellectual property and trade, more generally; and to enhance a mutually supportive implementation of the relevant policies in those areas. Work on public health matters regularly involves the participation of trilateral partners and other multilateral agencies, such as UNCTAD, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN OHCHR).

23. Partnerships with other key stakeholders have also been further developed, including the World Customs Organization (WCO), UNCTAD, the UNFCCC, UN OHCHR, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), UPOV, Interpol, regional organizations including the PAHO, the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), and a wide range of civil society and private sector associations, as well as experts from academia (notably regionally based experts drawn from the growing group of alumni from the Colloquium series).

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## ANNEX I

### TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN THE TRIPS AREA FROM 1 OCTOBER 2018 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

Activity	Date	Location	Description	Link for Further Details
Advanced Trade Policy Course (TRIPS/IP Modules) (English))	8 October – 30 November 2018	Geneva, Switzerland	The Advanced Trade Policy Course included a Module on Selected TRIPS Issues, as well as a cross-cutting case study covering trade, agriculture, SPS and TRIPS issues.	<a href="https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news18_e/tra_30nov18_e.htm">https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news18_e/tra_30nov18_e.htm</a>
Workshop on Global Trade, Technology Innovation and Intellectual Property	15-19 October 2018	Beijing, China	This activity on Global Trade, Technology Innovation and Intellectual Property was jointly organized by the WTO and the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (CATIEC), in cooperation with WIPO and sponsored by the China Federation of Industrial Economics (CFIE) and the Xiamen Municipal Government. It addressed IP policy and practice relating to innovation and trade within two sectors: the public health sector and the information and communication technology (ICT) sector.	
Regional Trade Policy Course for Asia and Pacific Members and Observers (TRIPS Module)	22 October – 14 December 2018	Bangkok, Thailand	The RTPC included sessions on topical TRIPS issues focused on trademarks, geographical indications, patents, undisclosed information, TRIPS and public health, as well as competition policy and government procurement. A case study on access to medicines was part of the programme.	<a href="https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news18_e/tech_22oct18_e.htm">https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news18_e/tech_22oct18_e.htm</a>
Conference on "Respect for IP – Growing from the Tip of Africa"	23-25 October 2018	Sandton, South Africa	Co-organized by South Africa's Companies and IP Commission, WIPO, WCO, WTO and Interpol, the conference highlighted cooperation as a central element to put a balanced IP regime in place that benefits both inventors and society.	

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Seminar on Intellectual Property and Knowledge Flows in a Digital Era	5-6 November 2018	Geneva, Switzerland	The Seminar on Intellectual Property and Knowledge Flows in a Digital Era addressed how technological changes have transformed trade and knowledge flows. Five main themes were covered by the seminar, including: mapping the interface between trade, intellectual property rules and knowledge flows; measuring trade in knowledge; the impact of knowledge flows on trade and development; policy, regulatory and legislative frameworks; and the way forward on trade rules and economic implications for cross-border knowledge flows.	<a href="https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news18_e/trip_08nov18_e.htm">https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news18_e/trip_08nov18_e.htm</a>
WTO National Training on Trade and Capacity building for Korean Government Officials (TRIPS/IP Module)	12-16 November 2018 & 8-12 July 2019	Geneva, Switzerland	The WTO National Training on Trade and Capacity Building for Korean Government Officials, which aimed at providing an in-depth overview of the WTO Agreements, included a module on the TRIPS Agreement.	
National Seminar on Exceptions and Limitations to Patent Rights Relating to Inventions in the Pharmaceutical Field organized by WIPO	15-16 November 2018	Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic	The aim of the Seminar was to enhance the knowledge of national authorities on various exceptions and limitations to patent rights in the pharmaceutical sector. WIPO invited WTO to participate in the seminar and deliver lectures on three topics TRIPS and trade-related topics.	

