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WTO SECRETARIAT TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE TRIPS AREA

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At its meeting of 9 June 2021, the Council for TRIPS agreed to invite intergovernmental organization observers to the Council to update the information on their technical and financial cooperation programmes relating to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement.

This document reports on the technical cooperation activities concerning TRIPS that were undertaken between 1 October 2020 and 30 September 2021 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 Agreement), as well as contributions to other activities of a broader character, which have a significant IP or TRIPS component. It follows the previous report to the Council for TRIPS, contained in document IP/C/R/TC/WTO-OMC/1, dated 8 October 2020. This cover note provides a general overview. More information on 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 IP 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 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. Complementarity and cooperation with other intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) continues to be ensured in Secretariat technical assistance activities. In the spirit of an integrated approach to address the COVID-19 pandemic, the Directors-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the WTO agreed to enhance their support to Members battling COVID-19 through a number of initiatives, discussed in further detail in paragraph 21 below. One such initiative is a series of workshops to augment the flow of information

on the pandemic. The first workshop in the series entitled *Innovation in, and Access to, COVID-19 Technologies: Intellectual property licensing, technology transfer, and sharing of know-how and clinical trial information* was held in September 2021. It complemented earlier capacity building activities in the reporting period, organized in close collaboration with the WHO and WIPO Secretariats, including the Trade and Public Health Virtual Course with a Special Focus on the COVID-19 Pandemic; a WTO Health, IP and Trade Virtual Sub-Regional Workshop for Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Member States; and a WTO Technical Workshop: An Integrated Health, Trade and IP Approach to Address the COVID-19 Pandemic. These activities exemplify this collaborative and integrated approach, which is also evident in growing demand for cross-cutting capacity building in this area at the regional and national levels.

4. Among the more recent developments, through the Trade and Public Health Virtual Course, the WTO delivered the first virtual, multidisciplinary capacity building programme for government officials on trade and public health with a special focus on the COVID-19 pandemic. As with the previous face-to-face workshops, the five-week course was delivered in close collaboration with the secretariats of the WHO and the WIPO. It followed the approach developed in the 2nd Edition of the WHO-WIPO-WTO Trilateral Study, "Promoting Access to Medical Technologies and Innovation: Intersections between Public Health, Intellectual Property and Trade", published in 2020, including specific information on responses to the pandemic. Further, in 2021, to foster the dialogue between developed and least-developed country (LDCs) Members and to promote the use of transparency mechanisms, the Secretariat organized, in close collaboration with institutional partners, a virtual workshop on incentives for technology transfer to LDCs under Article 66.2 the TRIPS Agreement. The workshop focused on four specific fields of technology transfer critical for sustainable development, namely health, agriculture, the environment and information and communications technology.

5. 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 in response 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. Moreover, technical assistance addresses the practical needs of policymakers to understand the interface between the TRIPS Agreement and other WTO Agreements, such as the Agreement on Agriculture, Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS), as well as with broader system-wide issues such as technology transfer, the environment, standards, the digital economy, and the links between trade and health. In turn, this requires closer collaboration amongst different divisions in the Secretariat. The content delivered during thematic and multidisciplinary activities which took place during the reporting period – 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.

6. Throughout the period under review, TRIPS-related technical assistance continued to include training on TRIPS-related transparency mechanisms and monitoring. 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.

7. In order to effectively respond to Members' and observers' demand for further tailored technical assistance, in the context of a number of activities, the Secretariat continued to survey participants to gain insight on priority needs for technical capacity building. Survey results in turn helped shape the content, design and delivery of technical assistance activities.

8. The Secretariat was also invited to deliver TRIPS-related sessions in study programmes, training courses, seminars and workshops that were convened by a range of partners based in Geneva, in national capitals and in regional centres.

2 TECHNICAL COOPERATION RESOURCES

9. Throughout the reporting period, the WTO produced an array of capacity building materials. For instance, video recordings of webinars to commemorate 25 years of the TRIPS Agreement explored IP-related economic and statistical issues, cross-cutting topics such as biotechnology and biodiversity, as well as emerging areas including trade in knowledge and digital products within the international IP system and the TRIPS Agreement. A new information resource on the WTO website was also launched on TRIPS, the intellectual property system and COVID-19. Furthermore, within the context of the Trade and Public Health Virtual Course with a Special Focus on the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2021, the Secretariat made available background material and videos of the four livestreamed webinars.

10. The Secretariat published a WTO Staff Research Paper "Patent-related actions taken in WTO members in response to the COVID-19 pandemic", which provides an overview of the patent landscape of medical treatments and technologies related to COVID-19, and of the patent status of two investigational medical treatments: remdesivir and lopinavir/ritonavir. It also presents various patent-related actions taken by legislators, policymakers, industry sectors and civil society organizations in WTO Members since the outbreak. Furthermore, it elaborates on patent-related policy options provided by the TRIPS Agreement, and WTO Members' national implementation and utilization of these options in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic

11. In September 2021, the WTO, WHO and WIPO launched an updated version of the Executive Distance Learning Course on Access to Medical Technologies and Innovation. This self-study distance learning course, a key element of the trilateral cooperation among the WTO, WHO and WIPO, is based on the above-mentioned second edition of the WHO-WIPO-WTO Trilateral Study. The course addresses the interplay of public health, IP and international trade, and is aimed at technical professionals and health, trade or IP policymakers. The WTO, WHO and WIPO Secretariats also concluded an update of "An Integrated Health, Trade and Intellectual Property Approach to Respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic", which maps the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to the integrated health, trade and IP policy framework set out in the second edition of the WHO-WIPO-WTO Trilateral Study. In addition, the Secretariats of the WTO and WIPO launched a book on competition policy and IP in today's global economy, which was established to provide an updated platform for technical assistance in this area in response to continuing demand. For instance, 108 officials from 41 Members and observers took part in a WTO e-Seminar on Competition Policy, Trade and Development in July 2021 which enhanced understanding of the complementarities of competition and trade policies and their combined use in support of economic development, with particular reference to the WTO covered agreements, including the TRIPS Agreement.

12. The e-TRIPS Submission System, an optional online tool for WTO Members to submit notifications, review materials and reports related to the TRIPS Agreement, and the e-TRIPS Gateway, a database of the full range of TRIPS-related information managed by the Secretariat, continued to serve as key resources in technical cooperation activities involving TRIPS transparency mechanisms and monitoring, and the Secretariat actively supported a wide range of delegations and capital-based officials in making full use of these resources.

13. During the reporting period the Secretariat continued to create new and refine existing capacity building materials, including case studies, questionnaires, video recordings and presentations.

