

## **Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore**

**Twenty-Third Session  
Geneva, February 4 to 8, 2013**

### BRIEF SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS

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#### I. WORKING DOCUMENTS FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

1. The following is a brief summary of the documents prepared or due to be prepared for the Twenty-Third Session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (the “Committee” or “IGC”) as at January 18, 2013. Each of these documents, as well as any additional documents, will be posted as soon as they are finalized at: <http://www.wipo.int/tk>.

#### WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/1 Prov. 2: Draft Agenda for the Twenty-Third Session

2. This document contains the proposed items to be dealt with by the Committee, and is submitted to the Committee for possible adoption.

#### WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/2: Accreditation of Certain Organizations

3. This document sets out the names, contact details and aims and objectives of organizations which have applied to the Committee for accreditation as *ad hoc* observers to the current and future sessions of the Committee.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/3: Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities: Voluntary Fund

4. The WIPO General Assembly, in 2005, established the “WIPO Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities”. The decision was taken on the basis of document WO/GA/32/6, subsequently amended by the WIPO General Assembly in September 2010, which sets out the objectives and operation of the Fund. This document refers to the appointment of the Fund’s Advisory Board, and provides information on the fund-raising drive initiated by the Secretariat. The required information note providing details of contributions received and beneficiaries is circulated in parallel as document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/INF/4.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/4: Consolidated Document Relating to Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources

5. At IGC 20, which took place from February 14 to 22, 2012, the Committee consolidated existing proposals into a single text entitled: “Consolidated Document Relating to Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources”. This text was developed based on documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/4, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/5, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/6, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/INF/4, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/INF/8, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/INF/9, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/INF/10, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/INF/11, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/INF/12, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/INF/13 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/INF/14.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/5: Joint Recommendation on Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge

6. At IGC 20, which took place from February 14 to 22, 2012, the Committee noted the submission of WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/9 REV. (Joint Recommendation on Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge) and invited the proponents to resubmit the proposal, if they deem fit, at the next session of the Committee dealing with the theme of “Genetic Resources”. Based on this decision of the Committee, the co-sponsors of WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/9 REV. have resubmitted the “Joint Recommendation on Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge” as a working document for the Twenty-Third Session.

## II. INFORMATION DOCUMENTS FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/INF/1 Prov.: List of Participants

7. A draft list of participants will be circulated at IGC 23.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/INF/2 REV.: Brief Summary of Documents

8. The present document is prepared as an informal guide to the Committee’s documentation.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/INF/3: Draft Program for the Twenty-Third Session

9. In line with the Committee’s request at IGC 10, this document sets out a suggested program, identifying a possible timing for each agenda item. This draft program is indicative only, and the actual organization of work of the Committee would be determined by the Chair and its members in line with the rules of procedure.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/INF/4: Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities: Information Note on Contributions and Applications for Support

10. This document sets out information required to be reported to the Committee on the operation of the Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities. The rules are set out in the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6, as approved by the WIPO General Assembly at its 32<sup>nd</sup> session and subsequently amended by the WIPO General Assembly in September 2010. In particular, it gives information on contributions received or pledged, and actual support provided to representatives of accredited indigenous and local communities.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/INF/5: Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities: Decisions taken by the Director General in accordance with the Recommendations adopted by the Advisory Board

11. This information note will inform the Committee on the decisions on funding that the Director General will take in accordance with the recommendation that the Advisory Board of the Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities may adopt in the margins of IGC 23.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/INF/6: Information Note for the Panel of Indigenous and Local Communities

12. Following a decision of the Committee at IGC 7, each session of the Committee commences with a panel chaired by a member of an indigenous community. The panel was held at the commencement of the previous 14 sessions of the Committee. On each occasion, representatives of indigenous and local communities gave presentations on their communities' experiences and concerns in relation to TCEs, TK and GRs or on a specific theme related to the IGC's negotiations. The presentations are available on WIPO's site at: [http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/ngoparticipation/ind\\_loc\\_com/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/ngoparticipation/ind_loc_com/index.html). This document sets out the proposed practical arrangements for the panel at IGC 23.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/INF/7 REV.: Report on the Implementation of Cluster C ("Options on Mutually-Agreed Terms for Fair and Equitable Benefit-Sharing") Activities

13. At IGC 19 "the Committee requested the Secretariat to finalize, and update regularly as required, the activities referred to in Cluster C ("Options on Mutually-Agreed Terms for Fair and Equitable Benefit-Sharing") and to provide information thereon to the Committee at each session".

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/INF/8: Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions

14. At IGC 19, "the Committee invited the Secretariat to update the glossaries available in documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/7 ('Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Traditional Cultural Expressions'), WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/8 ('Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge') and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/9 ('Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources'), to combine them in a single document and to publish that glossary as an information document for the next session of the Committee".

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/INF/9 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/INF/9 ADD.: Resources Available on the  
WIPO Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources Website

15. At IGC 20, the Committee invited the Secretariat to produce an information document briefly describing the resources available on the WIPO Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources website as a means to support and enhance the participation of observers in its work.

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