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# The Challenge of Adapting to Climate Change: King County Brings Local Action to a Global Threat: Sequel

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*situating the WTO TRIPS Agreement  
in policy debate on climate change*

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- Not an institutional view
- Nor an authoritative account
- Work in progress

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A background question:

- If climate change is a system-wide challenge, what technical, background work is needed or useful from different specialised agencies to support policymakers?
- without exceeding mandate and meeting political expectations?

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- Uruguay Round choice to address IP as part of a 'single undertaking' on trade law
- precipitates debate over legitimate role of IP standards in a trade law system
- broadening into debates over public health, food security, biodiversity, human rights – renewed debate over technology transfer
- at centre of a phase of intense scrutiny and sceptical review of the patent system as a means of promoting development and dissemination of needed technology...