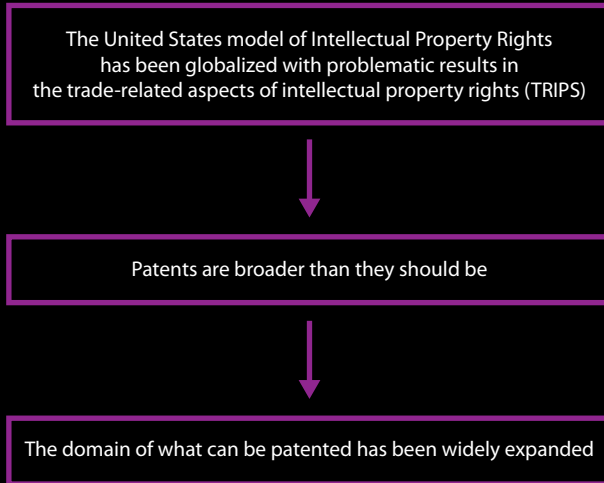


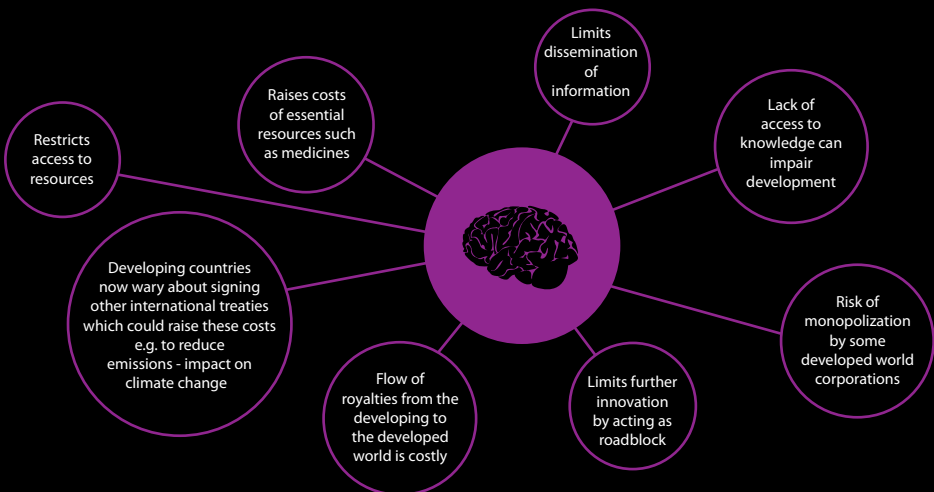
The Problem: Poorly designed Intellectual Property Rights regimes

Poorly designed intellectual property regimes can impede innovation and harm equity.



Implications: Challenges for the developing world

'The current global intellectual property rights regime ... is an impediment to the kind of global cooperation necessary in so many arenas' e.g. development, health and climate change. (Henry and Stiglitz)



What the world is doing about it: Nine strategic goals

The World Intellectual Property Organization set out a number of strategic goals to improve the current global intellectual property regimes.

The nine strategic goals were adopted by Member States of World Intellectual Property Organization.

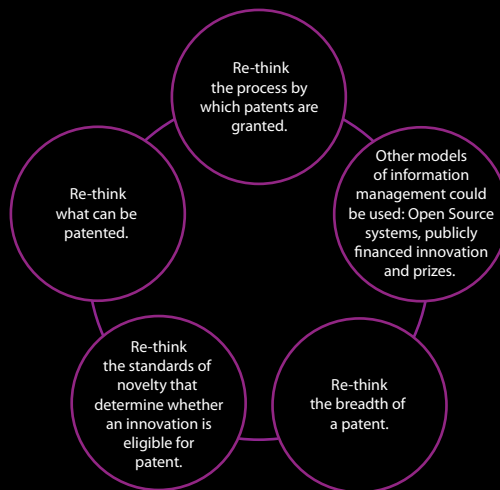
- 1 Balanced evolution of the international normative framework for intellectual property
- 2 Provision of premier global intellectual property services
- 3 Facilitating the use of intellectual property for development
- 4 Coordination and development of global intellectual property infrastructure
- 5 World reference source for intellectual property information and analysis
- 6 International cooperation on building respect for intellectual property
- 7 Addressing intellectual property in relation to global policy issues
- 8 A responsive communications interface between world intellectual property organization, its member states and all stakeholders
- 9 An efficient administrative and financial support structure to enable world intellectual property organization to deliver its programme

These strategic goals are often not enforced.

Source: The Revised Programme and Budget for the 2008/09 Biennium WIPO Meeting

What the research suggests: Reform the patent system

Stiglitz and Henry recommend a re-think of the patent regime and the consideration of alternatives to Intellectual Property Rights.



Global Policy Source: Claude Henry and Joseph Stiglitz, Intellectual Property Rights, Dissemination of Innovation and Sustainable Development, Global Policy, Vol.1, Issue 3.