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Regional Seminar on TRIPS for Arab government officials, jointly organized by the WIPO, WHO and WTO, in collaboration with the IMF Center for Economics and Finance	18-21 November 2018	Kuwait City, Kuwait	The Regional Seminar on TRIPS for Arab government officials, jointly organized by the WIPO, WHO and WTO, in collaboration with the IMF Center for Economics and Finance focused on the interlinkages between health, IP and trade. The multidisciplinary programme was developed in close collaboration with WHO and WIPO and included a mix of lectures and case studies, followed by discussions and Q&R sessions. Participants came from health, trade and IP authorities in the region, representing the different disciplines that are needed in order to effectively deal with public health challenges.	
IP and Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference	30 January 2019 – 1 February 2019	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	The IP and Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference comprised presentations of empirical research papers from university professors and policy makers with a focus on IP law-related issues in Asia and distinct challenges for policymakers in developing countries in the region.	<a href="http://ipresearchersasia.org/">http://ipresearchersasia.org/</a>
Advanced Trade Policy Course (TRIPS/IP Modules) (English)	28 January – 22 March 2019	Geneva, Switzerland	The Advanced Trade Policy Course included a Module on Selected TRIPS Issues, as well as a cross-cutting case study covering trade, agriculture, SPS and TRIPS issues.	<a href="https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/tra_27mar19_e.htm">https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/tra_27mar19_e.htm</a>
Regional Trade Policy Course for the French-speaking African Members and Observers (TRIPS/IP Module)	18 February – 12 April 2019	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	The RTPC included sessions on topical TRIPS issues focused on trademarks, geographical indications, patents, undisclosed information, TRIPS and public health, as well as competition policy and government procurement. A case study on access to medicines was part of the programme.	<a href="https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/tra_19feb19_e.htm">https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/tra_19feb19_e.htm</a>
e-TRIPS Submission System informal training sessions	13 February 2019 – September 2019	Geneva, Switzerland, and remotely	Since the launch of the e-TRIPS Submission System to Members in February 2019, the Secretariat has conducted numerous informal training sessions, including ad-hoc and on demand one-one-one sessions with delegations and an informal session for all interested TRIPS delegates on the margins of the June 2019 TRIPS Council meeting.	<a href="https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/trips_e/trips_e.htm">https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/trips_e/trips_e.htm</a>



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Workshop on the Implementation of Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement (incentives to transfer technology to LDCs)	11-13 February 2019	Geneva, Switzerland	The Workshop on the Implementation of Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement (incentives to transfer technology to LDCs) focused on the Reports from developed countries, the transparency mechanism under Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement, priority areas of technological development in LDCs, projects relevant to those priority areas and LDC experience with projects reported in the TRIPS Article 66.2 were the prime focus of the Workshop.	
WIPO-WTO Advanced Course on Intellectual Property for Policymakers	11-22 March 2019	Geneva, Switzerland	The Advanced Course provided a platform to build up dialogue and establish a solid partnership between peers that will continue beyond the two-week course, putting national experiences and advice on best practices and strategies at the centre of the discussion. Its objective is to build the skills and knowledge required to work with other stakeholders at the national level and to update, design and harness IP systems in promoting economic and development goals.	<a href="https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/trip_29mar19_e.htm">https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/trip_29mar19_e.htm</a>
Interregional Workshop on Copyright Enforcement co-organized by WIPO, the Korean Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, Korea Copyright Protection Agency, Korea Copyright Commission and the WTO	25-29 March 2019	Seoul, Korea, Republic of	The workshop formed part of a series of interregional activities with a focus on copyright protection and enforcement in the online environment. It was co-hosted by WIPO and the Korean Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, in cooperation with the Korea Copyright Protection Agency, the Korea Copyright Commission, as well as the WTO. Participants came from the judiciary (judges, prosecutors) and IP offices. They represented countries from different regions (Asia, Latin America, Africa). The WTO Secretariat made presentations on TRIPS provisions in the area of IPR enforcement, the work in the TRIPS Council and other WTO bodies, WTO DS case law in the area of copyright and enforcement, as well relevant provisions in RTAs.	<a href="https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=51206">https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=51206</a>

