Your workshop invite to...

**PRICES CAN BE LOW - NOW DON’T BE SLOW**

Innovative strategies to lower your medicines procurement costs

At *AIDS 2020 virtual* on 6 July 2020, at 11.00 PDT / San Francisco time.

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**This is a session that government officials, procurement agencies and treatment activists won’t want to miss!**

With the over-pricing of essential medicines putting a strain on health budgets around the world, leaving millions without essential treatment, this workshop will look at:

• The *causes* behind monopolies.
• The *impact* on procurement and health budgets.
• The *policies and tools* available in international agreements and national laws to address unfair monopolies.
• How utilising these tools can *stimulate robust generic competition* and *significant price reductions*.

"Globally companies are over-charging by over $34 billion per year for HIV drugs alone. We need innovative strategies to access quality-assured, affordable generic versions - and we need it now!"

Othoman Mellouk

**SPEAKERS:***

**Cost, price, monopolies and access to medicines.**


**How to access lower priced medicines in a post-TRIPS world?**

Kajal Bhardwaj, lawyer on human rights, public health and access to medicines, India.

**Funding treatment affordability and IP related work through The Global Fund: You can do it!**

Morgane Ahmar, IP & Access to Medicines team, ITPC Global; The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, civil society delegation, Morocco.

Case studies and key initiatives from UN agencies and civil society will be shared, which demonstrate success in increasing access to affordable medicines.

**ORGANISED BY:**

International Treatment Preparedness Coalition (ITPC)’s *Make Medicines Affordable* campaign.