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organized by
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

and
the Ministry of Commerce,
Government of Thailand

Chiang Rai, Thailand, November 9 to 11, 2000

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Thursday, November 9, 2000

8.30 – 9.30		Registration
9.30 – 10.30		Opening Ceremony Addressed by: H.E. Mr. Goanpot Asvinvichit, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Commerce, Government of Thailand Mr. Narendra Sabharwal, Director, Cooperation for Development Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00 – 12.00	<u>Theme I</u>	Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge What is traditional knowledge? What concepts and terms shall we use? Why should traditional knowledge be protected? For whose benefit should it be protected? What is the relevance of intellectual property to traditional knowledge protection? Recent international, regional and national developments. WIPO's work on traditional knowledge. Moderator Speakers Mr. Weerawit Weeraworawit, Deputy Director General, Department of Intellectual Property, Nonthaburi Mr. Wend Wendland, Senior Legal Officer, Division of Global Intellectual Property Issues, WIPO
12.00 – 12.30		Discussion
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch Break	

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14.00 – 15.00	<u>Theme II</u>	Intellectual Property Issues in the Field of Traditional Medicines
		The role of traditional medicines and practices in National Health Care Systems. The use of intellectual property for the promotion and protection of traditional medicine. International, regional and national developments.
	Moderator	
	Speaker	Mr. Zhang Weibo, Deputy Director, Division of Chinese Traditional Medicines, Examination Department I for Chemistry, State Intellectual Property Office, Beijing
15.00 – 15.30		Discussion
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break	
16.00 – 17.00	<u>Theme III</u>	Intellectual Property and Access to and Benefit-Sharing in Genetic Resources
		What are the intellectual property aspects of access to and benefit-sharing in genetic resources? Recent international, regional and national developments. WIPO's work on intellectual property and genetic resources.
	Moderator	
	Speakers	Mrs. Begoña Venero, Member of the Intellectual Property Tribunal, INDECOPI, Lima
		Mr. Zhang Weibo
17.00 – 17.30		Discussion
18.00 – 19.30		WIPO Reception

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9.00 – 10.00	<u>Theme IV</u>	Intellectual Property and Expressions of Folklore The nature of folklore, with examples. Concepts and terms. Role of intellectual property in the protection of folklore.
	Moderator	
	Speakers	Mr. Moses F. Ekpo, Former Director General, Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), Abuja Mr. Hossam Loufti, Professor of Civil Law, Faculty of Law, Beni Sweif University, Beni Sweif
9.00 – 10.30		Discussion
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00 – 12.00	<u>Theme V</u>	Possible Options for the Protection of Traditional Knowledge: Insights from WIPO's Fact Finding Missions
	Moderator	
	Speakers	Dr. Hossam Loufti Mr. Wend Wendland
12.00 – 12.30		Discussion
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch Break	
14.00 – 15.00	<u>Theme VI</u>	The 1999 WIPO/UNESCO Regional Consultations on the Protection of Expressions of Folklore: Future Work
	Moderator	
	Speakers	Mr. Wend Wendland Mr. Moses M. Ekpo

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15.00 – 15.30		Discussion
15.30 – 16.30	Coffee Break	
16.30 – 17.30	<u>Theme VII</u>	Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge Documentation The intellectual property implications and aspects of documentation. Examples of documentation projects. Use of information technology.
	Moderator	
	Speaker	Mrs. Begoña Venero
17.30 – 18.00		Discussion

Saturday, November 11, 2000

9.00 – 10.30	<u>Panel Discussion</u>	Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge – A Policy and Action Agenda for the Future All participants and speakers
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00 – 12.00		Consideration and Adoption of Meeting Statement
12.00 – 12.30		Closing Ceremony

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