3 TRIPS-RELATED SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, TRAINING COURSES AND OTHER TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

14. In commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the TRIPS Agreement, and to illustrate the evolution and diversity of the Agreement's implementation into domestic law and policy in order to achieve public policy goals, the Secretariat held a series of virtual activities on various thematic issues which commenced in November 2020. The series comprised five webinars focused on the economics of IP and trade-related perspectives; TRIPS and competition; TRIPS and trade in knowledge; the TRIPS Agreement, biotechnology and biodiversity; and a reflection on the legal and institutional development and impact of the TRIPS Agreement over 25 years.

15. In response to the continuing demand for thematic and interdisciplinary technical assistance, the Secretariat designed and delivered in close coordination with partners a number of global virtual

activities focused on public health, IP and trade policy during the reporting period. In October 2020, the virtual WTO Technical Workshop: An Integrated Health, Trade and IP Approach to Address the COVID-19 Pandemic focused on health systems, IP regimes and trade policy settings. The five-week long WTO Trade and Public Health Virtual Course with a Special Focus on the COVID-19 Pandemic in May-June 2021, including four live webinars as an integral component, incorporated over 35 expert trainers from international organizations, government, civil society, academia and the private sector. The four live webinars explored the dissemination of health technologies, perspectives on access to medical technologies, delivering medical technologies and vaccines to end users and regulatory cooperation during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Virtual Course addressed a range of areas, including public health, IP, innovation and access to health technologies, international trade and regulatory issues.

16. Since 2018, with the participation of capital-based experts from LDCs, the Secretariat has organised an annual workshop on the implementation of Article 66.2: incentive for technology transfer to LDCs. The Secretariat has made continuous efforts to improve the value and impact of this annual dialogue between LDC Members and developed country Members. In 2021, under the guidance of LDC Members, for the first time, the Workshop was devoted to four specific fields of technology transfer critical for sustainable development, yet are disseminated in different ways; namely, the fields of health, agriculture, environment and information and communication technology. Also for the first time, the Secretariat developed survey questionnaires on LDC needs and priorities for technology transfer with a view to assisting Members with their understanding of current areas of priority for technological development in LDCs, projects that are relevant to these areas of technology transfer and LDCs' experience with projects reported under Article 66.2. The Secretariat prepared a summary on 604 technology transfer programmes reported by nine developed country Members from 2018 to 2020 with a focus on the four above-mentioned fields of technologies. The summary gave detailed information on the main providing Members, the main LDC beneficiaries and the geographical distribution of these programmes. The detailed summary was also introduced to the Members in the workshop.

17. The Secretariat continued to deliver technical assistance at the national and sub-regional level during the reporting period. A TRIPS National Workshop for Uzbekistan in Collaboration with the International Trade Centre (ITC), organized close coordination with the WIPO Secretariat, responded to a request from Uzbekistan in relation to its accession process; the virtual workshop discussed an overview of TRIPS obligations and flexibilities with a focus on TRIPS Agreement enforcement standards. A virtual training on an Introduction to Intellectual Property and the TRIPS Agreement for Curaçao was held at Curaçao's request in relation to its accession process. At the sub-regional level, the WTO Health, IP and Trade Virtual Sub-Regional Workshop for ECOWAS Member States was also delivered during the reporting period. The workshop covered the public health context in the region, the role of the IP system and trade-related policies and measures.

18. 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 and *ad hoc* training sessions at Members' request.

4 WTO TRADE-RELATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH A TRIPS COMPONENT

19. The WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (ITTC) organizes many activities that include a significant TRIPS component. The Secretariat provided a comprehensive module on the TRIPS Agreement as part of the three WTO Regional Trade Policy Courses held during the reporting period: for Caribbean Members and observers, Arab and Middle Eastern Members and observers and English-Speaking African Members and observers. Additional WTO trade-related technical assistance activities with a significant TRIPS component included the WTO Virtual Executive Trade Course, induction for WTO internship and trainee programmes, Virtual Introductory Trade Policy Course for LDCs and live WTO e-Learning sessions.

20. WTO eLearning courses are the first step in the Progressive Learning Strategy that has been implemented by the WTO. Currently, the WTO offers four courses related to TRIPS on its 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. 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, 324 participants had been accepted to take TRIPS eLearning courses. The WTO

Secretariat also held a WTO eLearning presentation and live Q&A session focused on TRIPS during the reporting period.

21. WTO eLearning 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 in the eLearning courses 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 a WTO TRIPS eLearning course.

5 COOPERATION WITH IGOS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS

22. The Secretariat's technical cooperation in the area of TRIPS includes a wide range of coordination and cooperation with other IGOs, as well as other institutions.

23. Trilateral Cooperation with the WIPO and WHO Secretariats, as referred to in paragraph 3 above, in the fields of public health, IP and trade continues to foster a better understanding of the linkages among these policy areas, and to enhance a mutually supportive implementation of relevant policies. In June 2021, the Directors-General of the WHO, the WIPO and the WTO agreed to build further on the long-standing commitment to WHO-WIPO-WTO Trilateral Cooperation that aims to support and assist all countries as they seek to assess and implement sustainable and integrated solutions to public health challenges. Within this existing cooperative framework, they agreed to enhance and focus the organizations' support in the context of the COVID-pandemic through two specific initiatives. First, to collaborate on the organization of practical, capacity-building workshops to enhance the flow of updated information on current developments in the pandemic and responses to achieve equitable access to COVID-19 health technologies. Second, to implement a joint platform for trilateral technical assistance to countries relating to their needs for COVID-19 medical technologies, providing a one-stop shop that will make available the full range of expertise on access, IP and trade matters provided by our organizations, and other partners, in a coordinated and systematic manner. The Directors-General stated that these initiatives will also be underpinned by joint efforts to collect and make accessible robust and inclusive data needed to guide an effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This will include a periodical update of the overview of COVID-19-related developments that are mapped in a key resource for trilateral cooperation, the second edition of the WHO-WIPO-WTO Trilateral Study.

24. Work on public health matters regularly involves the participation of trilateral partners and other multilateral agencies in the context of the UN Interagency Task Force on Non-Communicable Diseases, for example.

25. 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.

26. Partnerships with other key stakeholders have also been further developed, including the ITC, United Nations Technology Bank for LDCs, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), and regional organizations including the ECOWAS Commission, in addition to 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 WTO-WIPO Colloquium series).

27. The peer-reviewed academic journal, the WIPO-WTO Colloquium Papers, building on the Colloquium series, has served to strengthen scholarship and dialogue on development and other policy issues across the developing world; in 2020 it was relaunched in more accessible online format giving ready access to and recognition of contributions by some 130 scholars from 64 countries across the globe.

