Intellectual Property, Free Trade Agreements, and Sustainable Development

American University, Washington College of Law
27 - 28 February 2006

Agenda

Monday, February 27

Room 603

9:00 – 10:30

Welcome:

Claudio M. Grossman
Dean, American University, Washington College of Law

Daniel Magraw
President and CEO, Center for International Environmental Law

Setting the stage:

IP in the context of the sustainable development challenge in recent US FTAs negotiations

Frederick Abbott
Professor , Florida State University, School of Law
Edward Ball Eminent Scholar of International Law

Padideh Alai
Professor of Law, American University, Washington College of Law

Maria Julia Oliva
Director, Project on Intellectual Property and Sustainable Development
Center for International Environmental Law

Guillermo Restrepo
Universidad de Antioquia - former INVIMA adviser and negotiator, Colombia

10:30 - 10:45

Break

Room 603

10:45- 12:15

US IP and trade policies and decision-making processes: considerations for developing countries

Overview of USTR and the bilateral trade negotiation process
Jennifer Haverkamp
Independent consultant
Former Assistant US Trade Representative

IP, FTAs and the US Congress, and the ratification process in the US: how, who and why it is relevant for IP and sustainable development
Lori Wallach
Director, Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch

Looking ahead: US negotiations and strategies on IP

Stephanie Weinberg
Trade Policy Advisor, Oxfam America

Open discussion

12:15- 13:15

Lunch

Room 603

13:15 - 15:15

IP and FTAs: significant issues in current negotiations and their relation to US IP laws

Patents

Joshua D. Sarnoff
American University, Washington College of Law
Assistant Director, Program on Intellectual Property and the Public Interest
Assistant Director, Glushko-Samuelson Intellectual Property Law Clinic

Fabiana Jorge
MFJ International/ trade consultant, advised in the Chilean-US FTA and currently advising the Colombian government in the FTA/IP negotiation. She has also represented several associations from developing countries such as Argentina, Chile, Mexico.

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Christine Haight Farley
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Associate Director, Program on Intellectual Property and the Public Interest
Associate Director, Glushko-Samuelson Intellectual Property Law Clinic

Denis Borges Barbosa
Profesor, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro

Open discussion

15:15 – 15:30

Break

Room 600

15:30 -17:30

Closed Session for Negotiators
Negotiating IP in FTAs: exchange of experiences

Preserving and enhancing flexibilities

Randall Williams
Director, Dept. of Trade and Industry, South Africa

Guillermo Restrepo
Universidad de Antioquia
former adviser and negotiator, Colombia

Including developing country interests in FTAs

Alvaro Gutierrez
Andean Community, Peru

María Amparo Albán
Adviser, Centro Ecuatoriano de Derecho Ambiental, Ecuador

Ensuring access to knowledge and other critical values

Frederick Abbott
Professor, Florida State University, School of Law, Edward Ball Eminent Scholar of International Law

Open Discussion

International Student Lounge (6th Floor)

15:30 -17:30

Open Session for Civil Society
Negotiating IP in FTAs: exchange of experiences

Preserving and enhancing flexibilities

Jon Ungphakorn
Senator, Thailand

Calvin Manduna
Researcher, TRALAC, South Africa

Including developing country interests in FTAs

Manuel Ruiz
Program Director, Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental, Peru

Sanya Reid Smith
Researcher, Third World Network, Malaysia

Ensuring access to knowledge and other critical values

Pedro Mendizábal
President, Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility, Peru

Open Discussion

Tuesday, February 28

International Student Lounge (6th Floor)

9:00 – 10:45

Implementation: "Clawing back" policy space and flexibilities after an FTA

Luis Villarroel
Legal Adviser, Ministry of Education, Chile

Luis Velasquez
Senior Director, Association of Guatemalan Pharmaceutical Industries, Guatemala

Andrés Moncayo
Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, University of Buenos Aires , Professor, Argentina

Hanan Sboul
Secretary General, The Jordanian Association of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers JAPM, Jordan

Open Discussion

10:45 - 11:00

Break

International Student Lounge (6th Floor)

11:00- 12:45

IP and FTAs: Strategies, countermeasures and alternatives for sustainable development

Lessons from previous and current FTAs, and potential strategies
Moderators from negotiator and civil society sessions

Development rhetoric and development potential of FTAs
Margaret Chon
University of Seattle

Treaties on access to knowledge and research and development
James Love
Director, Consumer Project on Technology

How can policy choices affect FTA negotiations and implementation
Gwen Hinze
International Affairs Manager TPM, Electronic Frontier Foundation,

Multilateral discussions: Links and lessons
Angelica Navarro
Center for International Environmental Law

Open Discussion

International Student Lounge (6th Floor)

12:45-13:15

Closing session

Closing remarks:

Maria Julia Oliva
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