

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

**Thirty-Fifth Session
Geneva, March 19 to 23, 2018**

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. Pursuant to the IGC’s mandate and its work program for the 2018-2019 biennium, the next two Committee sessions, being the Thirty-Fifth and Thirty-Sixth Sessions, will focus on genetic resources. The theme of the panel at the Thirty-Fifth Session is therefore: “Proposed Patent Disclosure Requirements Related to Genetic Resources – Indigenous Peoples’ and Local Communities’ Perspectives”, while the theme of the panel at the Thirty-Sixth Session will be: “Practical Measures Relating to Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources: Databases and Contracts – Indigenous Peoples’ and Local Communities’ Perspectives”.
3. The Annex contains the provisional program of the panel for the Thirty-Fifth Session.

[Annex follows]

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM OF THE PANEL

Monday, March 19, 2018

11.00 a.m.	Opening Chair – (to be identified by the WIPO Indigenous Consultative Forum)
11.00 a.m. – 11.20 a.m.	Mr. Ndiaga Sall, Head of Department at SEPCOM (Knowledge and Community Practices in Health), Head of Enda Health, Senegal
11.20 a.m. – 11.40 a.m.	Ms. Neva Collings, Ph.D. candidate, University of Technology Sydney, Faculty of Law, Australia
11.40 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	Mr. Q'apaj Conde Choque, Aymara lawyer, <i>Centro de Estudios Multidisciplinarios – Aymara</i> , Plurinational State of Bolivia
12.00 p.m. – 12.15 p.m.	Floor discussion and closing of panel

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