

Ahmed Abdel Latif

Professional Experience

JF Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Giorgio Ruffolo Mid-Career Fellow in Sustainability Science, Fall 2012

International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), Geneva

Senior Program Manager, Innovation, Technology and Intellectual Property, since 2007

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cairo

Counsellor (*on leave*)

Office of the Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cairo

First Secretary, 2006-2007

Office of the Prime Minister, Cairo

Office of the Spokesman, 2005-2006

Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cairo

Second Secretary, 2005

Permanent Mission of Egypt to the UN and the WTO, Geneva

Second Secretary, 2000-2004

Responsible for IP and technology issues at WTO, WIPO, WHO and UNCTAD

Department of International Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cairo

Third Secretary, 1997-1999

Institute for Diplomatic Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cairo

Diplomatic Attaché, 1996, received 2nd in a class of 49 junior diplomats

Education

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

LLM. Public International Law, 1999

Institute of Diplomatic Studies (IDS)

Diploma (1 year programme), 1997

American University in Cairo

B.A. in Political Science, 1995

Institute of Political Studies, "Sciences-Po Paris"

Diplôme (3 years program), 1993

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Presentations

UNFCCC side event, Green patents: an empirical analysis, 2012
WTO regional workshop on IP for Arab countries, Kuwait, 2012
UNDP workshop RIO+20 and Durban, Technology transfer and innovation, Algiers, 2011
UNCTAD, Expert Meeting on Green Economy, Geneva, 2011
WTO Public Forum, RIO+20, Technology transfer and innovation, Geneva, 2011
UNFCCC side event, The New Climate Technology Mechanism, Bonn, 2011
ATRIP, IP teaching and education: A development perspective, Singapore, 2011
World Trade Forum, The WIPO Internet Treaties and developing countries, Berne, 2010
UNFCCC side event, Climate change and technology transfer, Bonn, 2010
WIPO-WTO colloquium for IP teachers, Climate change and technology transfer, Geneva, 2010
Ministry of Trade, Cambodia, LDC TRIPS needs assessment, Phnom Penh, 2010
UNFCCC-COP15, Patents and clean energy, Copenhagen, 2009
European Parliament, Climate change, technology transfer and IPRs, Brussels, 2009
WTO Course for senior government officials, Climate change and technology transfer, Geneva, 2009
UN Conference on technology transfer and climate change, The role of IPRs, New Delhi, 2009
CINDES-ICTSD, Climate change and technology transfer: challenges for Latin America, Rio de Janeiro, 2009
World Bank Institute/ICTSD Seminar, The IP provisions of the EU-Egypt FTA, Geneva, 2009
Government of Denmark, Climate change, technology transfer and IPRs, Copenhagen, 2008
EIFL Global Conference, the WIPO Development Agenda, Istanbul, 2008
IPRTA Forum, IP technical assistance, Mexico, 2008
Access to Knowledge Conference, Yale Law School, The genesis of access to knowledge as a concept, New Haven, 2007
Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Intangible cultural heritage and IP, Alexandria, 2006
UNCTAD-ICTSD Bellagio Dialogue, Development and IP, Bellagio, 2005
Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Trends in IP protection: implications for Arab countries, Alexandria, 2005
CBD ABS side event, Traditional knowledge at WTO, WIPO and the CBD, Bangkok, 2005
Central European University (CEU), Global IP rule making, Budapest, 2004
Ford Foundation, Access to essential learning tools, New York, 2004
UNCTAD-ICTSD Bellagio Dialogue, towards development oriented IP policy, Bellagio, 2003

Participation in International Meetings

UN Conference on Sustainable Development Rio+20, 2012
Conference of the Parties-18, UNFCCC, Doha, 2012
Conference of the Parties-17, UNFCCC, Durban, 2011
Conference of the Parties-16, UNFCCC, Cancun, 2010
Conference of the Parties-15, UNFCCC, Copenhagen, 2009
Conference of the Parties-14, UNFCCC, Poznan, 2008
International Conference on Trade and Climate Change, Copenhagen, 2008
Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, Geneva, 2003
WIPO General Assembly, 2000-2004, 2007-2011
TRIPS Council of the WTO, 2000-2004
World Health Assembly (WHA), 2002-2004, 2007-2011

Publications

Report

Patents and Clean Energy: bridging the gap between evidence and policy, UNEP, EPO and ICTSD, co-editor, September 2010 (available at: <http://ictsd.org/i/publications/85887/>).

Chapters in books

The Emergence of the Access to Knowledge Movement: Reminiscences and Reflections of a Developing Country Delegate in Gaelle Krikorian and Amy Kapczynski (ed.), *Access to Knowledge in the Age of Intellectual Property*, Zone Books, New York, 2010.

Egypt and Access to Knowledge at the International Level: an Analysis of Policies and Positions in Nagla Rizk and Lea Shaver (ed.), *Access to Knowledge in Egypt*, New Research on Intellectual Property, Innovation and Development Bloomsbury Academic UK, 2010 (available at: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=172937).

