WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

SYMPOSIUM ON
THE TRIPS AGREEMENT AND THE NATIONAL JUDICIARY

Draft Program

Geneva, Switzerland

12 to 15 December 2017

Tuesday, 12 December 2017

8:30 – 8:45  Registration of participants
8:45 – 9:00  Opening Remarks
9:00 – 9:30  Introduction of Participants
9:30 – 13.00 Theme 1  Trends in intellectual property litigation
- The implications and impact of the TRIPS Agreement
- Overview of approaches to managing IP cases
- Comparative national experiences

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch Break

14:00 – 17:00  Theme 2  Overview of how domestic courts have considered and applied TRIPS provisions
- Different theories of recognizing the TRIPS Agreement in domestic law
- The grant and exercise of rights
- Available remedies
- Exceptions and limitations

Wednesday, 13 December 2017

9:00 – 13:00  Theme 3  Trends in remedies for IP infringement
- Provisional measures
- Injunctions
• Border measures – the role of the courts
• Safeguards against abusive litigation

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch Break

14:00 – 17:00  Theme 4  Assessment of damages
• Principles and methodologies for calculating damages
• Parallels with WTO jurisprudence and investment arbitration

Thursday, 14 December 2017

9:00 – 13:00  Theme 5  WTO dispute settlement and TRIPS
• Outline and principles of WTO dispute settlement
• Key TRIPS disputes
• Questions of treaty interpretation

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00  Theme 6  WIPO programs on dispute settlement and capacity building for the judiciary
• WIPO Arbitration Center – overview of cases
• WIPO programme on respect for IP

Friday, 15 December, 2017

09:00 – 11:30  Theme 7  The policy context for IP and the courts
• Development and public policy questions
• Competition policy and IP
• The human rights dimension
• Future trends – round table discussion

11:30 – 12:30  Evaluation and Closing Remarks