



IMPACT: Turning Global Challenges into Opportunities

Track B: Science and Technology

Panel 3: intellectual property rights: is it promoting or hindering international development?

Scientific advances and technological innovation in many fields have had a great impact on human society. However, the role of intellectual property rights (IPRs) in international development continues to be a major source of controversy. While it is acknowledged that IPRs are crucial driving force of technological innovation, it is widely feared that strong intellectual property regimes could prevent development in developing countries.

What role do Intellectual property rights play in international development? Does the WTO TRIPS agreement hinder development or facilitate it? Does the open source development have potential for universal benefits and for closing the digital gap in developing countries? How do we balance that role with promoting technological innovation? This panel session examines these divergent views and identifies solutions for international development.

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