

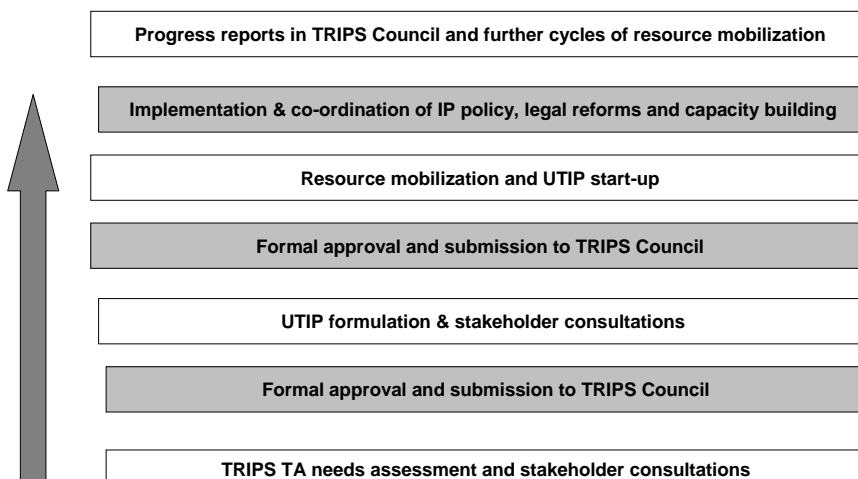
WTO Workshop on LDC Priority Needs for Technical and Financial Co-operation for TRIPS Implementation

Introducing the WTO LDC TRIPS Guidebook project

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Stylized IPRTA needs assessment and programme formulation process for Uganda



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Put yourselves in the shoes of an LDC official charged with TRIPS implementation on top of their day job...

- What is the process – in capital and in Geneva?
- What do you want to achieve? Where do you start?
- Who are your stakeholders and how do you co-ordinate them? What are the national priorities and specific sectoral issues?
- What lessons can you learn from others? What tools & knowledge databases can you tap?
- What external assistance will be available and how do you access it? How to develop “bankable projects”?

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Purpose of the WTO LDC guidebook project – the concept

- The purpose of the guidebook project is to **support LDC in undertaking and co-ordinating needs assessment and technical assistance activities** relating to TRIPS
- The guidebook project will aim to structure WTO support to LDCs within an **end-to-end approach, building on and signposting existing resources** toolkits and knowledge and technical assistance resources
- The overall aim is to **make the needs assessment process easier, faster, and more productive for LDCs** and their development partners

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What will the LDC guidebook cover ?

1. Outline TRIPS Council 2005 Decision and explain the process
2. Describe interplay between development objectives and IP in the national development context, sectoral examples & case studies
3. Identify the legal and regulatory structures relevant to TRIPS implementation and development
4. Highlight key issues, possible strategies and approaches, drawing on experience and lessons from past needs assessments
5. Signpost available toolkits, knowledge resources and assistance programmes to be taken into consideration – WTO notifications, WIPO, WCO, UNCTAD, World Bank, EC etc

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What will the LDC guidebook look like?

- Intention is to go for user-friendly, web-based and print copy formats suitable for future updates and expansion
- A guidebook and map in two dimensions:
 - Overall support for the process from end-to-end (**birds eye view**)
 - Signposting and facilitating access to more in-depth tools, knowledge and resources (**dig-down deep view**)
- This approach will allow for easy dissemination to LDCs, supported by regional workshops but also be flexible enough to address specific needs in depth

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Expected stages in the LDC guidebook

Stage 1 (Q4 2009)

- TRIPS-LDCs workshop 29 October 2009
- Concept Paper

Stage 2 (Q4 2009 – Q1 2010)

- Preparation of zero draft version of the guide
- Quality control and peer review organized by WTO

Stage 3 (Q1 2010 -)

- Completion of final draft for dissemination and use in WTO workshops and on WTO website
- Future updates and expansion of the guide