The seventh technical Symposium organized by WHO, WIPO and WTO will discuss challenges and opportunities faced by the international community in ensuring that innovative technologies are developed and reach patients in order to realize the right to health and the health-related SDGs. The Symposium will offer a forum for an evidence-based exchange of views and experiences of the various stakeholders and representatives of the relevant sectors. Innovative, inclusive and multi-stakeholder initiatives and partnerships that research, develop and facilitate access to novel, needs-based health technologies will be highlighted. The exchange will provide the basis for discussion and allow participants to achieve a better understanding of the benefits, drawbacks and impact of the various available options.
Programme

09:00 – 09:30 Introductory Remarks
Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus - Director-General, WHO
Francis Gurry - Director General, WIPO
Roberto Azevêdo - Director-General, WTO

09:30 – 10:00 Discussion

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:45 Panel 1 - Global health data, disease burden and the challenges ahead
Moderator: Ellen ‘t Hoen, Medicines Law & Policy, and Global Health Unit, University Medical Centre Groningen, The Netherlands
Panel: Mariângela Simão, Assistant Director-General, WHO
Andrew Hill, Senior Visiting Research Fellow, University of Liverpool, UK
Sarah Rickwood, Vice President, IQVIA (formerly Quintiles IMS Holdings, Inc.), UK
Sherine Helmy, CEO, Pharco Pharmaceuticals, Egypt

11:45 – 12:15 Discussion

12:15 – 13:30 Lunch Break (sandwiches will be provided)

13:30 – 14:45 Panel 2 - Technology as a driver of medical progress and access
Moderator: Minelik Alemu Getahun, Assistant Director General, Global Issues Sector, WIPO
Panel: Carsten Fink, Chief Economist, WIPO
Luiza Pinheiro, Student Leader, Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM), Brazil
John Brennan, Secretary General, EuropaBIO, and Representative of the International Council of Biotechnology Associations, Belgium

14:45 – 15:15 Discussion

15:15 – 16:30 Panel 3 – How policy choices impact on access to innovative technologies
Moderator: WTO
Panel: Margaret Kyle, Professor of Economics, Center for Industrial Economics (CERNA), Mines ParisTech, France
Kenneth Shadlen, Professor of Development Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK
Daniel López Salcedo, Advisor to the Director-General of the Ecuadorian National Service on Public Procurement (SERCOP), Ecuador

16:30 – 17:00 Discussion

17:00 – 17:15 Closing

The symposium will be held in English only. Participation is open to all interested individuals and organizations. The meeting will be webcast. Information on the meeting and registration is available at http://www.who.int/phi/sustainable發展_goals_February2018/en/