



Session: Famous Episodes

Fighting for the LDC - Least Developed Countries' transition period

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MISSION

Yolse promotes a holistic approach to access to innovation and medical technologies.

VALUES

- Determination
- Engagement
- Strategy
- Solidarity
- Innovation



GOALS

- Identify and analyze concrete needs in medical technologies, establish partnerships to achieve them and ensure the monitoring of results.
- Promote a national coordination mechanism to ensure coherence between policies, legal and strategic framework to improve access to affordable health technologies and local production.
- Support at national and regional level - a rigorous and ethical regulation of health products and the implementation of an intellectual property system appropriate to innovation and local production.
- Create bridges to encourage technology transfer and know-how in the field of medical technologies.

WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS



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➤ **2015**

Succeeded in advocating the Least Developed Countries' (LDCs') transition period for pharmaceutical obligations until 1 January 2033 in the Bangui Agreement of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI).

➤ **2017**

Regional workshop on "Transfer of Technology and Public Health" in Dakar, Senegal, with the aim to assist Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Niger, and Senegal in the creation of national inter-ministerial commissions on access to medicines and pharmaceutical innovation to enable a more efficient use of TRIPS flexibilities.

➤ **Since 2018**

Currently supporting Burkina Faso and Senegal for the operationalisation of LDC's transition period.

- September 2019 - Capacity building workshop in Burkina Faso.
- March 2020 - A national workshop in Senegal.



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