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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Saturday, November 17, 2018

8:30 am – 9:00am **REGISTRATION**

9:00 am – 9:30 am **OPENING SESSION**

Welcome addresses by:

- Congressman Daniel K. Davis, 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Illinois, United States of America (USA)
- Mr. John Sandage, Deputy Director General, Patents and Technology Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva
- Mr. Damian Porcari, Midwest Regional Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Alexandria, Virginia, USA

9:30 am – 10:15 am **Topic 1            The Importance of Intellectual Property (IP) for Innovative, for Underserved Audiences**

Moderator:        Mr. Christian Strachan, Co-Chair, Business Advisory Taskforce, Chicago, Illinois, USA

Speaker:            Local Incubator Representative  
Economic Development Representative, Chicago, USA  
IP Bar Association Representative, Chicago  
Copyright Speaker – Local Musician

10:15 am – 11:45 am **Topic 2            Patent Overview and Workshop**

Moderator:        Mr. John Sandage

Speakers:            USPTO Rep (TBD)  
Ms. Nyalleng Pii, Senior Program Officer PCT International Cooperation Division, WIPO  
Local Inventor/Speaker

11:45 am – 12:00 pm Pre-Lunch Break

12:00 pm – 1:45 pm **Working Lunch and Learn Panel Discussion – Resources Available in Chicago for Innovators**

Moderator:        Mr. Christian Strachan

Speakers:            Mr. Damian Porcari  
Representative of Lawyers for the Arts or Patent Pro-Bono Program  
Ms. Nyalleng Pii  
Mr. Paul Halfpenny Senior Administrator, WIPO Global Infrastructure Sector (Platforms and Databases)

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm Coffee Break

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Trademark and Design Overview and Workshop**

Moderator: Mr. Damian Porcari

Speakers: USPTO Representative  
Mr. Juan Rodriguez, Senior Legal Officer, Madrid Legal  
Division, Madrid Registry, Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm **CLOSING SESSION**

Speaker: Congressman Davis

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