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**Workshop on
ACCESS TO MEDICINES AND THE FINANCING OF INNOVATIONS IN HEALTH CARE**

**Hosted by
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*Can we promote "access to medicines for all,"
and finance faster, more appropriate innovation in health care?*

Paragraph 4 of the Doha Declaration on Health, calls upon member countries to implement patent laws in a manner supportive of public health, and in particular "to promote access to medicines for all." The financing of medical R&D now relies heavily on the enforcement of intellectual property rights. A growing body of evidence suggests that ever-higher levels of IPR protection may distort the research agenda and slow the pace of follow-on inventions, as well as limit access to existing inventions. This workshop examines these tensions, and considers alternative approaches to financing the development of new medical inventions.

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8:45-9:00 Welcome and introductions

Jeffrey Sachs

9:00-10:00 Proposals to Address Market Failures in R&D I

Richard Nelson (Moderator)

Henry Grabowski -- New subsidies for neglected diseases

James Love -- New global framework for funding R&D

Discussion

10:00-10:15 Coffee Break

10:15-11:15 Proposals to Address Market Failures in R&D II

Will Masters (Moderator)

Tim Hubbard -- Four alternatives to the price system

Jerome Reichman and Tracy Lewis -- Liability rules and R&D investment

Discussion

11:15-12:30 Discussion of current proposals: clarification and reactions

Sakiko Fukuda-Parr (moderator)

Initial discussants:

Bruce Lehman

Spring Gombe

Hugh Hansen

Brandon Lerch

Discussion

12:30-1:30 Lunch break

1:30-2:30 Costs of patent protection and benefits of innovation

Juan Rovira (Moderator)

Frank Lichtenberg -- The economic benefits of medical innovation

Andrew W.K. Farlow -- Costs of monopoly pricing under patent protection

Shubham Chaudhuri -- Estimating the effects of TRIPS in India

Discussion

2:30-3:30 R&D as a global good

James Orbinski (Moderator)

Robert Weissman -- R&D in international treaties

Nicoletta Dentico -- Lessons from the tobacco control & landmine conventions

Amy Kapczynski -- Best practices for management of publicly funded R&D

Discussion

3:30-4:00 Coffee Break and showing of video clip from "[Dying for Drugs](#)"

4:00 – 5:00 Open discussion: Priority-setting for analysis and advocacy

Richard Nelson and James Love (Moderators)

5:00-5:30 Wrap-Up: Where do we go from here?

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