ANNEX[1]

Name of programme or project	WIPO-PRV Advanced Training Program on "Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources - in Support of Innovation"
Date and end date	20 October 2020 - 20 October 2020
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	
Brief description	The WTO was asked to contribute a presentation on "An Overview of the World Trade Organization and the TRIPS Agreement" within the framework of the WIPO-PRV Advanced Training Program on "Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources - in Support of Innovation".
Beneficiary institution or audience	The main target groups of the international training program are policymakers and their advisers as well as government sector decision-makers, universities, research organizations, the private sector or farming organizations involved in issues of intellectual property in relation to genetic resources.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO; Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV); WTO.
Outputs or impact	The main objective of the program is to build capacity on the use of intellectual property systems in relation to genetic resources to the best advantage of genetic resource stakeholders and in support of innovation as a contributing factor to increased economic growth and reduction of poverty.
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/tk/en/news/tk/2020/news_0008.html
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

[1] In English only.

Name of programme or project	WTO Technical Workshop: An integrated Health, Trade and IP approach to address the COVID-19 pandemic
Date and end date	21 October 2020 - 21 October 2020
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Andorra; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Australia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Kingdom of Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belarus; Belgium; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Canada; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Comoros; Congo; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Croatia; Cuba; Curaçao; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Denmark; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Estonia; Eswatini; Ethiopia; European Union; Fiji; Finland; France; Gabon; The Gambia; Georgia; Germany; Ghana; Greece; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran; Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Republic of Korea; the State of Kuwait; Kyrgyz Republic; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Latvia; Lebanese Republic; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Macao, China; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Malta; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Republic of Moldova; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Romania; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Sao Tomé and Principe; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Sweden; Switzerland; Syrian Arab Republic; The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Tajikistan; Tanzania; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe
Brief description	The WTO Secretariat held on 21 October 2020 the technical workshop on "An Integrated Health, Trade and Intellectual Property Approach to Address the COVID-19 Pandemic". The workshop, intended for policymakers, aimed at building capacity to assess domestic health systems, intellectual property regimes and trade policy settings to use these tools effectively in an integrated and coherent way to respond to the pandemic. It also offered participants an opportunity to identify and consider their priority capacity-building needs.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials from WTO Members and Observers with responsibilities for public health, trade and IP fields.

Name of programme or project	WTO Technical Workshop: An integrated Health, Trade and IP approach to address the COVID-19 pandemic
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.
Outputs or impact	Gauged capacity building needs and priorities of Members and observers to deal with public health challenges and to promote the development, manufacture and dissemination of COVID-19 critical health technologies, and thus to assist the development and implementation of further, more tailored technical assistance activities.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news20_e/heal_21oct20_e.htm
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	Online Regional Trade Policy Course (e-RTPC) for Caribbean Members and Observers of the WTO - TRIPS Agreement/Government Procurement Module
Date and end date	26 October 2020 - 30 October 2020
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Antigua and Barbuda; Bahamas; Barbados; Belize; Cuba; Curaçao; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Grenada; Guyana; Haiti; Jamaica; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Trinidad and Tobago
Brief description	The curriculum of the e-RTPC covers the WTO Agreements, the organization's rules and procedures, and regional trade policy issues. It includes a module on the TRIPS Agreement and government procurement.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.
Outputs or impact	The objectives of the e-RTPC are: 1) Deepening participants' understanding of the WTO Agreements and the functioning of the WTO, its rules and procedures; 2) Strengthening participants' capacity to access WTO information resources and the ability to find relevant provisions in the WTO legal texts; and, 3) Enhanced participants' understanding of relevant trade policy issues in their regional context.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news20_e/tech_10aug20_e.htm
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	TRIPS@25 – Virtual Symposium: Celebrating 25 years of the TRIPS Agreement
Date and end date	24 November 2020 - 24 November 2020
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Andorra; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Australia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Kingdom of Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belarus; Belgium; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Canada; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Comoros; Congo; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Croatia; Cuba; Curaçao; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Denmark; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Estonia; Eswatini; Ethiopia; European Union; Fiji; Finland; France; Gabon; The Gambia; Georgia; Germany; Ghana; Greece; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Holy See; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran; Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Republic of Korea; the State of Kuwait; Kyrgyz Republic; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Latvia; Lebanese Republic; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Macao, China; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Malta; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Republic of Moldova; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Romania; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Sao Tomé and Principe; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Sweden; Switzerland; Syrian Arab Republic; The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Tajikistan; Tanzania; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe
Brief description	This virtual Symposium reflected on the legal and institutional development and impact of the TRIPS Agreement over 25 years.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials (also publicly livestreamed).
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.
Outputs or impact	Increased awareness of the different aspects of the implementation and operation of the TRIPS Agreement and provided a current view on TRIPS and the multilateral IP system in the broad fields of development, digitization and new technologies.

