

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

Thirty-First Session
Geneva, September 19 to 23, 2016

INFORMATION NOTE FOR THE PANEL OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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1. At its Seventh Session, the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore ('the Committee') agreed "that, immediately before the commencement of the sessions of the Committee, half-day panel presentations should be organized, chaired by a representative from a local or indigenous community". These panels have since been organized for each Committee session convened since 2005.
2. The theme of the panel at the Thirty-First Session is: "IGC Draft Articles on the Protection of Traditional Knowledge: Indigenous Peoples' and Local Communities' Perspectives".
3. The Annex contains the provisional program of the panel.

[Annex follows]

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM OF THE PANEL

Monday, September 19, 2016

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| 11.00 a.m. | Opening

Chair – (to be identified by the WIPO Indigenous Consultative Forum) |
| 11.00 a.m. – 11.20 a.m. | Keynote speaker: Dr. Laila Susanne Vars, Member of the Sami People, Norway; Member of the Sami Parliament; Negotiator on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Director of Galdu – Resource Centre for Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Norway |
| 11.20 a.m. – 11.40 a.m. | Respondent: Ms. Jennifer Tauli Corpuz, Member of Kankana-ey Igorot People of Mountain Province, Philippines; Legal Coordinator, Tebtebba – Indigenous Peoples' International Center for Policy Research and Education, Philippines |
| 11.40 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. | Respondent: Mr. Jim Walker, Member of the Iman and Goreng Goreng Peoples, Australia; Member of the Board of Directors of the Murri Mura Aboriginal Corporation and the Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research, Australia |
| 12.00 p.m. – 12.15 p.m. | Floor discussion and closing of panel |

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