

Preparatory Committee of the Diplomatic Conference to Conclude an International Legal Instrument Relating to Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources

Geneva, December 13, 2023

AGENDA, DATES AND VENUE OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

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INTRODUCTION

1. At its fifty-fifth (30th extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from July 14 to 22, 2022, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) General Assembly decided to convene a Diplomatic Conference to Conclude an International Legal Instrument Relating to Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources (“the Diplomatic Conference”) no later than 2024 (see document WO/GA/55/12, paragraph 309).
2. The Preparatory Committee of the Diplomatic Conference to Conclude an International Legal Instrument Relating to Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources (“the Preparatory Committee”) held its meeting in Geneva from September 11 to 13, 2023. Agenda item 8 of the Preparatory Committee meeting addressed the agenda, dates and venue of the Diplomatic Conference. No decision was taken by the Preparatory Committee under agenda item 8. Consequently, agenda item 8 remained open and the meeting of the Preparatory Committee was adjourned to be reconvened at a future date to consider the dates and venue of the Diplomatic Conference (see document GRATK/PM/5, paragraphs 13 and 15).
3. In accordance with the decision of the WIPO General Assembly, this document presents a draft agenda, dates and venue for the Diplomatic Conference.

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4. The proposed draft agenda of the Diplomatic Conference is set out in the Annex.
5. The draft agenda is based on the Draft Rules of Procedure of the Diplomatic Conference, as contained in document GRATK/PM/3, and modeled on the agendas of the 2012 Beijing Diplomatic Conference on the Protection of Audiovisual Performances, and the 2013 Marrakesh Diplomatic Conference to conclude a Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities, both held under the auspices of WIPO.

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6. By Note of September 5, 2023, the Director General of WIPO invited Member States to indicate their interest in hosting the Diplomatic Conference to the WIPO Secretariat.
7. In the absence of any conclusive expression of interest being received from a WIPO Member State by November 30, 2023, and having due regard for the operational, logistical and legal preparations required to convene the Diplomatic Conference no later than 2024, it is proposed that the Diplomatic Conference take place at WIPO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, from May 13 to 24, 2024.

8. The Preparatory Committee is invited to approve the draft agenda of the Diplomatic Conference and the proposed venue and dates of the Diplomatic Conference.

[Annex follows]

DRAFT AGENDA OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

1. Opening of the Conference by the Director General of WIPO
2. Consideration and adoption of the Rules of Procedure
3. Election of the President of the Conference
4. Consideration and adoption of the agenda
5. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Conference
6. Election of the members of the Credentials Committee
7. Election of the members of the Drafting Committee
8. Election of the Officers of the Credentials Committee, the Main Committees and Drafting Committee
9. Opening declarations by Delegations and by Representatives of Observers
10. Consideration of the first report of the Credentials Committee
11. Consideration of the texts proposed by the Main Committees
12. Consideration of the second report of the Credentials Committee
13. Adoption of the Treaty
14. Adoption of any recommendation, resolution, agreed statement or final act
15. Closing declarations by Delegations and by Representatives of Observers
16. Closing of the Conference by the President*

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* Immediately after the closing of the Conference, the Final Act, if any, and the Instrument will be open for signature.