Current Developments and Trends in the field of Intellectual Property: Implications for Arab Countries, in Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz and Pedro Roffe (ed.), *Intellectual Property and Sustainable Development, Development Agendas in a Changing World*, ICTSD, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2009.

Intangible Cultural Heritage and Intellectual Property, in Fekri Hassan, Aloisia de Trafford and Mohsen Youssef (ed.), *Cultural Heritage and Development in the Arab World*, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, 2008 (available at: www.bibalex.org/ARF/en/GRA1106_DF_20081102_book.pdf).

Research papers

Access to Knowledge and Intellectual Property Regimes in the Arab World: Trends and Challenges, (with Mohamed Al Said), Background Paper to the *Arab Knowledge Report* (2009), Mohammed Ben Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation in collaboration with United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

Developing Country Coordination in International Intellectual Property Standard-Setting, Working Paper 24, (T.R.A.D.E.), South Centre, June, 2005 (available at: http://www.southcentre.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=90%3Adeveloping-country-coordination-in-international-intellectual-property-standard-setting&catid=47%3Agovernance-and-intellectual-property&Itemid=67&lang=en).

Policy briefs and information notes

Overcoming the Impasse on Intellectual Property and Climate Change at the UNFCCC: A Way Forward by Ahmed Abdel Latif, Keith Maskus, Ruth Okediji, Jerome Reichman and Pedro Roffe, ICTSD Policy Brief No. 11, November 2011 (available at: <http://ictsd.org/i/publications/120254/>).

The Climate Technology Mechanism: Issues and Challenges, ICTSD Information Note No.18, March 2011 (available at: <http://ictsd.org/i/publications/103789/>).

LDC Needs Assessments under TRIPS: The ICTSD Experience (2007-2011), ICTSD Information Note No. 19, April 2011 (available at: <http://ictsd.org/i/publications/106433/>).

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Articles in periodicals and journals

Change and Continuity in the International Intellectual Property System: A Turbulent Decade in Perspective, *WIPO Journal*, volume 3, issue 1, 2011 (available at: http://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/wipo_journal/).

Open Innovation, *World Policy Journal*, Innovation Issue, Fall 2011 (available online at: <http://www.worldpolicy.org/journal/fall2011/big-question>).

Advancing Sustainable Development in Global Trade and Multilateral Negotiations, (with Christophe Bellmann and Jonathan Hepburn), *International Development Policy Series*, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, No. 2, 2011 (Available at: <http://poldev.revues.org/706>).

Fifty Years Later, the IP, Technology Transfer, and Development Debate Lives On, (with Pedro Roffe), *Bridges Weekly Trade News Digest*, volume 15, Number 40, November 23, 2011 (available at: <http://ictsd.org/i/news/bridgesweekly/119324/>).

Patentes y Transferencia de Tecnologías Verdes, *Mi Patente*, Edición 37, Septiembre 15, 2011 (available at: <http://www.mipatente.com/patentes-y-transferencia-de-tecnologias-verdes/>).

Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property: A Post-Copenhagen Assessment, *Bridges Trade and Sustainable Development Review*, Volume 14, No.1, February, 2010 (available at: <http://ictsd.org/i/news/bridges/69167/>).

Articles in newspapers, magazines and web-based resources

Stiglitz in Egypt: On Crucial Questions of Public Policy, *Al Masry al Youm*, January 22, 2011 (available at: <http://www.almasryalyoum.com/en/node/303081>).

L'Opportunité de Cancun, *le Temps*, January 20, 2011 (available at: <http://www.letemps.ch/Page/Uuid/0bd94d9e-2415-11e0-966d7e07ae9483e3/>).

Green Technologies, Alumni viewpoint, *LSE Magazine*, Volume 21, number 2, winter 2009 (available at <http://www2.lse.ac.uk/LSEMagazine/latestIssue.aspx>).

Spotlight Cancun: The Climate Technology Mechanism: an Opportunity to Seize, *Triple Crisis Blog*, December 21, 2010 (available at: <http://triplecrisis.com/spotlight-cancunthe-new-climate-technology-mechanism/>

Global Copyright Reform: A View From The South In Response To Lessig, Inside Views, *IP Watch*, November 12, 2010 (available at: <http://www.ip-watch.org/2010/11/12/global-copyright-reform-a-view-from-the-south-in-response-to-lessig/>).

Linkages between the WIPO Development Agenda and the TRIPS Council, Inside Views, *IP Watch*, March 13, 2008 (available at: <http://www.ip-watch.org/2008/03/13/inside-views-linkages-between-the-wipo-development-agenda-and-the-trips-council/>)

Professional Activities

Member of the Taskforce on Global Knowledge Governance, (Oxford's Global Economic Governance Programme).

Peer Reviewer, *Energy Policy*, Elsevier.

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Languages

English (Excellent written and spoken), **French** (Excellent written and spoken) **Spanish** (Excellent written and spoken), **Arabic** (native).

Personal Information

Date of birth: 18/06/1972

Nationality: Egyptian
