

Diplomatic Conference on the Protection of Audiovisual Performances

Beijing, June 20 to 26, 2012

GENERAL INFORMATION

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INTRODUCTION

The Diplomatic Conference on the Protection of Audiovisual Performances will take place in Beijing, China, from Wednesday, June 20 to Tuesday, June 26, 2012, and will open at 10 a.m. on the first day.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The Diplomatic Conference will take place in the China World Hotel of the China World Trade Centre (CWTC), 1 Jian Guo Men Wai Avenue, Beijing, China. For further information please visit the following webpage <http://www.cwtc.com>.

REGISTRATION

Conference photo badges will be issued to accredited participants at the Registration Desk (-1 Arcade Level, China World Hotel) on presentation of the online registration e-mail (or confirmation number), a copy of credentials or nomination letter and photo I.D. Should the credentials (letter of appointment for IGO and NGO representative) not have been transmitted to WIPO in advance, please present the original of the document/letter to the WIPO Secretariat at the Diplomatic Conference venue.

The Registration Desk will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19 for pre-registration and badge pick up. To avoid delays on the opening morning of the conference, delegates are encouraged to collect their badges during pre-registration. For those not able to do so, however, the Registration Desk will open on Wednesday, June 20 at 8 a.m.

ACCESS TO THE CONFERENCE VENUE

When entering the conference venue, participants will be subjected to security screening by security personnel, similar to that experienced in airports (i.e. x-ray tunnels and walk-through metal detectors). Please arrive early enough to allow time for this procedure.

HOURS OF MEETINGS

Session Schedule: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish, and from Portuguese into the other six languages.

PREPARED SPEECHES

The task of the Secretariat, and in particular that of the interpreters, would be greatly facilitated if speakers could send a copy of the statement(s) to the Secretariat, prior to the Conference to the following e-mail address: copyright.mail@wipo.int. Otherwise, copies of statements (even

handwritten) should be handed to the Conference Officer as early as possible during the Conference.

DOCUMENT CENTER

The Conference Documents Center is situated on level 1 (ground floor) of the China World Hotel, outside the plenary session meeting rooms.

INFORMATION DESK

The Conference Information Desk is situated on level 1 (ground floor) of the China World Hotel, outside the plenary session meeting rooms. The Information Desk will be open as of Tuesday June 19, at 9 a.m. Telephone and fax numbers for the Information Desk will be confirmed closer to the opening date of the Conference.

INTERNET CAFE

Delegates and participants may use the Internet Cafe provided by the Conference on the B1 level (underground level) of the China World Hotel during meeting hours. A free wi-fi service will also be provided to delegates and participants during the conference.

RECEPTION

A joint reception will be organized by WIPO, the National Copyright Administration of the People's Republic of China and the Beijing People's Municipal Government on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the China World Hotel (Level 1 Foyer).

SIDE EVENTS

WIPO Creative Awards Ceremony & China International Copyright Expo (CICE) Opening Ceremony

Date: June 21, 2012

Time: 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. (7.30 to 7.45 p.m. for the CICE Opening)

Ceremony: 7.45 to 9.30 p.m. for the Awards Ceremony and concert

Venue: The Great Hall of the People (transportation for delegates and participants to be confirmed during the Conference).

China International Copyright Expo (CICE)

Date: June 22 to 24, 2012

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Venue: The Exhibition Hall, China World Trade Centre (CWTC)

The CICE is being organized by the Chinese Government during the Diplomatic Conference, and will be held at the Exhibition Hall (next to the China World Hotel) of the CWTC. It is open to the public from June 22 to 24, 2012, 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Delegates are welcome to visit the exhibition and can enter by presenting their accreditation badges at the entrance to the exhibition. To attend the exhibition, please seek the assistance of hotel staff.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR CHINA

Delegates, representatives of observer organizations and other participants are responsible to arrange for their own visas. As a general rule, the delegates, representatives of observer organizations and other participants are required to obtain their China entry visas at the Embassies or Consulates of China in their respective countries. They should be in possession of valid entry visas before commencing their travel. Please contact the Embassy or Consulate of China in your country of residence so as to know about the visa requirements in your specific case. For your reference, a list of agreements on mutual visa exemption between the People's Republic of China and foreign countries is available under the following link:

<http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/dc2012/en/pdf/mutual visa exemption agreements.pdf>

ACCOMMODATION

The Government of China has obtained special room rates at nine hotels, located nearby the venue, for delegates attending the Diplomatic Conference. For detailed information on available rates and room types please visit the following link:

<http://www.wipo.int/dc2012/en/accommodation.html>

TRANSPORTATION FROM BEIJING INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR ALL DELEGATES

The Chinese Government will provide a shuttle service to all delegates to the Diplomatic Conference on June 18 and 19 at Terminal 1 (T1), Terminal 2 (T2) and Terminal 3 (T3) of the Beijing International Airport from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight. Delegates arriving at the Beijing International Airport on June 18 or 19 shall approach the Information Desk of the Diplomatic Conference at the exit of the international arrivals. After presenting the invitation letter from WIPO and the passport delegates will be offered transportation to any of the nine designated hotels available on WIPO website, including the China World Hotel.

