

Practical Workshop for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities on Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge

Geneva, December 3 to 5, 2014

INFORMATION NOTE ON BASIC RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON THE WIPO TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS AND GENETIC RESOURCES WEBSITE

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1. The information note that is contained in the Annex of the present document includes:
 - links to basic information available on the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Traditional Knowledge Division (TKD) website;
 - reference to the Indigenous Portal of the TKD website.
2. Participants in the Practical Workshop are invited to consult the resources mentioned in this Information Note in preparation for the Practical Workshop.

[Annex follows]

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Basic resources on the protection of Genetic Resources (GRs), Traditional Knowledge (TK) and Traditional Cultural Expressions (TCEs) from an Intellectual Property (IP) perspective

- What is IP?
http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/en/intproperty/450/wipo_pub_450.pdf
- Background Brief on IP and TK and TCEs:
http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/documents/pdf/background_brief_on_tk.pdf
- Information booklet: Overview on IP and GRs, TK and TCEs:
http://www.wipo.int/freepublications/en/tk/933/wipo_pub_933.pdf
- Frequently Asked Questions:
<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/resources/faqs.html>

For additional information, you may wish to consult:

- Glossary of Key Terms Related to IP and GRs, TK and TCEs:
http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/tk/en/wipo_grtkf_ic_23/wipo_grtkf_ic_23_inf_8.pdf
- Gap Analyses on the Protection of TK
http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/tk/en/wipo_grtkf_ic_13/wipo_grtkf_ic_13_5_b_rev.pdf
- Gap Analyses on the Protection of TCEs
http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/tk/en/wipo_grtkf_ic_13/wipo_grtkf_ic_13_4_b_rev.pdf
- Customary Law and IP:
http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/resources/pdf/tk_brief7.pdf

Other publications and resources, including Briefs on several topics, are also available on the key resources webpage. See the complete list at: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/resources/>

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

The WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) was established by the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO (General Assembly) in 2000, as a forum where WIPO Member States are undertaking text-based negotiations with the objective of reaching agreement on a text(s) of an international legal instrument(s), which will ensure the effective protection of TK and TCEs and for regulating the interface between intellectual property and access to and benefit-sharing in GRs. See IGC website at: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/igc/>

The IGC has developed three draft texts, the latest versions of which are:

- Traditional Knowledge
http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/tk/en/wipo_grtkf_ic_28/wipo_grtkf_ic_28_5.pdf
- Traditional Cultural Expressions
http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/tk/en/wipo_grtkf_ic_28/wipo_grtkf_ic_28_6.pdf
- Genetic Resources
http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/tk/en/wipo_grtkf_ic_28/wipo_grtkf_ic_28_4.pdf

Indigenous Expert Workshop on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions

The WIPO Secretariat, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, organized an Indigenous Expert Workshop on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions, which took place from April 19 to 21, 2013, at WIPO headquarters. The report, which focuses on the views expressed by the indigenous experts on the IGC draft texts as at that time, is available at: http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/tk/en/wipo_grtkf_ic_28/wipo_grtkf_ic_28_inf_9.pdf

Indigenous Portal of the Traditional Knowledge Division website

A distinct “Indigenous Portal” is available at: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/indigenous/>. It is meant to facilitate access to available information for and relating specifically to indigenous peoples and local communities. It offers links to relevant WIPO resources, information on accreditation to, and participation in, the IGC process and provides access to external links of interest to indigenous peoples and local communities.

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