

TITLE OF THE EVENT	WTO Workshop on Intellectual Property and Public Health
VENUE AND DATES	Geneva, Switzerland, 10 to 13 October 2011
Course description	<p>The Workshop aims at familiarizing participants with the TRIPS Agreement as it relates to public health. Presentations, discussions and practical exercises will look at the TRIPS Agreement and the management of intellectual property rights more generally as part of the wider action to address needs specific to public health, ranging from innovation to access to pharmaceutical products. They will cover aspects related to pricing and procurement policies, safety and quality, technology transfer and local production, as well as IPR provisions in FTAs and their link with public health. They will also gather practical experiences of major procurement initiatives and take stock of future needs. In particular, TRIPS provisions and flexibilities of direct relevance to public health will be addressed, as well as the Paragraph 6 System established under the General Council Decision of August 2003 on the Implementation of Paragraph 6 of the Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health, as transposed into the Protocol Amending the TRIPS Agreement.</p>
Objectives	<p>By the end of the course the participants will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an improved understanding of the TRIPS Agreement as it relates to public health, and of other relevant WTO instruments, such as the Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health and the Paragraph 6 System (i.e. Decision of 30 August 2003 on the Implementation of Paragraph 6 of the Doha Declaration and the Decision of 6 December 2005 on the Amendment of the TRIPS Agreement); - the capability to assess the implications of and effectively use the flexibilities in the TRIPS Agreement and later instruments, including the Paragraph 6 System.
Programme	<p>Click here to access the draft programme of the event</p>
Organizing institution/body	WTO (in collaboration with WHO and WIPO)
TARGET AUDIENCE - ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES	
<p>The target audience for the Workshop are government officials with direct responsibility for matters relating to the interaction between the TRIPS Agreement and public health, including the implementation of the Paragraph 6 System in their countries, whether from intellectual property, trade or public health departments. Candidates should have the definite expectation of continuing to work, or being assigned responsibilities, in this field.</p>	
NOMINATION OF PARTICIPANTS	
<p>As part of the WTO procedures, a letter of invitation will be addressed by the WTO, providing the specific conditions, requirements and expected profile of candidates for the Workshop.</p> <p>In view of the interactive nature of the event, participation is limited to no more than 25 capital-based representatives from developing country and economy in transition Members and Observers of the WTO. The WTO Secretariat will select 25 participants from those officially nominated by their national authorities. Applications received through other channels will not be acknowledged.</p>	
<p>OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION: External speakers will include representatives from international organizations, namely WIPO and WHO, procurement entities, regional and non-governmental organizations, as well as delegates to the TRIPS Council (one coming from a developing country in the region and another from a developed country).</p>	