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Global Trends in Assistive Technology (AT): Launch of the Second Issue of the WIPO Technology Trends Report (WITT)

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Tuesday, March 23, 2021

- 14:00 CET Introduction by Mr. Marco Aleman, Assistant Director General, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector (IES), WIPO, Geneva, Switzerland
- 14:05 - 14:15 Opening Remarks by:

Mr. Daren Tang, Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, Switzerland
- 14:15 - 14:40 **Presentation of the Findings of the WITT Report on Assistive Technology (AT)**

Speakers: Mr. Alejandro Roca Campaña, Senior Director, IP for Innovators Department (IPID), WIPO, Geneva, Switzerland
Ms. Irene Kitsara, Industrial Property Information Officer, Technology and Innovation Support Division, WIPO, Geneva, Switzerland
- 14:40-15:30 **Panel discussion – Global Trends in Assistive Technology (AT)**

The discussion panel will address issues related to the trends and the future of assistive technology, policy, user perspective, challenges and opportunities for different players in the field. The panelists representing different fields, profiles and geographies will provide their perspective and give a clearer picture of the assistive technology landscape.

Moderator: Mr. Marco Aleman

Panelists:

Dr. Mariângela Simão, Assistant Director General, World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva, Switzerland

Mr. Alejandro Moledo, Policy Adviser, European Disability Forum (EDF), Belgium

Professor Luc de Witte, President of the Global Alliance of Assistive Technology Organizations (GAATO); Health Services Research, Centre for Assistive Technology and Connected Healthcare, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom

Professor Catherine Holloway, Interaction Design & Innovation, UCLIC; Academic Director at Global Disability Innovation (GDI) Hub, UCL, United Kingdom

Professor Silvestro Micera, Bertarelli Foundation Chair in Translational Neuroengineering, Center for Neuroprosthetics and Institute of Bioengineering at EPFL Lausanne, Switzerland; and the BioRobotics Institute, Department of Excellence in Robotics and AI, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Italy

Professor Suranga Nanayakkara, Associate Professor and Director of Augmented Human Lab at the Auckland Bioengineering Institute, University of Auckland (UoA) New Zealand

Professor Hongliu Yu, Professor and Director of the Institute of Rehabilitation Engineering and Technology, University of Shanghai for Science and Technology (USST); Director of the Shanghai Engineering Research Center of Assistive Devices; President-mentor, Coalition of Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology of Asia (CREATE Asia); and President of the Rehabilitation Robot Alliance of the Chinese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine(CARM), China

Dr. Ricardo Chavarriaga, Head CLAIRE (Confederation of Laboratories for AI Research in Europe) Office Switzerland; Chair, IEEE Standards Association, Industry Connections group on Neurotechnologies for BMI: Zürich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW), Switzerland

Mr. Pete Horsley, Remarkable Assistive Technology Accelerator, Australia

Mr. Masaru Yamaoka, General Manager of Smart-Aging Project at Panasonic Corporation, Japan

15:30 -15:45

Question and Answer Session (in writing through the chat mode)

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