The International Trade in Knowledge: Licensing, Technology Services Trade and the Role of Intellectual Property
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13.30 – 13.40 Introduction

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13.40 – 15.00 The International Trade in Knowledge: Licensing, Technology Services Trade and the Role of Intellectual Property

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Abstract: This presentation will review recent theoretical developments in the analysis of disembodied technology trade which have brought it to the forefront again as an important mode of technology transfer amongst countries. It will also survey the empirical evidence on the extent of trade in licensing and other types of technology service (technology related services and R&D services) and argue for a more nuanced role for intellectual property protection as well as make plea for better data on this important subject.

Time will be reserved for an open discussion.

The session will start at 13.30 p.m., on Monday, May 2, 2011, at the headquarters of WIPO, 34, chemin des Colombettes, Geneva (Conference Room B).