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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Tuesday, April 12, 2016

13.00 – 13.15 Sandwiches and coffee

13.15 – 13.20 **Introductory Remarks**Speaker:Mr**.** Minelik Alemu Getahun, Assistant Director General, Global Issues Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, Switzerland

13.20 – 13.50 **Patents and the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines (18th Edition): Clarifying the Debate on Intellectual Property and Access**  
  
Speakers: Messrs. Reed F. Beall and Amir Attaran,   
 Faculties of Law and Medicine, University of Ottawa, Canada

13.50 – 14.10 **Responses**  
  
Speakers: Messrs. Peter Beyer, Senior Advisor, and Nicola Magrini, Scientist, Department of Essential Medicines and Health Products, World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva

Mr. Brendan Shaw, Assistant Director General, International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA), Geneva

14.10 – 15.00 **Open Discussion**

Moderator: Mr. Thomas Bombelles, Head, Global Health, Global Challenges Division, WIPO

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