Name of programme or project	TRIPS@25 – Virtual Symposium: Celebrating 25 years of the TRIPS Agreement
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/trips_e/trips_at25_e.htm
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	WIPO Virtual Sub-regional meeting on IP, Innovation and Public Health for selected Arab Countries
Date and end date	30 November 2020 - 1 December 2020
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Algeria; Kingdom of Bahrain; Egypt; Iraq; Jordan; the State of Kuwait; Lebanese Republic; Mauritania; Morocco; Oman; Qatar; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Sudan; Syrian Arab Republic; Tunisia; United Arab Emirates
Brief description	This activity, organized by the WIPO in cooperation with the Egyptian Patent Office (EgPO), WHO and WTO, focused on the interface between health, trade and intellectual property; the WTO TRIPS Agreement and public health; the regional public health context: overview and determinants for access; the patent system; general discussion on country experiences; health regulation and substandard and falsified health technologies; and health-related provisions in bilateral and regional trade agreements.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO; WHO; WTO.
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/tad/en/activitydetails.jsp?id=21752
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	TRIPS National Workshop for Uzbekistan in Collaboration with the International Trade Centre
Date and end date	30 November 2020 - 2 December 2020
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Uzbekistan
Brief description	This national workshop on the TRIPS Agreement, at Uzbekistan's request, was designed to build its capacity to implement the TRIPS Agreement in advance of its foreseen accession to the WTO. In addition to providing an overview of TRIPS obligations and flexibilities, it offered more in-depth discussions of TRIPS enforcement standards and IP-related questions raised by Members in the Accession Working Group.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO; ITC; WIPO.
Outputs or impact	Enhanced understanding of intellectual property protection and the TRIPS Agreement and their relationship with key areas of public policy, and TRIPS enforcement standards and their incorporation into domestic law and practice.
Website for further information	https://tamis.wto.org/node/9039
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	Peking University Law School WTO Staff presentation on patents and TRIPS issues related to COVID-19
Date and end date	1 December 2020 - 1 December 2020
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	China
Brief description	The WTO's contribution to this activity included a presentation in a dedicated seminar on the issue of patents and public health. The presentation covered WTO Staff Working Paper "Patent-related actions taken in WTO members in response to the COVID-19 pandemic".
Beneficiary institution or audience	Academics and students from Peking University, and government officials from The China National Intellectual Property Administration and The Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	Peking University Law School; WTO.
Outputs or impact	Gained increased awareness of empirical research and analysis on emerging IP-related issues.
Website for further information	
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	Introduction to Intellectual Property and the TRIPS Agreement: Training for Curaçao
Date and end date	22 January 2021 - 22 January 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Curaçao
Brief description	The training comprised an introduction to the TRIPS Agreement.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.
Outputs or impact	Enhanced understanding of the TRIPS Agreement in relation to Curaçao's WTO accession process.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/acc_e/cuw_e/a1_curacao_e.htm
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	Induction Programme for WTO Young Professionals - TRIPS Session
Date and end date	28 January 2021 - 28 January 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	
Brief description	The Induction Programme comprised the following sessions: an overview of the WTO; resources and databases; legal and economic underpinnings; market access issues: goods; agriculture; standards and regulations; WTO rules & development; trade in services; intellectual property rights, government procurement and competition policy; regional trade agreements; and dispute settlement.
Beneficiary institution or audience	WTO Young Professionals.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.
Outputs or impact	The aim of the Induction Programme was to: enhance the Young Professionals' knowledge and understanding of the functioning of the WTO; increase autonomy to work on WTO issues by strengthening capacity to access and utilize WTO information resources and the WTO Legal Texts; and better the Young Professionals' understanding of the current State of Play in the WTO.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/vacan_e/ypp_e.htm
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	WTO Virtual Executive Trade Course: Module on the intersection between public health and IP, government procurement and competition policy (including linkages relevant to COVID-19)
Date and end date	8 February 2021 - 12 February 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Kingdom of Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belarus; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Comoros; Congo; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Cuba; Curaçao; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Eswatini; Ethiopia; Fiji; Gabon; The Gambia; Georgia; Ghana; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Iran; Iraq; Israel; Jamaica; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Republic of Korea; the State of Kuwait; Kyrgyz Republic; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lebanese Republic; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Macao, China; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Republic of Moldova; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Qatar; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Sao Tomé and Principe; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Syrian Arab Republic; The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Tajikistan; Tanzania; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe
Brief description	The course examined linkages between WTO rules and governments' trade policies and looks into how trade can promote economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. It included a module the intersection between public health and IP, government procurement and competition policy (including linkages relevant to COVID-19).
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.
Outputs or impact	Increased participants' understanding and knowledge on various aspects of the multilateral trading system and the work of the WTO, including the effects of COVID-19 on trade.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news21_e/tech_04feb21_e.htm

Name of programme or project	WTO Virtual Executive Trade Course: Module on the intersection between public health and IP, government procurement and competition policy (including linkages relevant to COVID-19)
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	TRIPS@25 – Webinar on Patents, Biotechnology and Biodiversity
Date and end date	12 February 2021 - 12 February 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Andorra; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Australia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Kingdom of Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belarus; Belgium; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Canada; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Comoros; Congo; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Croatia; Cuba; Curaçao; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Denmark; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Estonia; Eswatini; Ethiopia; European Union; Fiji; Finland; France; Gabon; The Gambia; Georgia; Germany; Ghana; Greece; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Holy See; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran; Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Republic of Korea; the State of Kuwait; Kyrgyz Republic; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Latvia; Lebanese Republic; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Macao, China; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Malta; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Republic of Moldova; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Romania; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Sao Tomé and Principe; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Sweden; Switzerland; Syrian Arab Republic; The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Tajikistan; Tanzania; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe
Brief description	This webinar discussed the role of TRIPS implementation from the perspective of the biotechnology field, covering agricultural, environmental and health dimensions, and the practical linkage with biodiversity measures.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials (and publicly livestreamed).
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.
Outputs or impact	Increased awareness of TRIPS issues relating to biotechnology and biodiversity.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/trips_e/trips_at25_e.htm

