

Webinar: How Patent Monopolies on Biologics and Vaccines Work

Wednesday, 22 November- 8 am Brazil/ 1 pm CET/ 4.30 pm India

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Third World Network invites you to a one-hour discussion (with Q&A) on intellectual property monopolies on biologics and vaccines.

We will be discussing the first chapter from the recent paper from TWN+AccessIBSA: [Monopolies on Biologics, including Vaccines](#).

In the immediate aftermath of a pandemic characterised by monstrous gaps in access to life-saving biologics and vaccines, we will discuss new findings on how patent monopolies on biologics and vaccines operate. These findings from the size and complexity of patent estates, to the lack of workable patent examination guidelines, as well as the pitfalls in current legislative capacity to override these patents. The authors of the paper will discuss the situation in India, and speakers from Brazil, South Africa and Switzerland will discuss the implications of these findings in the countries they work in. The discussion will be moderated by Gopakumar KM. The webinar will be in English

Featuring:

Gopakumar KM is a legal advisor and senior researcher at the Third World Network (Bangalore, India)



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