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The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents his compliments and has the honor to invite representatives of Members and Observers to the thirty-first session of the *Committee of Experts of the Nice Union for the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks*, which will be held in hybrid format at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva and *via* an online platform from April 19 to 23, 2021. The session will be held from 12 noon to 2.30 p.m. (CET).

The draft agenda (document CLIM/CE/31/1 Prov.) and other working documents are available on the Electronic Forum at: www3.wipo.int/classifications/nice/nclef, under projects CE311 and CE312.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the medical protocols that the Secretariat has introduced to safeguard participants and staff, the number of delegates authorized to attend the meetings physically will be two delegates per Member delegation and two delegates per Observer delegation.

Other participants may follow the live transmission of the CLIM/CE/31 proceedings online *via* the online remote participation platform.

In order to facilitate their registration and participation, all participants are required to register online at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=61688, by using the following code: . It would be appreciated if the participants could register online as soon as possible and no later than April 13, 2021.

All participants are kindly requested to respect this registration deadline so that all the necessary procedures can be completed to enable access to the remote participation platform. The registration form will allow representatives to indicate whether they will participate in the meeting on-site or remotely, and if they expect to have a speaking role.

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Participants who indicate on the registration form that they will participate remotely will be contacted in advance of the start of the CLIM/CE/31 session concerning technical modalities for accessing the meeting via the online platform, and will be invited to a short, individual connectivity test/training session before the meeting.

WIPO encourages gender equity in all its meetings, and it would be appreciated if this could be taken into account when nominating the participants.

Any additional queries about this meeting may be addressed to the Secretariat at: nivilo@wipo.int.

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