IP and Health in Developing Economies: Setting the Policy Context

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Presentation Outline

- 1. TRIPS: Principles and relevance to public health
- 2. TRIPS and access to medicines
- 3. How do countries fare? Good practices and challenges
- 4. Setting the Policy Context: Global and Local



TRIPS: Principles and Relevance to Public Health

TRIPS: Basic Principles

Basic Mandate:

 Minimum standards for the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights

Objectives:

- 1. Promotion of technological innovation
- 2. Transfer and dissemination of technology
 - Mutual advantage of producers and users
 - Conducive to social and economic welfare
 - Balance of rights and obligations



TRIPS: Basic Principles

Principles relevant to public health

...consistent with the provision of the agreement, Members may:

- Protect public health and nutrition and promote public health interest
- 2. Prevent abuse which unreasonably restrain trade and transfer of technology
- 3. Provide exceptions, exclusions and limitations to rights in: national emergencies, public-non commercial use, anticompetitive practices



TRIPS: Basic Principles

Provisions relevant to public health

1. Patents



- 2. Trademarks including service marks
- 3. Undisclosed information



TRIPS and Access to Medicines





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