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WTO Introductory Trade Policy Course for LDCs (TRIPS/IP Module)	29 April – 17 May 2019	Geneva, Switzerland	The course included a TRIPS/IP component, which focused on TRIPS provisions and issues most relevant to LDCs.	<a href="https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/tra_17may19_e.htm">https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/tra_17may19_e.htm</a>
Regional Trade Policy Course for English-speaking African Members and Observers (TRIPS/IP Module)	29 April – 21 June 2019	Réduit, Mauritius	The RTPC included sessions on topical TRIPS issues focused on trademarks, geographical indications, patents, undisclosed information, TRIPS and public health, as well as competition policy and government procurement. A case study on access to medicines was part of the programme.	<a href="https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/chair_13jun19_e.htm">https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/chair_13jun19_e.htm</a>
Regional Trade Policy Course for Caribbean Members and Observers (TRIPS/IP Module)	3 June – 26 July 2019	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago	The RTPC included sessions on topical TRIPS issues focused on trademarks, geographical indications, patents, undisclosed information, TRIPS and public health, as well as competition policy and government procurement. A case study on access to medicines was part of the programme.	<a href="https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/tra_20jun19_e.htm">https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/tra_20jun19_e.htm</a>
Advanced Trade Policy Course (TRIPS/IP Modules) (French))	3 June – 29 July 2019	Geneva, Switzerland	The Advanced Trade Policy Course included a Module on Selected TRIPS Issues, as well as a cross-cutting case study covering trade, agriculture, SPS and TRIPS issues.	<a href="https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/tra_13jun19_e.htm">https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/tra_13jun19_e.htm</a>
WIPO-WTO Colloquium for IP Teachers	17-29 June 2019	Geneva, Switzerland	The WIPO-WTO Colloquium for IP Teachers aimed at helping teachers from developing countries and economies in transition to become more aware of the Geneva institutions, negotiations and other activities concerning intellectual property law and policy and to strengthen their countries' independent research, policy analysis and teaching. The programme includes a wide range of IP policy and legal issues, such as IP and public health, IP and e-commerce, IP and biotechnology, IP and artificial intelligence, and IP and blockchain.	<a href="https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/trip_17jun19_e.htm">https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news19_e/trip_17jun19_e.htm</a>

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Regional Workshop on Public Health, Intellectual Property and Public Procurement for WAEMU Members	2-4 July 2019	Dakar, Senegal	The Regional Workshop on Public Health, Intellectual Property and Public Procurement for WAEMU Members focused on improving the understanding of key elements of a transparent, impartial and effective procurement regime and the link with accession medical technologies and medicines on a sustainable basis.	
Session 14 Side Event at Aid for Trade Global Review 2019: Trade in knowledge today – Rethinking the link between intellectual property, trade and development	3 July 2019	Geneva, Switzerland	This session focused on the need to take an approach to managing the technological, social and political disruptions today that involves all relevant stakeholders in the law and policymaking process.	<a href="https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/devel_e/a4t_e/gr19_e/gr19programme_e.htm">https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/devel_e/a4t_e/gr19_e/gr19programme_e.htm</a>
National Workshop on Public Health and Intellectual Property	5 July 2019	Dakar, Senegal	This activity focused on health, trade and IP issues in Senegal and involved close collaboration with the WHO and WIPO.	
Regional Trade Policy Course for the Latin American Members and Observers (TRIPS/IP Module)	29 July – 20 September 2019	Mexico City, Mexico	The RTPC included sessions on topical TRIPS issues focused on trademarks, geographical indications, patents, undisclosed information, TRIPS and public health, as well as competition policy and government procurement. A case study on access to medicines was part of the programme.	
Priority Issues of LDCs in the Multilateral Trading System (TRIPS/IP Module)	23-27 September 2019	Geneva, Switzerland	The Priority Issues of LDCs in the Multilateral Trading System Course focused on key LDC issues in the WTO, including a module on TRIPS and IP issues.	
WTO eLearning Courses on the TRIPS Agreement	1 October 2018 to 30 September 2019	Online	Four eLearning courses are available on the eLearning platform: Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, as well as a Short Trip through TRIPS, Copyright in the WTO and Patents in the WTO. The	<a href="https://ecampus.wto.org/default.asp">https://ecampus.wto.org/default.asp</a>

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