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**Online Seminar with Intellectual Property (IP) Offices and Innovation Stakeholders on the IP Gender and Diversity Gaps in the Africa and Arab Regions**

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This is the fourth edition of a series of on-line discussions involving all stakeholders in the innovation ecosystems about the IP gender and diversity gaps with the goal to raise awareness, evaluate it quantitatively and qualitatively, and to discuss policies and other actions that show promise in addressing it.

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

**Panel I – High-level policy panel (**[**ONLINE**](https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sPly-LaUTYO8Rqxg44oGqw#/registration)**, public):**

**The importance of designing policies addressing the IP gender and diversity gaps and engaging women’s and other diversities’ participation in the innovation ecosystems of the Africa and Arab regions**

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| 11.00 – 11.10 | **Welcome address** Mr. Edward Kwakwa, Assistant Director General, Global Challenges and Partnership Sector (GCPS), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva  |
| 11.10 – 12.10 | **Panel discussion** Co-moderators: Ms. Joni Laura, Senior Director, Government Affairs, Qualcomm, San Diego, United States of America Ms. Samaar Shamoon, Director, Sector of the Director General, News and Media Division, WIPO, GenevaPanelists: Ms. Esther Kunda, Director General, Innovation and Emerging Technologies, Ministry of Information Communication Technology and Innovation (MINICT), KigaliMs. Lulwa Abdulrahman AlMannai, Founder, LAM Brand, Manama Ms. Maya Morsy, President, Egypt’s National Council for Women, Cairo Ms. Melissa Basque Roux, Principal Officer, Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA), African Development Bank Group, AbidjanMs. Nabila Aguele, Formal Special Adviser to Nigeria’ Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Abuja |
| 12.10 – 12.30  | **Closing remarks** |
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|  | Ms. Dalila Hamou, Director, External Relations Division, GCPS, WIPO, Geneva |

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

**Panel II – IP Economists panel (**[**ONLINE**](https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Bex7sqEBSvGBkoUs4FOvWw#/registration)**, public):**

**The challenges of measuring and analyzing the gender and diversity gaps in the IP system of the Africa and Arab regions**

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| 11.00 – 11.05 | **Opening remarks**Mr. Marco M. Alemán, Assistant Director General, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector (IES), WIPO, Geneva |
| 11.05 – 11.30 | **Keynote presentation**Ms. Irene Ochem, Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Africa Women Innovation and Entrepreneurship Forum, Cape Town |
| 11.30 – 12.30 | **Panel discussion** Co-moderators: Mr. Carsten Fink, Chief Economist, Department for Economics and Data Analytics (DEDA), IES, WIPO, GenevaMs. Erika Kraemer-Mbula, Professor of Economics, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa (to be confirmed)Panelists:Ms. Elodie Carpentier, Fellow, Innovation Economy Section, DEDA, IES, WIPO, Geneva Ms. Ghati Nyehita, Research Coordinator, Democratic Governance and Rights Unit (DGRU), Cape TownMs. Melissa Langworthy, Consultant, Senior Gender Expert, European Commission "EU-GCC Political Dialogue, Cooperation and Outreach" Initiative, Equinoccio, Abqaiq, Saudi ArabiaMr. Prince Oguguo, Young Expert, Innovation Economy Section, DEDA, IES, WIPO, GenevaMs. Rana Dajani, Visiting Professor, MIT Refugee Action Hub (ReACT), Cambridge, United States of America |
| 12.30 – 13.00 | **Open floor discussion** |