Name of programme or project	TRIPS@25 – Webinar on Patents, Biotechnology and Biodiversity
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	Online Regional Trade Policy Course (e-RTPC) for Arab and Middle Eastern Members and Observers of the WTO - TRIPS Agreement/Government Procurement Module
Date and end date	22 February 2021 - 26 February 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Algeria; Kingdom of Bahrain; Comoros; Djibouti; Egypt; Iraq; Jordan; the State of Kuwait; Lebanese Republic; Libya; Mauritania; Morocco; Oman; Qatar; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Somalia; Sudan; Syrian Arab Republic; Tunisia; United Arab Emirates; Yemen
Brief description	The curriculum of the e-RTPC covers the WTO Agreements, the organization's rules and procedures, and regional trade policy issues. It includes a module on the TRIPS Agreement and government procurement.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.
Outputs or impact	The objectives of the e-RTPC are: 1) Deepening participants' understanding of the WTO Agreements and the functioning of the WTO, its rules and procedures; 2) Strengthening participants' capacity to access WTO information resources and the ability to find relevant provisions in the WTO legal texts; and, 3) Enhanced participants' understanding of relevant trade policy issues in their regional context.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news20_e/tech_16dec20_e.htm
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	WTO Workshop on the Implementation of Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement: Incentives for technology transfer to LDCs
Date and end date	2 March 2021 - 10 March 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Afghanistan; Angola; Bangladesh; Benin; Bhutan; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cambodia; Central African Republic; Chad; Comoros; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Djibouti; Ethiopia; The Gambia; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Haiti; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lesotho; Liberia; Madagascar; Malawi; Mali; Mauritania; Mozambique; Myanmar; Nepal; Niger; Rwanda; Sao Tomé and Principe; Senegal; Sierra Leone; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Sudan; Sudan; Tanzania; Timor-Leste; Togo; Uganda; Vanuatu; Yemen; Zambia
Brief description	The WTO Secretariat organized the 2021 Workshop on the Implementation of Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement in Geneva, on 2-4 and 10 March 2021 to enable LDC Members and Observers to analyse and enhance the benefits of the transparency mechanism concerning technology transfer measures under Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement (as established by the Decision of the Council for TRIPS (WTO document IP/C/28) in line with the direction given by WTO Members in the Doha Ministerial Decision on Implementation-related issues and concerns (WT/MIN(01)/17)). The Workshop comprised two segments: a workshop segment and an ensuing reporting and review segment within the TRIPS Council's formal meeting, which together aim to promote dialogue and coordination between developed country Members reporting technology transfer incentives under Article 66.2, and their intended beneficiaries, the LDC Members. The Workshop also provided an opportunity to improve the use of this transparency mechanism on incentives for transfer of technology, so as to respond more effectively to the technological needs identified by LDCs. The Workshop was based on the Article 66.2 reports submitted by developed country Members in 2020 (circulated in document IP/C/R/TTI series), the WTO's current work on trade and technology transfer, and LDCs' priority needs, particularly in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO; ITU; UNCTAD; United Nations Technology Bank for LDCs; WHO; WIPO.
Outputs or impact	The purpose of the workshop was threefold: to facilitate communication between LDC members and developed country members; to promote the effective implementation of Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement on technology transfer to LDCs; and to enable LDCs to create a sound and viable technological base essential for addressing current and future challenges.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news21_e/tech_18mar21_e.htm
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	WTO Health, IP and Trade Virtual Sub-Regional Workshop for Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Member States
Date and end date	22 March 2021 - 29 March 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Benin; Burkina Faso; Cabo Verde; Côte d'Ivoire; The Gambia; Ghana; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Liberia; Mali; Niger; Nigeria; Senegal; Sierra Leone; Togo
Brief description	Nigeria on behalf of ECOWAS requested this regional workshop on health, intellectual property and trade for the benefit of government officials from ECOWAS member States in addition to ECOWAS Secretariat officials. The workshop took place on 22-23 and 29 March 2021. The activity was designed to enhance officials' capacity to undertake a coherent and integrated approach to their health, intellectual property and trade policymaking efforts. It provided an overview of the public health context in the region, the role of IPRs in innovation of and access to health technologies and other trade-related determinants in access to health technologies. The workshop also included a session on technical assistance priority needs for health, intellectual property and trade capacity building which comprised a roundtable with a focus on policymaking in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as an exchange with participants on their capacity building needs.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO; WHO; WIPO; ECOWAS Commission.
Outputs or impact	Enhanced participants' understanding of the public health situation in ECOWAS member states; the TRIPS Agreement, the Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health, and the international patent system as they relate to public health; the range of other trade-related determinants of public health; and helped assist participants to consider their priority needs for technical assistance for their health, intellectual property and trade-related policymaking efforts, including in the context of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news21_e/heal_29mar21_e.htm
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	Third IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Conference on 24-27 March 2021
Date and end date	24 March 2021 - 27 March 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	
Brief description	This activity forms part of the WTO's long-running collaboration with the academic community with the main purpose of strengthening the academic community's contribution to the IP and trade policymaking process. The activity consisted of presentations and exchange of views during virtual sessions on 24-27 March 2021 of empirical research papers from university professors and policy makers with a focus on IP law-related issues in Asia, with a particular focus on distinct challenges for policymakers in developing countries in the region.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials, academics and other stakeholders.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO; WTO; International Islamic University Malaysia; Universitas Indonesia; Nanyang Technological University; Texas A&M University School of Law; University of Geneva.
Outputs or impact	Gained increased awareness of empirical research and analysis on emerging IP-related issues in developing countries, with a focus on the Asian region. Exchanged views, best practices and ideas with respect to enhancing the interaction among IP policy-makers and the academic community regarding the development of IP and trade policy-making.
Website for further information	https://ipresearchersasia.org/annual-conference/
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	National Seminar on Notifications Requirements - TRIPS Notifications Session
Date and end date	25 March 2021 - 25 March 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Djibouti
Brief description	Participants representing different government ministries and departments were provided with an overview of the main notification obligations in the following areas: agriculture, market access, SPS, TBT, IDB, services, TRIPS, and trade remedies.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	https://tamis.wto.org/node/9091
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	TRIPS@25 – Webinar: TRIPS and Trade in Knowledge
Date and end date	20 April 2021 - 20 April 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Andorra; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Australia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Kingdom of Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belarus; Belgium; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Canada; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Comoros; Congo; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Croatia; Cuba; Curaçao; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Denmark; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Estonia; Eswatini; Ethiopia; European Union; Fiji; Finland; France; Gabon; The Gambia; Georgia; Germany; Ghana; Greece; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Holy See; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran; Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Republic of Korea; the State of Kuwait; Kyrgyz Republic; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Latvia; Lebanese Republic; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Macao, China; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Malta; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Republic of Moldova; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Romania; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Sao Tomé and Principe; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Sweden; Switzerland; Syrian Arab Republic; The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Tajikistan; Tanzania; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe
Brief description	This webinar discussed trade in knowledge within the framework of TRIPS – the growth and diversity of trade in digital products as defined by intellectual property rights, trade on digital platforms, and the knowledge component of global value chains. It covered how intellectual property and licensing practices define and enable trade in digital products, how they support trade on digital platforms, as well as the question of coherence with the overall trading system.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials (also publicly livestreamed).
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.

Name of programme or project	TRIPS@25 – Webinar: TRIPS and Trade in Knowledge
Outputs or impact	Increased awareness of trade in knowledge and in digital products within the framework of the TRIPS Agreement.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/trips_e/trips_at25_e.htm
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	University of Turin 2020/2021 Edition of the Master of Laws in Intellectual Property - Module on Dispute Settlement within the WTO System
Date and end date	21 April 2021 - 21 April 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	
Brief description	The programme is a Master of Laws in Intellectual Property (LLM) of the University of Turin, WIPO and ILO International Training Centre.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Students.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	University of Turn; ILO International Training Centre; WIPO; WTO.
Outputs or impact	
Website for further information	https://www.itcilo.org/courses/master-laws-intellectual-property
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	Induction for WTO Netherlands Trainee Programme (NTP) - Introduction to the TRIPS Agreement and Intellectual Property Rights Module
Date and end date	22 April 2021 - 22 April 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Afghanistan; Bhutan; Botswana; Cameroon; Ecuador; Guatemala; Kyrgyz Republic; Lesotho; Malawi; Mauritania; Myanmar; Namibia; Pakistan; Saint Lucia; South Sudan; Tanzania
Brief description	The aim of the NTP is to assist in the economic and social development of LDCs, low-income countries and comparable poor small and vulnerable economies in areas related to trade policy. It provides capital-based mid-level public officials, with a minimum of five years of working experience on WTO issues with the opportunity to learn more about matters dealt with in the WTO, under the direction of staff members of the WTO Secretariat. The 2021 induction programme for trainees included a module covering an introduction to the TRIPS Agreement and intellectual property rights.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.
Outputs or impact	Government officials have enhanced knowledge about the WTO Agreements, formulation of trade policies and conduct of trade negotiations.
Website for further information	https://tamis.wto.org/node/9030; https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/devel_e/train_e/netherlands_prog_e.htm
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	Presentation of Staff Working Paper "Patent-related actions taken in WTO members in response to the COVID-19 pandemic" at ETH Zurich's "Introduction to IP" for engineering graduates class
Date and end date	27 April 2021 - 27 April 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	
Brief description	This activity forms part of the WTO's long-running collaboration with the academic community with the main purpose of strengthening the academic community's contribution to the IP and trade policymaking process. The WTO's contribution to this activity consisted of a presentation on the WTO Staff Working Paper "Patent-related actions taken in WTO members in response to the COVID-19 pandemic".
Beneficiary institution or audience	Academics.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.
Outputs or impact	Gained increased awareness of empirical research and analysis on emerging IP-related issues.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/res_e/reser_e/ersd202012_e.htm
Contact point for further information	ipd@wto.org

