

Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore

Thirty-Third Session
Geneva, February 27 to March 3, 2017

INFORMATION NOTE FOR THE PANEL OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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1. At its Seventh Session, the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the Committee”) agreed “that, immediately before the commencement of the sessions of the Committee, half-day panel presentations should be organized, chaired by a representative from a local or indigenous community”. These panels have since been organized for each Committee session convened since 2005.
2. The theme of the panel at the Thirty-Third Session is: “IGC Draft Articles on the Protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions: Indigenous Peoples’ and Local Communities’ Perspectives”.
3. The Annex contains the provisional program of the panel.

[Annex follows]

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM OF THE PANEL

Monday, February 27, 2017

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| 11.00 a.m. | Opening | |
| | Chair – (to be identified by the WIPO Indigenous Consultative Forum) | |
| 11.00 a.m. – 11.20 a.m. | Keynote speaker: | Professor Rebecca Tsosie, Regent's Professor at the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona (USA); Special Advisor to the Provost on Diversity and Inclusion. Professor Tsosie is of Yaqui heritage and she serves as a Tribal Court Judge for the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and the San Carlos Apache Tribe. |
| 11.20 a.m. – 11.35 a.m. | Respondent: | Dr. Kanyinke Sena, Member of the Maasai Peoples, Kenya. Dr. Sena is Lecturer at the Egerton University School of Law, Nakuru, Kenya. He serves as the Kenya Advocacy Officer at the Minority Rights Group International and is a Member of the African Commission Working Group on Indigenous Populations. |
| 11.35 a.m. – 11.50 a.m. | Respondent: | Ms. Lucia Fernanda Inácio Belfort Sales, Member of the Povo Kaingáng Peoples, Brazil. Ms. Inácio Belfort is an Indigenous Lawyer with a Master of Laws from the University of Brasilia. She is a Founding Member and the Executive Director of the <i>Instituto Indígena Brasileiro da Propriedade Intelectual (InBraPi)</i> . |
| 11.50 a.m. – 12.15 p.m. | Floor discussion and closing of panel | |

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