



Policy Dialogue on “Intellectual Property Rights and Development 10 Years after Marrakech: Where are we? Where are we heading?”

**Monday 17 May from 15h00 to 18h00
Room B -WMO, Geneva**

Dear ICTSD Partners and Friends,

We have the pleasure to invite you to participate in an UNCTAD/ICTSD Policy Dialogue on “**Intellectual Property Rights and Development 10 Years after Marrakech: Where are we? Where are we heading?**”, to be held on 17 May 2004, from 15h00 to 18h00 in Room B of the World Meteorological Organization located at 7 bis, Avenue de la Paix, Geneva.

Ten years after the conclusion of the Uruguay Round negotiations, the IPRs standards as consolidated in the TRIPS Agreement are being expanded through new international treaties and in the inclusion of special chapters on IP in regional and bilateral free trade agreements. This policy dialogue aims at discussing developments in the area of IPRs, 10 years after the adoption of the TRIPS agreement, new trends at the regional and bilateral levels and their implications for development.

The Dialogue will be introduced by a Panel and followed by an open discussion among participants. The members of the panel are:

Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD;

Luzius Wasescha, Ambassador, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Switzerland;

Carlos M. Correa, Professor of Law, Director of the University of Buenos Aires Masters Programme on Science and Technology Policy and Management;

Frederick M. Abbott, Edward Ball Eminent Scholar Professor of International Law, Florida State University College of Law.

Given that there is limited seating, we would highly appreciate if you could kindly RVSP to us your intention to participate by e-mail to ddubas@ictsd.ch or by fax at (41-22) 917 8093.

We look forward to your participation.

Yours faithfully,

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