Name of programme or project	TRIPS@25 – Webinar: TRIPS and Competition
Date and end date	29 April 2021 - 29 April 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Andorra; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Australia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Kingdom of Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belarus; Belgium; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Canada; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Comoros; Congo; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Croatia; Cuba; Curaçao; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Denmark; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Estonia; Eswatini; Ethiopia; European Union; Fiji; Finland; France; Gabon; The Gambia; Georgia; Germany; Ghana; Greece; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Holy See; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran; Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Republic of Korea; the State of Kuwait; Kyrgyz Republic; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Latvia; Lebanese Republic; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Macao, China; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Malta; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Republic of Moldova; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Romania; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Sao Tomé and Principe; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Sweden; Switzerland; Syrian Arab Republic; The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Tajikistan; Tanzania; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe
Brief description	This webinar launched the publication "Competition Policy and Intellectual Property in Today's Global Economy". This volume responds to the active engagement, policy development and practical implementation of measures to bolster a positive linkage between intellectual property and competition in jurisdictions around the world, including in the BRICS and other major developing and transition economies, and in developed jurisdictions. It surveys developments and policy issues in this area from an international and comparative perspective.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials (also publicly livestreamed).
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.

Name of programme or project	TRIPS@25 – Webinar: TRIPS and Competition
Outputs or impact	To increase awareness of the linkages and policy developments regarding intellectual property and competition.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/trips_e/trips_at25_e.htm
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	Trade and Public Health Virtual Course with a Special Focus on the COVID-19 Pandemic
Date and end date	3 May 2021 - 30 June 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Kingdom of Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belarus; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Comoros; Congo; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Cuba; Curaçao; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Eswatini; Ethiopia; Fiji; Gabon; The Gambia; Georgia; Ghana; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Iran; Iraq; Israel; Jamaica; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Republic of Korea; the State of Kuwait; Kyrgyz Republic; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lebanese Republic; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Macao, China; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Republic of Moldova; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Qatar; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Sao Tomé and Principe; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Syrian Arab Republic; The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Tajikistan; Tanzania; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe

Name of programme or project	Trade and Public Health Virtual Course with a Special Focus on the COVID-19 Pandemic
Brief description	The Virtual Course on Trade and Public Health responded to Members' priorities for technical assistance in this area. Adapted to the online environment from the earlier, successful series of face-to-face global workshops, its content was specifically tailored to give integrated support on the challenges created by the pandemic. As with the previous face-to-face workshops, the Virtual Course was delivered in close collaboration with the Secretariats of the WHO and WIPO, in the spirit of the commitment to close cooperation reinforced by the Director-Generals of the three organizations on 24 June 2021. It followed the approach developed in the second edition of the WHO-WIPO-WTO Trilateral Study "Promoting Access to Medical Technologies and Innovation: Intersections between Public Health, Intellectual Property and Trade", published in 2020 and available at wto.org/trilateralstudy2020. The five-week virtual course brought together government officials and technical experts from across the world working on health, intellectual property and trade policy issues. The specially adapted programme consisted of five substantive modules, which incorporated reading materials, video lectures by over 20 speakers from diverse backgrounds and a quiz to assess knowledge transfer. The five substantive modules focused on public health, innovation, access, trade and regulatory considerations. Four live webinars further facilitated the interactive component of the Virtual Course with active discussions amongst experts from academia, the private sector, civil society, governments, regional and international organizations.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Representatives from government authorities working on trade, intellectual property and public health issues.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO; WHO; WIPO; The Medicines Patent Pool; EU Commission.
Outputs or impact	The overall objective of the Virtual Course was to develop a comprehensive understanding of overlapping policy issues with a bearing on public health and to encourage the analysis of their relationship with multilateral trade agreements.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news21_e/tech_15sep21_e.htm; https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news21_e/igo_23jun21_e.htm; https://www.wto.org/english/res_e/publications_e/who-wipo-wto_2020_e.htm
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	TRIPS@25 – Webinar: The Economics of Intellectual Property: Trade-Related Perspectives
Date and end date	4 May 2021 - 4 May 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Andorra; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Australia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Kingdom of Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belarus; Belgium; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Canada; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Comoros; Congo; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Croatia; Cuba; Curaçao; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Denmark; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Estonia; Eswatini; Ethiopia; European Union; Fiji; Finland; France; Gabon; The Gambia; Georgia; Germany; Ghana; Greece; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Holy See; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran; Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Republic of Korea; the State of Kuwait; Kyrgyz Republic; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Latvia; Lebanese Republic; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Macao, China; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Malta; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Republic of Moldova; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Romania; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Sao Tomé and Principe; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Sweden; Switzerland; Syrian Arab Republic; The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Tajikistan; Tanzania; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe
Brief description	This webinar discussed economic and statistical issues stemming from the growth of cross-border trade in knowledge associated with TRIPS implementation, including the challenges of measuring trade in the intellectual property content, and modelling the interaction of intellectual property protection with trade and economic development.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials (also publicly livestreamed).
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.

Name of programme or project	TRIPS@25 – Webinar: The Economics of Intellectual Property: Trade-Related Perspectives
Outputs or impact	Increased awareness of economic and statistical issues regarding cross-border trade in knowledge and intellectual property content associated with implementation of the TRIPS Agreement.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/trips_e/trips_at25_e.htm
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	Webinar as part of 2021 WTO Trade and Public Health Virtual Course: Dissemination of Health Technologies
Date and end date	12 May 2021 - 12 May 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Andorra; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Australia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Kingdom of Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belarus; Belgium; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Canada; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Comoros; Congo; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Croatia; Cuba; Curaçao; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Denmark; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Estonia; Eswatini; Ethiopia; European Union; Fiji; Finland; France; Gabon; The Gambia; Georgia; Germany; Ghana; Greece; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Holy See; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran; Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Republic of Korea; the State of Kuwait; Kyrgyz Republic; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Latvia; Lebanese Republic; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Macao, China; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Malta; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Republic of Moldova; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Romania; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Sao Tomé and Principe; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Sweden; Switzerland; Syrian Arab Republic; The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Tajikistan; Tanzania; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe
Brief description	A panel of leading experts discussed the role of the TRIPS Agreement on health technology diffusion over the past 25 years and its role in the broader ecosystem that is required to support innovation and equitable access to medical technologies. The webinar examined the effect of TRIPS on technology diffusion in the pharmaceutical sector, practical considerations with respect to intellectual property sharing, and government policies related to innovation, dissemination and local pharmaceutical production.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials (also publicly livestreamed).

