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Thank you, Chair

Director General Daren Tang,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates, Good afternoon

1. Botswana appreciates the Director General's opening address and commends him and the dedicated staff of WIPO for their steadfast efforts in advancing and promoting intellectual property worldwide.
2. Advances in artificial intelligence, digital technologies, biotechnology and the creative industries are reshaping how innovation is generated, protected and shared. While offering opportunities for economic growth and social progress, they also challenge us to ensure that the international intellectual property system remains inclusive, balanced and responsive to the needs of all nations.
3. Botswana, is making strides in demystifying IP and fostering it to being recognized as a catalyst for economic advancement that is available and accessible to all innovators, inventors, creators and other stakeholders. The diffusion of content, information and training through WIPO social media and web-enabled training platforms, complements these efforts.
4. We anticipate that this will flow into IP benefits
5. In conclusion, we reaffirm our commitment to cooperating with all WIPO Members, and the WIPO Secretariat, to ensure that the benefits of intellectual property reach people and communities in meaningful ways, empowering women, men, youth, and Indigenous Peoples.

Thank you, Chair

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