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Alan Bennett

Professor Alan Bennett is a member of the Plant Sciences Department at UC Davis and founding Executive Director of the Public Intellectual Property Resource for Agriculture (PIPRA), a non-profit organization that provides strategy advice and intellectual property rights analysis to support the commercialization of public sector innovations and the humanitarian uses of agricultural technologies. His research and publications range from plant cell wall disassembly to public policy issues for agriculture. From 2004-2008, he served as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research at UC Davis where he founded and managed InnovationAccess, an organization responsible for technology transfer, business development and support for technology-based economic development.

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Carlos Correa

A lawyer and an economist, Professor Carlos Correa obtained his Ph.D. degree from the University of Buenos Aires. His areas of expertise are investment, development and technology transfer, intellectual property, and competition policy law. He is Special Advisor on Trade and Intellectual Property of the South Centre and has been a visiting professor in post-graduate courses of several universities. Prof. Correa was a member of the UK Commission on Intellectual Property, of the Commission on Intellectual Property, Innovation and Public Health established by the World Health Assembly and of the FAO Panel of Eminent Experts on Ethics in Food and Agriculture. He has advised several governments on intellectual property, innovation policy and public health, and served as a consultant to UNCTAD, UNIDO, UNDP, WHO, FAO, IDB, INTAL, World Bank, SELA, ECLA, UNDP, and other regional and international organizations. He is the author of several books and numerous articles. Dr. Carlos Correa has also served as Chair of the Genetic Resources Policy Committee (GRPC) of CGIAR from 2004-2010. For the purposes of this review, the IEA considers that while Correa dealt with issues of intellectual assets and policy when serving the GRPC, this experience is beneficial for the review, and particularly given that the GRPC was closed in 2010, does not pose a conflict of interest.