

# The COVID-19 Pandemic: Response, Preparedness, Resilience

WHO, WIPO, WTO  
Joint Technical Symposium

The World Health Organization (WHO), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) invite you to a joint technical symposium:

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**December 16, 2022**

**10.30 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.**

**Room A, WIPO  
and on Zoom**

The symposium will serve as a forum to exchange views and experiences, to discuss and better understand the global challenge of COVID-19 within the frameworks of health, trade and intellectual property (IP), and to envision ways forward to build resilience and be better prepared for future pandemics.

The event will be opened by the Directors General of the three organizations. A keynote address will be delivered by Salim Abdool Karim, Director of the Centre for the Aids Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA) and Professor of Global Health, Columbia University. This will be followed by two panel discussions.



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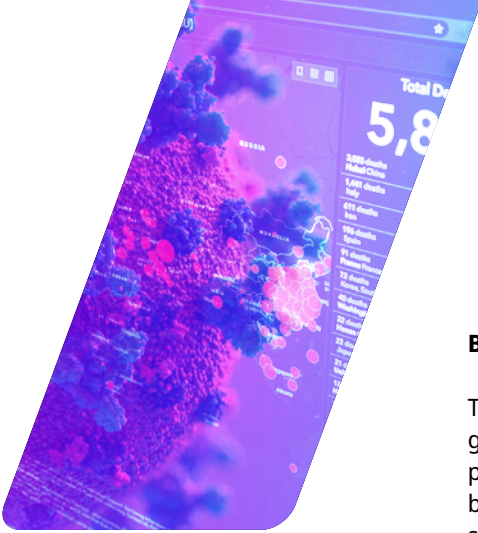


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## Background

The COVID-19 pandemic is an extraordinary global public health crisis affecting people and populations around the globe and involving a broad range of policy areas. Large-scale efforts since early 2020 to develop effective treatments, diagnostics, and vaccines resulted in the approval of the first vaccines in late 2020. These efforts highlighted the urgent need for a response along the entire value chain of COVID-19 related health technologies, ranging from research and development of those technologies to their medical regulation, procurement, distribution and responsible use.

This symposium will be the ninth in a series of joint technical symposia convened by WHO, WIPO and WTO. It will build on the collaborative work undertaken by the three agencies to enhance capacity, including the trilateral study *Promoting Access to Medical Technologies and Innovation*.

**Please register online by December 11, 2022 at**