Name of programme or project	Webinar as part of 2021 WTO Trade and Public Health Virtual Course: Dissemination of Health Technologies
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.
Outputs or impact	The overall objective of the Virtual Course was to develop a comprehensive understanding of overlapping policy issues with a bearing on public health and to encourage the analysis of their relationship with multilateral trade agreements.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news21_e/heal_07may21_e.htm
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	Webinar as part of 2021 WTO Trade and Public Health Virtual Course: Access to Medical Technologies - Government, Industry, Civil Society, Academia and IGO Perspectives
Date and end date	19 May 2021 - 19 May 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Andorra; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Australia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Kingdom of Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belarus; Belgium; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Canada; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Comoros; Congo; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Croatia; Cuba; Curaçao; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Denmark; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Estonia; Eswatini; Ethiopia; European Union; Fiji; Finland; France; Gabon; The Gambia; Georgia; Germany; Ghana; Greece; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Holy See; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran; Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Republic of Korea; the State of Kuwait; Kyrgyz Republic; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Latvia; Lebanese Republic; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Macao, China; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Malta; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Republic of Moldova; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Romania; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Sao Tomé and Principe; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Sweden; Switzerland; Syrian Arab Republic; The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Tajikistan; Tanzania; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe
Brief description	A panel of experts from government, industry, civil society, academia and intergovernmental organizations explored the different perspectives on access to medical technologies over the past 25 years. The webinar discussed a wide range of issues, such as: developments, challenges and catalysts; cooperation and partnerships; transfer of technology and know-how and sharing of data; building local or regional capacity; and empirical foundations for effective and informed decision-making.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials (also publicly livestreamed).

Name of programme or project	Webinar as part of 2021 WTO Trade and Public Health Virtual Course: Access to Medical Technologies - Government, Industry, Civil Society, Academia and IGO Perspectives
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.
Outputs or impact	The overall objective of the Virtual Course was to develop a comprehensive understanding of overlapping policy issues with a bearing on public health and to encourage the analysis of their relationship with multilateral trade agreements.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news21_e/heal_12may21_e.htm
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	Webinar as part of 2021 WTO Trade and Public Health Virtual Course: Delivering Medical Technologies and Vaccines to End Users
Date and end date	26 May 2021 - 26 May 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Andorra; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Australia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Kingdom of Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belarus; Belgium; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Canada; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Comoros; Congo; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Croatia; Cuba; Curaçao; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Denmark; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Estonia; Eswatini; Ethiopia; European Union; Fiji; Finland; France; Gabon; The Gambia; Georgia; Germany; Ghana; Greece; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Holy See; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran; Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Republic of Korea; the State of Kuwait; Kyrgyz Republic; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Latvia; Lebanese Republic; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Macao, China; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Malta; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Republic of Moldova; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Romania; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Sao Tomé and Principe; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Sweden; Switzerland; Syrian Arab Republic; The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Tajikistan; Tanzania; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe
Brief description	A panel of experts addressed the factors determining the successful delivery of medical technologies and vaccines to their final destination. The webinar covered a wide range of issues, such as: trade in health-related goods and services during pandemic times; measures undertaken by Members and work in WTO bodies; experiences of express delivery, including challenges and potential solutions; and the perspective of the industry on successful delivery of products to their final destination.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials (also publicly livestreamed).

Name of programme or project	Webinar as part of 2021 WTO Trade and Public Health Virtual Course: Delivering Medical Technologies and Vaccines to End Users
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.
Outputs or impact	The overall objective of the Virtual Course was to develop a comprehensive understanding of overlapping policy issues with a bearing on public health and to encourage the analysis of their relationship with multilateral trade agreements.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news21_e/heal_21may21_e.htm
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	Webinar as part of 2021 WTO Trade and Public Health Virtual Course: Regulatory Cooperation during the COVID-19 Pandemic
Date and end date	2 June 2021 - 2 June 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Andorra; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Australia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Kingdom of Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belarus; Belgium; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Canada; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Comoros; Congo; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Croatia; Cuba; Curaçao; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Denmark; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Estonia; Eswatini; Ethiopia; European Union; Fiji; Finland; France; Gabon; The Gambia; Georgia; Germany; Ghana; Greece; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Holy See; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran; Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Republic of Korea; the State of Kuwait; Kyrgyz Republic; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Latvia; Lebanese Republic; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Macao, China; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Malta; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Republic of Moldova; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Romania; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Sao Tomé and Principe; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Sweden; Switzerland; Syrian Arab Republic; The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Tajikistan; Tanzania; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe
Brief description	A panel of experts discussed regulatory cooperation and its role in facilitating access to medical technologies, especially in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The webinar focused on the opportunities of regulatory cooperation and the challenges faced. From a diverse range of perspectives, panellists shared their insights on how regulatory authorities can cooperate to facilitate access to medical technologies and maintain the quality, safety and effectiveness of these technologies.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials (also publicly livestreamed).

