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In the focus of the international conference on in intellectual property and general policy issues, recently organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), was examined the role of intellectual property in the promotion, implementation and spread green technologies to combat climate change.

The British Minister of Higher Education and Intellectual Property David Lammy noted that the IP system is an indispensable factor in identifying a global solution that would ensure the wide dissemination and transfer of technologies to mitigate climate change, especially in countries developing and least developed. Moreover, all countries, whether rich or poor, suffer the consequences of climate change. D. Lammy added that to ensure success of the negotiations across the measures to mitigate climate change, it is necessary to overcome the technology transfer.

Secretary General of World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Michel Jarraud pointed out that intellectual property should be a catalyst, not an obstacle in finding solutions to the problems of climate change. He warned that climate change impacts on health and safety is negative, the scientific research in this area being indicative. M. Jarraud stressed also the need a multidisciplinary approach to the challenges of climate change, and the importance of facilitating technology transfer.

WIPO Director General Francis Gurry said that IP rights can ease the transition to green technologies and regenerated energies, as they are the mechanism for developing green technologies. He noted the efforts of several countries to establish systems to accelerate the examination of patent applications in clean technologies and renewable energy. F. Gurry added that the greatest possibilities for innovation are found in this field. The IP System provides safe means of investment in green technologies needed to mitigate climate change, providing also a range of options for identification, transfer and dissemination of these technologies.

During the conference there was tackled and analyzed the contribution that can bring intellectual property to achieve a series of general policy objectives. The interdisciplinary nature of the conference highlighted the complexity of the challenges facing the international community, including climate change, epidemics, access to health care, food security and biodiversity conservation.

The conference offered to the participants the opportunity to exchange views on how IP can help to develop and transfer technology.

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