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## SUB-REGIONAL SEMINAR ON IP ENFORCEMENT

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### **Sub-regional Seminar on Enforcement for IP Prosecutors, Customs Officers and Police Investigators**

organized by  
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

in cooperation with  
the Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (AGLA)  
the Trinidad and Tobago Intellectual Property Office (TTIPO)  
the Anti-Illicit Trade Task Force (AITTF)

with the support of  
the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

hosted by  
Customs and Excise Division (CED)

**Customs House, Government Plaza, 1 Ajax Street  
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago**

**October 28 and 29, 2024**

PROGRAM

*prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO*

Monday, October 28, 2024

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.30 **Opening**

Welcome remarks by:

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

Ms. Charisma Hampton, Attorney Advisor, Enforcement Team, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Alexandria, United States of America

Ms. Trudy Lewis, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (AGLA), Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

Mr. Randall Karim, Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Ministry of Trade and Industry; and Co-Chair, Anti-Illicit Trade Task Force, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

Ms. Yasmin Harris, Comptroller, Customs and Excise Division, Ministry of Finance, Trinidad and Tobago

9.30 – 9.45 **Coffee Break and Participant Orientation**

9.45 – 10.15 **Topic 1 Building Respect for IP: A balanced approach to IP enforcement**

Speaker: Mr. Todd Reves, WIPO

10.15 – 11.00 **Topic 2 Introduction to IP law: Relevant substantive law issues**

Speaker: Ms. Charisma Hampton, USPTO

11.00 – 11.30 **Topic 3 Trinidad and Tobago's Anti-Illicit Trade Taskforce (AITTF)**

Speaker: Ms. Aurelia Bruce, Secretary, Anti-Illicit Trade Task Force, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

11.30 – 12.30 **Topic 4 Regional obligations and the framework for the protection of IP rights**

Speaker: Mr. Malcolm Spence, Senior Coordinator (Intellectual Property, Science and Technology Issues), CARICOM Secretariat, Saint Michael, Barbados

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 14.45	<b>Topic 5</b>	<b>Customs enforcement frameworks in the region</b>
	Speakers:	Ms. Shirley Shepherd, Customs and Excise Division, Trinidad and Tobago
		Regional participants
14.45 – 15.45	<b>Topic 6</b>	<b>Roundtable on fighting counterfeiting and piracy: Challenges in the Caribbean region</b>
	Moderator:	Ms. Fanta Punch, Partner and Head of IP, M. Hamel-Smith & Co. Law Firm, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
	Speakers:	Mr. Anthony D. Vieira S.C., Independent Senator, Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago
		Regional participants
15.45 – 16.15	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
16.15 – 17.15	<b>Topic 7</b>	<b>The enforcement of IP rights at the border: Key considerations</b>
16.15 – 16.35		<i>Identification of counterfeit goods and collaboration with right holders</i>
	Speaker:	Mr. Zach Keegan, Attorney-Advisor, IP Enforcement Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP), Washington, D.C., United States of America
16.35 – 16.55		<i>Role of customs recordation</i>
	Speakers:	Mr. Zach Keegan, USCBP
		Mr. Todd Reves, WIPO
16.55 – 17.15		<i>Storage and disposal of goods infringing IPRs: good practices and challenges</i>
	Speaker:	Mr. Zach Keegan, USCBP
17.15 – 17.30		<b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b>
17.30		Reception at Customs House

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

8.30 – 9.00      **Registration**

9.00 – 10.00      **Topic 8      Investigating IP crimes**

9.00 – 9.40      *Gathering evidence and investigation*

Speaker:      Mr. Thomas Duffy, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Jacksonville, United States of America

9.40 – 10.00      *Links between IP crime and other crimes*

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

10.00 – 11.00      **Topic 9      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

Mr. Anthony D. Vieira S.C.

11.00 – 11.30      **Coffee Break**

11.30 – 12.00      **Topic 10      Civil proceedings**

11.30 – 11.45      *Civil liability in connection with IP crime and the relationship between civil and criminal proceedings*

Speaker:      Ms. Erica Smith, CEO, Copyright Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers Incorporated (COSCAP) Barbados, Bridgetown, Barbados

11.45 – 12.00      *Civil remedies (injunctions and damages)*

Speaker:      Ms. Erica Smith, COSCAP Barbados

12.00 – 13.30      **Lunch**

13.30 – 14.30	<b>Topic 11</b>	<b>Prosecution of IP crimes in the digital environment</b>  Speaker: Mr. Benjamin Bleiberg, CCIPS
14.30 – 15.00	<b>Topic 12</b>	<b>Practical exercise</b>  Speaker: Mr. Thomas Duffy, Homeland Security Investigations  Mr. Zach Keegan, USCBP
15.00 – 15.30	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
15.30 – 16.20	<b>Topic 13</b>	<b>Specialized IP enforcement agencies and inter-agency cooperation</b>  Speakers: Mr. Thomas Duffy, Homeland Security Investigations  Discussion with AITTF members
16.20 – 17.00	<b>Topic 14</b>	<b>Awareness-raising and public-private cooperation</b>  Speaker: Ms. Charisma Hampton, USPTO  Ms. Nahal Zebarjadi, WIPO
17.00 – 17.15	<b>Evaluation</b>	
17.15 – 17.30	<b>Closing remarks and certificates</b>	  Presenters: Mr. Regan Asgarali S.C., Controller, Trinidad and Tobago Intellectual Property Office (TTIPO)  Mr. Todd Reves, WIPO

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