



COUNTRY STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Statement on behalf of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
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Thank you, Chair.

We congratulate you and confirm our confidence in your stewardship. We also applaud DG Tang on his dynamic leadership and commend the Secretariat for the strong performance over the last year.

Trinidad and Tobago aligns with the GRULAC statement and we leverage this platform to spotlight the damage caused by Hurricane Beryl in the Caribbean.

Chair, we welcome this opportunity to highlight key domestic developments, many achieved through the valued support of WIPO. The TTIPO, WIPO, JPO and UWI hosted a key regional forum on plastic waste, bringing together major players to drive innovation in this area.

TTIPO also held the 2nd Appropriate Technology Competition in collaboration with WIPO, the Korean IPO and UWI to reward excellence in crafting innovative solutions, promote the use of patent information and underscore strong support for SMEs and women entrepreneurs. This year, 40% of the finalists were women.

On our legislative agenda, we are updating our Copyright Legislation to give effect to the increased duration of the term of Copyright and Neighboring Rights protection from 50 to 70 years.

Our national IP Strategy, formulated through the support of WIPO, is now 70% complete. Its full implementation will ensure that IP becomes the backbone of our local strategy in keeping with Government's Vision 2030.

Chair, we thank WIPO for "The IP Management Strategy for the Carnival Museum" undertaken under the COVID-19 response package. The Museum has been successfully launched, showcasing the creativity of our people and highlighting our greatest festival, Carnival.

Under the ABC, we are converting our education syllabus to an accessible format for beneficiary persons under the Marrakesh Treaty.

With the support of WIPO's Creative Industries Division, and in collaboration with the Ministry of Digital Transformation's Developers' Hub, we executed a National Workshop on IP and Mobile Apps, focusing on Appreneurship.

In closing, Chair, we take great pride in the successful outcome of the recent Diplomatic Conference on GRs and ATK and will work closely with WIPO on the incorporation of this Instrument into national law. We will also play our part in negotiations in Riyadh at the DLT Diplomatic Conference.

We remain committed to strengthening the global IP ecosystem through multilateral, regional and domestic efforts.

I thank you.