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**NATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)**

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Program

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**National Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)  
Hotel Migmar - Olakha, Thimphu**

March 20, 2019

8.45 – 9.15

Registration

9.15 – 9.30

**Welcome and Opening Address:**

Representative(s) of the Department of Intellectual Property of  
Bhutan

Mr. Tempa Tshering, HEAD/Offtg. Chief, Industrial Property  
Division, Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Economic  
Affairs

Representative of the World Intellectual Property Organization  
(WIPO)

Ms. Anjali Aeri, Counsellor, PCT International Cooperation Division,  
Patents and Technology Sector

9.30 – 10.15

**Introduction to the PCT System. PCT Timeline.**

Speaker: Ms. Aeri, WIPO

10.15 – 10.45

**Filing of a PCT Application:**

- ePCT System
- Fees Payable under the PCT
- Amendments under the PCT

Speaker: Ms. Aeri, WIPO

10.45 – 11.00

Coffee break

11.00 – 11.30

**The Patent System in Bhutan**

Speaker: Representative of the Department of Intellectual  
Property of Bhutan

11.30 – 12.00

**Functions of the Receiving Office. The International Bureau of  
WIPO as a Receiving Office.**

Speaker: Ms. Aeri, WIPO

12.00 – 13:30

Lunch break

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- 13.30 – 14.15                    **PCT International Search & Preliminary Examination**  
Speaker: Ms. Aeri, WIPO
- 14.15 – 15.15                    **International Publication.**  
**PATENTSCOPE;**  
**Access to Patent Data, including SAARC Countries;**  
**PCT Online Services. PCT Website:**  
<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/>  
Speaker: Ms. Aeri, WIPO
- 15.15 – 15.30                    Coffee break
- 15.30 – 16.00                    **National Phase Entry under the PCT**  
Speaker: Ms. Aeri, WIPO
- 16:00 – 16.15                    **Advantages of Accession to the PCT by Bhutan – Key Benefits  
for PCT Applicants & Stakeholders**
- 16:15 – 16.45                    **Q & A – Discussion**  
Panel: Ms. Aeri, WIPO, and Representatives of DIP, Bhutan
- 16:45                                End of Session  
Closing of Seminar



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