WIPO SEMINAR ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND GENETIC RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS: REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS

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International Undertaking (1983) FAO-agriculturefood security; Farmers' Rights; Access terms back and forth through resolutions

> International Treaty (2004) MLS; Farmers' Rights

Strengthening and broadening of intellectual property rights

CBD (1992) UNEP-Environmentconservation; Indigenous and local communities; Access and Benefit Sharing PIC/MAT bilateral UPOV (1961) Harmonized standards; decreasing flexibility for members

WTO-TRIPS (1994) Global IP standards through trade rules

Review of MLS

Ongoing report due to Governing Body meeting in Oct 2015 Nagoya Protocol (2014)

Challenges

- Is the devil in the detail or are we getting lost in the weeds?
- Does one hand know what the other is doing
- And if one hand does know what the other is doing, does it care?

Solutions

- Heighten awareness
- Challenge underlying assumptions
- Pragmatic implementation
- Reassert balance
- Shift dialogue

Possible starting point

- Keystone Dialogues
- Crucible Groups I and 2
- ???