

VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM 25 YEARS OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT*

24 November 2020

PROGRAMME

10:00 – 10:10

Opening remarks

Mr. Xiaozhun Yi, Deputy-Director General, WTO

10:10 – 11:00

Reflections of TRIPS Council Chairs

Mr. Stuart Harbinson, former Permanent Representative of Hong Kong, China, Chair of the Council for TRIPS 1995-1996

H.E. Amb. Xolelwa Mlumbi-Peter, South Africa, Chair of the Council for TRIPS 2020-2021

Theme I: The impact of TRIPS on the global IP system

11:00 – 11:20

TRIPS and the global IP system

Mr. Antony Taubman, Director, Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division (IPD), WTO

11:20 – 13:00

The TRIPS Council – tracking the legal and institutional development of IP systems over 25 years

Moderator: *Mr. Wolf Meier-Ewert, Counsellor, IPD, WTO*

Speakers: TRIPS transparency provisions - Lessons from eTRIPS

Ms. Natalie Carlson, Legal Analyst, IPD, WTO

TRIPS implementation as a guide for public policy – IP issues in Trade Policy Reviews

Ms. Josefita Pardo de Leon, Legal Affairs Officer, IPD, WTO

TRIPS and Technology Transfer - Lessons from the implementation of Article 66.2 in the past 25 years

Ms. Xiaoping Wu, Counsellor, IPD, WTO

TRIPS Capacity Building – Article 67 providing a global landscape of technical assistance

Ms. Maegan McCann, Legal Affairs and Technical Assistance Officer, IPD, WTO

Evolution of the TRIPS Agreement – Doha, the Public Health dimension, and subsequent cooperation

Mr. Roger Kampf, Counsellor, IPD, WTO

25 years of policy insights from TRIPS-related WTO disputes

Mr. Hannu Wager, Counsellor, IPD, WTO

TRIPS as a benchmark for subsequent norm-setting in international and bilateral treaties

Mr. Wolf Meier-Ewert, Counsellor, IPD, WTO

13:00 – 13:15

Questions & Answers

Theme II: The current and future impact of TRIPS on national IP systems

15:00 – 15:30

TRIPS and development

Moderator: *Ms. Xiaoping Wu, Counsellor, IPD, WTO*

Panelists: *Ms. Susan Isiko Strba, Senior Researcher and Policy Advisor, International Lawyers and Economists for Development, Geneva*
Ms. Jayashree Watal, Honorary Professor National Law University (NLU), Delhi, TRIPS consultant, India

15:30 – 16:00

TRIPS and the digital landscape

Speaker: *Prof. Martin Senftleben, Director, Institute for Information Law (IViR), Professor for Intellectual Property Law, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

16:00 – 16:30

TRIPS, new technology and innovation policy

Moderator: *Mr. Hannu Wager, Counsellor, IPD, WTO*

Panelists: *Mr. Xavier Seuba, Director of the Patent Academy and EQE, European Patent Office, Munich, Germany (tbc)*
Prof. Ryan Abbott, Professor of Law and Health Sciences at University of Surrey, United Kingdom

16:30 – 16:45

Questions & Answers

Theme III: TRIPS 2.0? TRIPS as a framework for development in the knowledge economy

16:45 – 18:00

Roundtable

Moderator: *Mr. Antony Taubman, Director, IPD, WTO*

Panelists: *Prof. Susan Sell, School of Regulation and Global Governance (Regnet), Australian National University*
Ms. Pippa Hall, Director of Innovation and Chief Economist, UK Intellectual Property Office (UKIPO)
Prof. Daniel Gervais, Milton R. Underwood Chair in Law, Vanderbilt University, United States
Mr. Maximiliano Santa Cruz, CEO Santa Cruz IP, former CEO of the National Institute of Industrial Property (INAPI), Chile

Closing

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