Please note that no shuttle service will be provided for the departure from Beijing (return flights).

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public Bus Services

Public buses run from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight daily. Bus fares cost RMB 1 Yuan to RMB 3 Yuan for non-air-conditioned buses, and RMB 2 Yuan to RMB 6 Yuan for air-conditioned buses.

Subway Station

The Guomao Subway Station 国贸地铁站 located in front of the CWTC, is an underground subway station on Beijing Subway Line 1 地铁1号线 and an interchange with Line 10 地铁10号线. The Guomao Station is often packed with commuters, especially during rush hours. Both lines (Line 1 running west-east and Line 10 running north-south) are in huge demand throughout the week. This is eased by the extremely wide platforms on the Line 10 part of Guomao Station.

Please note that public transports are at participants' own expense.

TAXI SERVICES

Taxi Services 出租车 are available at hotels, and hotel staff can assist in ordering a taxi for you. At street level in Beijing, you can also flag down a taxi to the Conference venue or other destinations. Taxis are also available at the Conference venue. Please note that tipping taxi drivers in Beijing is not the custom.

Please note that taxi services are at participants' own expense.

TELEPHONE AND COMMUNICATIONS

During meeting hours, local calls can be made at the Conference Information Desk. Outside meeting hours, calls and faxes can be made at the Business Center of the China World Hotel (or other hotels) for a fee. For participants using mobile telephones, China has two major service providers: China Mobile Limited offers two mobile telephone networks – GSM(2G) and TD-CDMA(3G); and China Unicom (BVI) Limited offers two mobile telephone networks – GSM(2G) and WCDMA(3G). For Internet access, delegates may use the Internet Cafe on the B1 level of the China World Hotel during meeting hours.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

China emergency telephone numbers:

Police: 110

Ambulance: 120

Telephone number information: 114

Weather: 121

Climate:

June is one of the nicest seasons in Beijing, with daytime temperatures ranging from 18.89°C/ 66°F to 30.56°C/ 87°F (based on meteorological averages).

Local Time and Electricity:

The local time for Beijing is GMT + 8 hours. Electricity in China uses 220V, 50Hz.

Currency:

China's local currency is the Renminbi (RMB) or Chinese Yuan (CNY). Its basic unit is the Yuan. The exchange rate is approximately US\$1 = 6.25 Yuan (subject to change). There are currency exchange counters in the arrival area of the International Airport and in the hotels.

TENTATIVE TIMETABLE FOR THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

It is proposed that the following agenda items be considered on the following days. Please note that any of the agenda items may be called up on any of the days from June 20 to 26, 2012, subject to a decision by the Chair(s), in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

Wednesday, June 20, 10 a.m.	Plenary: Agenda item 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10
Wednesday, June 20, 3 p.m.	Plenary: Agenda item 10
Thursday, June 21, 10 a.m.	Credentials Committee Main Committee I
Thursday, June 21, 3 p.m.	Plenary: Agenda item 10
Friday, June 22, 10 a.m.	Main Committee I Drafting Committee
Friday, June 22, 3 p.m.	Plenary: Agenda item 9 Main Committee I
Saturday, June 23, 10 a.m.	Main Committee II
Saturday, June 23, 3 p.m.	Main Committee II Drafting Committee
Sunday, June 24, 10 a.m.	Credentials Committee Main Committee II
Sunday, June 24, 3 p.m.	Main Committee I Main Committee II
Monday, June 25, 10 a.m.	Plenary: Agenda item 12 Main Committee I
Monday, June 25, 3 p.m.	Drafting Committee
Tuesday, June 26, 10 a.m.	Plenary: Agenda item 11, 13,14,15,16
Tuesday, June 26, 3 p.m.	Signature ceremony: Final Act and Treaty

Note: Below are the issues of the Agenda (document AVP/DC/1)

1. Opening of the Conference by the Director General of WIPO
2. Consideration and adoption of the Rules of Procedure

3. Election of the President of the Conference
4. Consideration and adoption of the agenda
5. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Conference
6. Election of the members of the Credentials Committee
7. Election of the members of the Drafting Committee
8. Election of the Officers of the Credentials Committee, the Main Committees and Drafting Committee
9. Consideration of the first report of the Credentials Committee
10. Opening declarations by Delegations and by representatives of Observers
11. Consideration of the texts proposed by the Main Committees
12. Consideration of the second report of the Credentials Committee
13. Adoption of the Treaty
14. Adoption of any recommendation, resolution, agreed statement or final act
15. Closing declarations by Delegations and by representatives of Observers
16. Closing of the Conference by the President

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