



# TRIPS Capacity Building

TRIPS Agreement Article 67:

Providing a Global Overview of Technical Assistance

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Why does the TRIPS Agreement include a provision on technical assistance?



The big picture perspective...

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## **Preamble to the Agreement Establishing the WTO**

*Recital II:* Recognizing further that there is need for positive efforts designed to ensure that developing countries, and especially the least developed among them, secure a share in the growth in international trade commensurate with the needs of their economic development;



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## *Article 67*

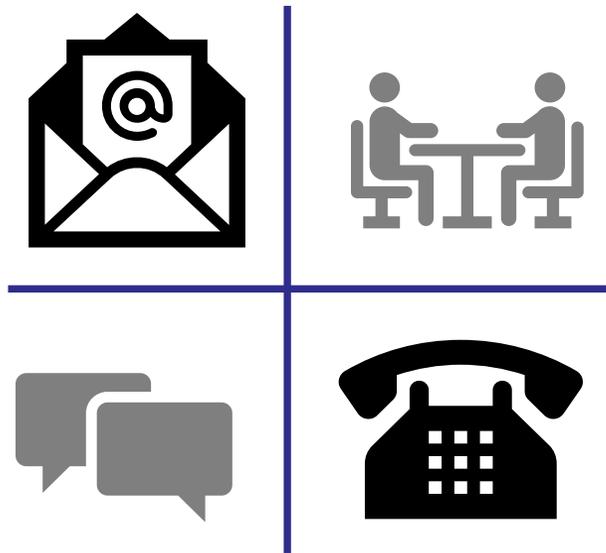
### *Technical Cooperation*

**In order to facilitate the implementation of this Agreement, developed country Members shall provide, on request and on mutually agreed terms and conditions, technical and financial cooperation in favour of developing and least-developed country Members. Such cooperation shall include *assistance in the preparation of laws and regulations on the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights as well as on the prevention of their abuse*, and shall include *support regarding the establishment or reinforcement of domestic offices and agencies relevant to these matters, including the training of personnel*.**

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## Contact points

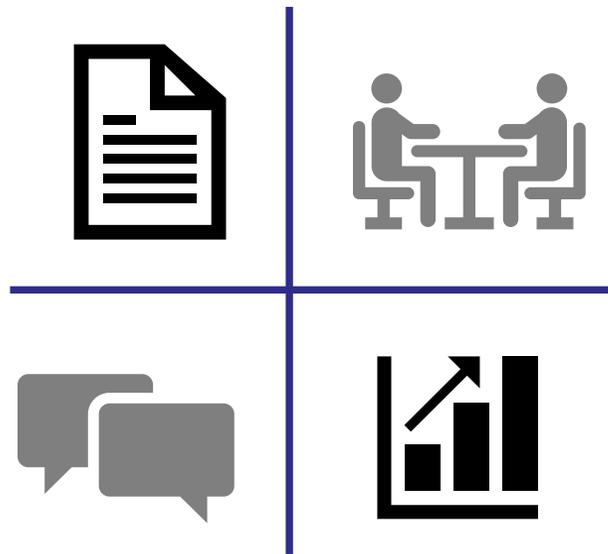


An opportunity for interaction between technical assistance providers and technical assistance beneficiaries

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## Reporting Mechanism



An opportunity to communicate technical assistance programmes and projects

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A unique view of  
IP capacity building  
around the world

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Technical cooperation reports: Global overview of facts and figures in 2020

Programmes  
benefiting over 148  
WTO Members and  
Observers



Over 190  
programmes

2020



Covering all  
regions



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A range of participants, including:

Policymakers

Parliamentarians

IP examiners

Judiciary

Police

Customs officials

Research community



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## Evolution of TRIPS technical assistance

As evidenced by the evolving needs of beneficiary Members, and the corresponding assistance, IP systems are dynamic systems...

Like living things, IP systems require attention so they can both help shape, and adapt to, their rapidly changing environments.



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## Evolution of TRIPS technical assistance

### Putting down roots

The early days of TRIPS TA focused more on institution building and bringing IP laws into compliance with international obligations.



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### Branching out to policy questions

Increasingly, TRIPS TA focused on cross-cutting IP-related policy issues.



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Assisting with the evolution of IP systems and enhancement of institutions throughout the years.



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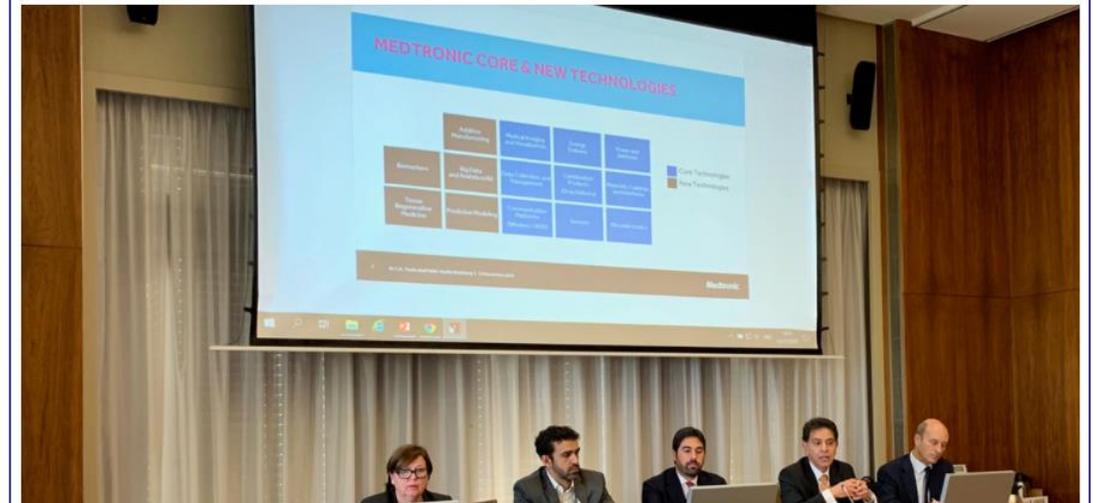


## WTO Secretariat IP-related technical assistance

Increasingly tailored, technical, holistic – and always demand driven.

### Workshop on Trade and Public Health: 15 years of promoting a holistic approach

Participants at the 15th edition of the WTO Workshop on Trade and Public Health highlighted the need for health experts to work closely with colleagues responsible for intellectual property, competition, procurement policies and other trade disciplines. In their view, this capacity building activity illustrates how important health matters are for the WTO. The workshop took place in Geneva from 11 to 15 November.



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**Thank you**

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