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Belize City, Belize

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PROGRAM

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Thursday, October 31, 2024

9.00 – 9.30 **Opening**

Welcome remarks by:

The Hon. Mr. Anthony G. Sylvestre, Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs,
Belmopan, Belize

Mr. Todd Reves, Director, Building Respect for IP (BRIP) Division, Global
Challenges and Partnerships Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization
(WIPO), Geneva, Switzerland

9.30 – 9.50 **Topic 1 Overview of IP rights and the international legal framework –
Part III of the TRIPS Agreement**

Speaker: Ms. Nahal Zebarjadi, Legal
Counsellor, Building Respect for IP
Division (BRIPD), Global Challenges
and Partnerships Sector, World
Intellectual Property Organization
(WIPO), Geneva

9.50 – 10.10 **Topic 2 The importance of IP enforcement: A holistic approach**

Speaker: Mr. Todd Reves, WIPO

10.10 – 10.40 **Topic 3 View from the Bench: The judiciary’s role in the IP
enforcement ecosystem**

Speaker: Judge David Carter, U.S. District
Court, Central District of California,
United States of America

10.40 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

11.00 – 11.30 **Topic 4 The national legal framework**

Speaker: Ms. Kay King, Deputy Registrar,
Belize Intellectual Property Office
(BELIPO), Belmopan, Belize

11.30 – 12.30 **Topic 5 Civil proceedings and remedies**

Speaker: Judge David Carter

12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch**

- 13.30 – 14.00 **Topic 6** **The enforcement of IP rights at the border and challenges in Belize**
- Speaker: Mr. Jason Menzies, Assistant Comptroller of Customs, Belize
- 14.00 – 14.30 **Topic 7** **The enforcement of IP rights at the border: Perspective from the US**
- Speaker: Mr. Zach Keegan, Attorney-Advisor, IP Enforcement Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP), Washington, D.C., United States of America
- 14.30 – 15.10 **Topic 8** **Investigating IP crimes**
- Speaker: Mr. Thomas Duffy, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- 15.10 – 15.30 **Coffee break**
- 15.30 – 16.00 **Topic 9** **Storage and disposal of IP infringing goods: Key considerations**
- Speaker: Mr. Zach Keegan, USCBP
- Friday, November 1, 2024
- 9.00 – 9.45 **Topic 10** **Prosecuting IP crimes**
- Speakers: Mr. Benjamin Bleiberg, U.S. Department of Justice Computer Crime and IP Section (CCIPS), Washington D.C., United States of America
- 9.45 – 10.30 **Topic 11** **Criminal remedies: Fines, sentencing, asset forfeiture and restitution**
- Speaker: Judge David Carter
- 10.30 – 10.50 **Coffee break**

10.50 – 12.00 **Topic 12** **Practical experiences in the field of IP enforcement**

Speakers: Ms. Kay King, BELIPO
Mr. Benjamin Bleiberg, CCIPS
Judge David Carter
Mr. Thomas Duffy, HSI
Mr. Zach Keegan, USCBP

12.00 – 13.00 **Lunch**

13.00 – 13.40 **Topic 13** **Panel discussion: the role of the right holders**

Moderator: Mr. Thomas Duffy, HSI
Speakers: Mr. Zach Keegan, USCBP
Ms. Kay King, BELIPO
Mr. Jason Menzies, Belize Customs

13.40 – 14.00 **Coffee Break**

14.00 – 15.00 **Topic 14** **Inter-agency cooperation on IP enforcement**

Speaker: Mr. Thomas Duffy, HSI

15.00– 15.30 **Q&A session**

15.30 – 16.00 **Closing ceremony and certificates**

Speaker: Ms. Kay King, BELIPO
Mr. Todd Reves, WIPO

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