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PROGRAM

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Wednesday, January 20, 2021

12.00 – 12.20

Opening Session

Mr. Daren Tang, Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

12.20 – 14.30

Theme 1: Disclosure Requirements relating to Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge

(Disclosure requirements are provisions which require intellectual property/patent applicants to include as part of the application several additional categories of information, such as the source or origin of genetic resources, as well as evidence of prior informed consent and a benefit-sharing agreement. Speakers have been invited to present recent surveys and studies on disclosure requirements, and share recent experiences with the implementation of regional and national disclosure requirements.)

Moderator: Mrs. Socorro Flores Liera, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Speakers: Mr. Pierre du Plessis, Technical Advisor to African Negotiators

Mr. Marco d'Alessandro, Senior Policy Adviser, Sustainable Development & International Cooperation, Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Switzerland

Mr. Warren Hassett, Senior Advisor, Corporate Governance and Intellectual Property Policy, Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment, New Zealand

Mrs. María José Lamus, Superintendent Delegate for Industrial Property, Colombia

Mr. Dominic Muyldermans, Senior Legal Consultant, CropLife International

Ms. Jennifer Tauli Corpuz, Policy Advisor, Tebtebba Foundation, Philippines

Discussion

Thursday, January 21, 2021

12.00 – 14.30

Theme 2: Information Systems and Due Diligence Mechanisms relating to Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge

(Information systems are considered to have a key role to play in helping patent examiners find relevant prior art and avoid the granting of erroneous patents. Due diligence mechanisms are considered to have a key role to play regarding access to genetic resources in accordance with applicable national and regional access and benefit-sharing systems. Speakers have been invited to share their experiences with information systems and due diligence mechanisms relating to genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge.)

Moderator: Ms. Hilda Al-Hinai, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Sultanate of Oman to the World Trade Organization

Speakers: Mr. Dominic Keating, Director, IP Attaché Program, United States Patent and Trademark Office, United States of America

Mrs. Dede Mia Yusanti, Director of Patent, Layout Design of Integrated Circuits, and Trade Secrets, Ministry of Law and Human Rights Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, Indonesia

Ms. Larisa Simonova, Researcher, Federal Institute of Industrial Property, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (ROSPATENT), Russian Federation

Mr. Paul Oldham, Director, One World Analytics, United Kingdom

Ms. Sue Noe, Senior Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund, United States of America

Discussion

Friday, January 22, 2021

12.00 – 14.20

Theme 3: Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources: New and Emerging Technologies

(Technologies related to genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge are evolving rapidly. Speakers with suitable technical and legal expertise and diverse perspectives have been invited to explain some of these relevant new and emerging technologies, and reflect on how the impact of these new and emerging technologies may relate to the negotiations underway in the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and

Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (the WIPO IGC)).

Moderator: Professor Margo Bagley, Asa Griggs Candler
Professor of Law, Emory University School of Law,
United States of America

Speakers: Professor Marcel Jaspars, Marine Biodiscovery
Centre, Department of Chemistry, University of
Aberdeen, United Kingdom

Ms. Lactitia Tshitwamulomoni, Co-Chair of *Ad Hoc*
Technical Expert Group on Digital Sequence
Information on Genetic Resources / Deputy
Director, Department of Environment, Forestry and
Fisheries, South Africa

Mr. Manuel Ruiz Muller, Senior Advisor and
Researcher, Peruvian Society for Environmental
Law, Peru

Discussion

14.20 – 14.30

Concluding Remarks

Mr. Wend Wendland, Director, Traditional Knowledge Division,
WIPO

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