



Launch of a Discussion Paper on the Interplay between Patents and Trade Secrets in Medical Technologies

As one of the activities under WIPO's COVID-19 Response Package, WIPO Secretariat is pleased to invite you to a hybrid event:

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The discussion paper addresses how patents and trade secrets interact with each other throughout the innovation process and product value chain in the field of medical technologies, which covers a wide range of products from pharmaceuticals to digital medical devices. The paper also includes a case study regarding the use of patents and trade secrets in Brazil during the COVID-19 pandemic. The paper will be published on the [WIPO website](#).

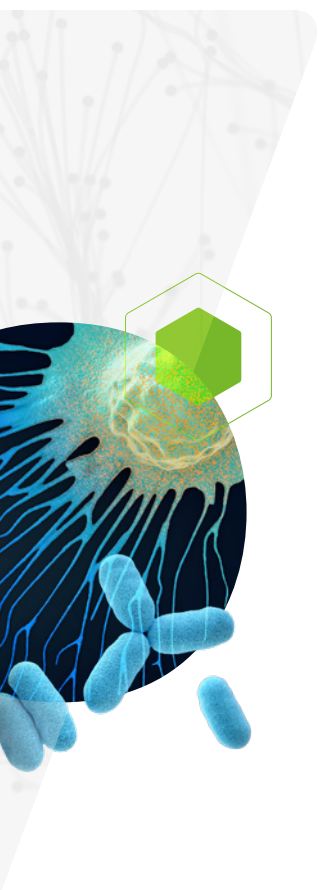
Wednesday, October 18, 2023

1.30 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.

Room A

WIPO Headquarters, Geneva (Hybrid)

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.



How to join the event

- **Participants registered** for the 35th session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP): You will automatically receive an invitation, including a Zoom link for online participation.
- **Other participants:**
If you wish to participate in the event **in person** in Geneva, please send an email to patents.mail@wipo.int by October 11, 2023, with your professional title and contact information.
If you are interested in following the event **online**, you can join the webcast.

Provisional Program

1.30 p.m. – 1.35 p.m. Welcome Address

Ms. Lisa Jorgenson, Deputy Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

1.35 p.m. – 2.15 p.m. Presentation of a Discussion Paper on the Interplay between Patents and Trade Secrets in Medical Technologies

Ms. Tanya Aplin, Professor, The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London, London, United Kingdom

Mr. Johnathon Liddicoat, Senior Lecturer, The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London, London, United Kingdom

Mr. Benny Spiewak, Partner, SPLAW Advogados, São Paulo, Brazil

2.15 p.m. – 2.40 p.m. Q&A and Discussion

All speakers and participants

2.40 p.m. – 2.45 p.m. Closing Remarks