Name of programme or project	Webinar as part of 2021 WTO Trade and Public Health Virtual Course: Regulatory Cooperation during the COVID-19 Pandemic
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.
Outputs or impact	The overall objective of the Virtual Course was to develop a comprehensive understanding of overlapping policy issues with a bearing on public health and to encourage the analysis of their relationship with multilateral trade agreements.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news21_e/trip_28may21_e.htm
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	TRIPS eLearning Presentation and Question/Answer Session
Date and end date	15 June 2021 - 15 June 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Kingdom of Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belarus; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Comoros; Congo; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Cuba; Curaçao; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Eswatini; Ethiopia; Fiji; Gabon; The Gambia; Georgia; Ghana; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Iran; Iraq; Israel; Jamaica; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Republic of Korea; the State of Kuwait; Kyrgyz Republic; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lebanese Republic; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Macao, China; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Republic of Moldova; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Qatar; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Sao Tomé and Principe; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Syrian Arab Republic; The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Tajikistan; Tanzania; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe
Brief description	This activity comprised a live presentation in English from the WTO Secretariat on an introduction to intellectual property and the TRIPS agreement and a Q&A session.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.
Outputs or impact	Enhanced understanding of the basic principles of the TRIPS Agreement and intellectual property.
Website for further information	https://wtolearning.csod.com/client/wtolearning/default.aspx
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	Online Regional Trade Policy Course (e-RTPC) for English-Speaking African Members and Observers of the WTO - TRIPS Agreement/Government Procurement Module
Date and end date	26 July 2021 - 30 July 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Botswana; Egypt; Eswatini; Ethiopia; The Gambia; Ghana; Kenya; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Malawi; Mauritius; Mozambique; Namibia; Nigeria; Rwanda; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Sudan; Tanzania; Uganda; Zambia; Zimbabwe
Brief description	The curriculum of the e-RTPC covers the WTO Agreements, the organization's rules and procedures, and regional trade policy issues. It includes a module on the TRIPS Agreement and government procurement.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.
Outputs or impact	The objectives of the e-RTPC are: 1) Deepening participants' understanding of the WTO Agreements and the functioning of the WTO, its rules and procedures; 2) Strengthening participants' capacity to access WTO information resources and the ability to find relevant provisions in the WTO legal texts; and, 3) Enhanced participants' understanding of relevant trade policy issues in their regional context.
Website for further information	https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news21_e/tech_17may21_e.htm
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	Virtual Introductory Trade Policy Course for LDCs - Introduction to the TRIPS Agreement and Intellectual Property Rights Module
Date and end date	28 July 2021 - 28 July 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Afghanistan; Angola; Bangladesh; Benin; Bhutan; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cambodia; Central African Republic; Chad; Comoros; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Djibouti; Ethiopia; The Gambia; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Haiti; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lesotho; Liberia; Madagascar; Malawi; Mali; Mauritania; Mozambique; Myanmar; Nepal; Niger; Rwanda; Sao Tomé and Principe; Senegal; Sierra Leone; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Sudan; Sudan; Tanzania; Timor-Leste; Togo; Uganda; Vanuatu; Yemen; Zambia
Brief description	This course was the first virtual edition of the Introductory Trade Policy Course (ITPC) for LDCs usually held in Geneva over a period of three weeks. This first virtual ITPC was a five-week activity. It represents a Level 1 activity in the WTO's three-tiered Progressive Learning Strategy for Trade-Related Capacity Building. This course serves as a prerequisite for Level 2 courses upon successful completion, assessed by a final exam. This course introduced participants to the WTO, its basic rules and disciplines and its functioning. It also presented the main features of other WTO-related agreements. The course included a module on an introduction to the TRIPS Agreement and intellectual property rights.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO.
Outputs or impact	The main objective is to provide participants with a solid grounding in the functioning, structure, and basic principles of the WTO.
Website for further information	https://tamis.wto.org/node/9131
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	UNESCAP Pilot Course on Negotiating Regional Trade Agreements for Trade in Times of Crisis and Pandemic - Intellectual Property Rights Session
Date and end date	5 August 2021 - 5 August 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	
Brief description	The WTO was invited to contribute to a "live session" and make a presentation on intellectual property-related provisions in RTAs, as part of the United Nations Economic and Social Conference for Asia and Pacific (UNESCAP) Pilot Course on Negotiating Regional Trade Agreements for Trade in Times of Crisis and Pandemic.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	UNESCAP; WTO.
Outputs or impact	To enhance participants' knowledge of intellectual property-related provisions in RTAs and their relationship to the TRIPS Agreement and WTO framework.
Website for further information	https://www.unescap.org/events/2021/pilot-course-negotiating-regional-trade-agreements-trade-times-crisis-and-pandemic; https://tamis.wto.org/node/9176
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	WIPO Intellectual Property Course for Diplomats and Trade Negotiators
Date and end date	6 September 2021 - 9 September 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Argentina
Brief description	The WTO Secretariat was invited to contribute to the Course organized by WIPO with respect to the presentations and a round table discussion session.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WIPO; WTO.
Outputs or impact	Enhanced knowledge about the WTO Agreements, formulation of trade policies and conduct of trade negotiations.
Website for further information	https://tamis.wto.org/node/9186
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	WHO, WIPO, WTO Workshop on Innovation in, and Access to, COVID-19 Technologies: Intellectual Property licensing, technology transfer, and sharing of know-how and clinical trial information
Date and end date	27 September 2021 - 27 September 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Andorra; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Armenia; Australia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Bahamas; Kingdom of Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belarus; Belgium; Belize; Benin; Bhutan; Plurinational State of Bolivia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cabo Verde; Cambodia; Cameroon; Canada; Central African Republic; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Comoros; Congo; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Croatia; Cuba; Curaçao; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Denmark; Djibouti; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Egypt; El Salvador; Equatorial Guinea; Estonia; Eswatini; Ethiopia; European Union; Fiji; Finland; France; Gabon; The Gambia; Georgia; Germany; Ghana; Greece; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; Hong Kong, China; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iran; Iraq; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Jamaica; Japan; Jordan; Kazakhstan; Kenya; Republic of Korea; the State of Kuwait; Kyrgyz Republic; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Latvia; Lebanese Republic; Lesotho; Liberia; Libya; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Macao, China; Madagascar; Malawi; Malaysia; Maldives; Mali; Malta; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Republic of Moldova; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niger; Nigeria; North Macedonia; Norway; Oman; Pakistan; Panama; Papua New Guinea; Paraguay; Peru; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Romania; Russian Federation; Rwanda; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Samoa; Sao Tomé and Principe; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Seychelles; Sierra Leone; Singapore; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; Somalia; South Africa; South Sudan; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Sweden; Switzerland; Syrian Arab Republic; The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Tajikistan; Tanzania; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Turkey; Turkmenistan; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom; United States of America; Uruguay; Uzbekistan; Vanuatu; Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Viet Nam; Yemen; Zambia; Zimbabwe
Brief description	The workshop addressed technology transfer and licensing. In particular, the workshop focused on realizing global equitable access for vaccines, diagnostics, therapeutics and other COVID-19 health technologies; mechanisms and processes support technology transfer and intellectual property licensing; and enabling factors and policies for technology transfer.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	WTO; WHO; WIPO.

Name of programme or project	WHO, WIPO, WTO Workshop on Innovation in, and Access to, COVID-19 Technologies: Intellectual Property licensing, technology transfer, and sharing of know-how and clinical trial information
Outputs or impact	Enhanced participants' knowledge and understanding of how IP, know-how and technology transfer work in practice with regards to medical technologies and related products and services.
Website for further information	https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=65948
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org

Name of programme or project	4th IDEAS Online Program
Date and end date	30 September 2021 - 30 September 2021
Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)	
Brief description	The WTO was invited by the IDE Advanced School of the Japanese governmental research institute (Institute of Developing Economies (IDE), JETRO) to give lectures on trade and development and intellectual property and development to government officials primarily from developing countries in Africa and Asia.
Beneficiary institution or audience	Government officials; academics; students.
Technical cooperation provider(s)	IDE Advanced School; WTO.
Outputs or impact	Enhanced participants capacity to analyse developmental aspects of trade and challenges that developing countries face in the context of trade and development.
Website for further information	https://www.ide.go.jp/English/Ideas.html; https://tamis.wto.org/node/9194
Contact point for further information	IPD@wto.org