

Summary of side event

DEFUSING DISCLOSURE IN PATENT APPLICATIONS

The side event aimed to flag off key issues and positions that has impeded effective implementation of the 'disclosure' requirement in patent filing systems. Identifying that the primary reason is related to a dysfunctional operational system between the three constituent platforms – the WTO, WIPO and CBD- the speakers highlighted through practical experiences how this deadlock may be overcome. The speakers included: Mr. Geoff Burton, UNU-IAS; Ms. Jayashree Watal, WTO; Dr. Thomas Henninger, WIPO, Ms. Asha Sukhwani, Spanish PTO and Ms. Joji Carino, Tebtebba Foundation. The session was moderated by Dr. Suneetha Subramanian, UNU-IAS.