Launch of the Global Innovation Index 2022

Thursday, September 29, 2022 (13:30–16:15 CEST)

High-level Opening (13:30–13:40)
Mr. Daren Tang, Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
Special addresses by Heads of State or Government (tbc)

Presentation of the 2022 GII Results (13:40–14:00)
WIPO Secretariat

Ministerial Statements (14:00–14:30)
Special addresses by Ministers (others ministers to be confirmed)
H.E. Mr. Paulo Alvim, Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation, Brazil
H.E. Mr. Wang Zhigang, Minister for Science and Technology, China
H.E. Mr. Yasonna Laoly, Minister of Law and Human Rights, Indonesia
H.E. Mr. Ryad Mezzour, Minister for Industry and Trade, Kingdom of Morocco
H.E. Ms. Gina M. Raimondo, Secretary of Commerce, Department of Commerce, United States of America

Chair: Mr. Daren Tang, Director General, WIPO
Ms. Lucia S. Foster, Chief Economist, United States Census Bureau
Mr. Fan Zhiyong, Vice President, Intellectual Property, Huawei Technologies, Co., Ltd
Ms. Ardemis Boghossian, Assistant Professor, Institute of Chemical Sciences and Engineering, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)
Ms. Jessica Sinnott, Board Member, Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO) and Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Chief Intellectual Property Counsel, DuPont
Mr. Stephen Karingi, Director, Regional Integration & Trade Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa

Panel: Actions supporting an Innovation-Driven Productivity Revival (15:15–16:00)
Chair: Mr. Soumitra Dutta, GII Co-editor and Dean, Saïd Business School, Oxford University
Co-Chair: Mr. Bruno Lanvin, GII Co-editor and Distinguished Fellow, INSEAD
Ms. Blanca Treviño, President and CEO, Softtek and GII Advisory Board
Mr. Shaun Stewart, CEO, Newlab
Ms. Cecilia Jona-Lasinio, Professor, Economics Department, LUISS Guido Carli University
Ms. Juliet Anammah, Chairwoman, Jumia Nigeria and Group Chief Sustainability Officer
Ms. Alena Buyx, Chair, German Ethics Council, and Professor, Technical University of Munich

Closing Remarks
Mr. Marco M. Alemán, Assistant Director General, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector, WIPO

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Greetings of GII Corporate Network Partners
Mr. Vipin Sondhi, Chairman, Mission on Technology, R&D and Innovation, Confederation of Indian Industry
Mr. Robson Braga de Andrade, President, Brazilian National Confederation of Industry
Mr. Mustafa Gültepe, President, Turkish Exporters Assembly
Mr. Ernesto Gutierrez de Piñeres, Vice President, Science, Technology and Innovation, Ecopetrol
H.E. Mr. Paulo Alvim

Minister for Science, Technology and Innovations, Brazil

H.E. Mr. Paulo Alvim is currently the Minister at the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovations. He is a Civil Engineer, graduated from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, and holds a Master in Information Science, from the University of Brasilia. He was, from 2019 to 2022, the National Secretary for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovations (MCTI). From 2002 to 2019, he was an Analyst at Sebrae Nacional, where he held many positions, including as a representative of Sebrae in national and international Councils and Forums. Since 1989, Mr. Alvim has held positions related to Science and Technology in the Federal and State Government.

H.E. Mr. Wang Zhigang (tbc)

Minister for Science and Technology, China

H.E. Mr. Wang Zhigang is Minister and Secretary of Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China. He studied management science and engineering in Tsinghua University, School of Economics and Management, and obtained a Doctor of Management degree. As a senior engineer, he has long been engaged in scientific research and research management in electronic information systems, software and simulation, reliability and systems engineering. Having held key positions in research institutes and large state-owned enterprises, Minister Wang is not only familiar with scientific research and technology management, but also economics and business management. He has taken the lead and participated in a number of key tasks in his capacity as Vice Chair of the National Leading Group for Reforming the Science and Technology Management System and Building a National Innovation System, and Head of the Leading Group’s Office.

H.E. Mr. Yasonna Laoly

Minister for Law and Human Rights, Indonesia

Professor Yasonna Hamongan Laoly, SH, M.Sc., Ph.D. is the Minister of Law and Human Rights (Menkumham) who was elected the second time in the cabinet of President Jokowi. As a native of Nias ethnicity for the first time being elected as a minister, Mr. Laoly was assigned by Jokowi to oversee the omnibus law process. He was a member of the North Sumatra regional legislature from 1999 to 2003, and of the People's Consultative Assembly from 2004 to 2014. He is the first ethnic Nias to hold a cabinet position. After graduation, he worked as lawyer and later joined HKBP Nommensen University as lecturer in its newly established Faculty of Law. From that position, he earned a scholarship to study law abroad, first at Virginia Commonwealth University and later at North Carolina State University. Following the fall of Suharto in 1998, Mr. Laoly turned to politics, first as a member of North Sumatra Provincial Assembly and later of the People's Representative Council representing the Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle. Following the 2014 election of fellow PDI-P member Joko Widodo as president, Mr. Laoly was selected as a member of Widodo’s Working Cabinet.
H.E. Mr. Ryad Mezzour

Minister for Industry and Trade, Kingdom of Morocco

A graduate of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich in 1996, Mr. Ryad Mezzour began his professional career in Switzerland as a Research and Development engineer with the ABB group, before joining the Deloitte firm as a strategy consultant. After coming back to Morocco in 2003, Mr. Ryad Mezzour, has been holding various senior positions in the private sector. In 2013, he was appointed Director of the Cabinet of the President of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council. In 2019, he joined the Ministry of Industry, Trade, Green and Digital Economy as Chief of Cabinet. Mr Ryad Mezzour has been the Minister of Industry and Trade since October 7, 2021.

H.E. Ms. Gina M. Raimondo

Secretary of Commerce, Department of Commerce, United States of America (U.S.)

H.E. Ms. Gina M. Raimondo serves as the 40th U.S. Secretary of Commerce, and was sworn in by Vice President Kamala Harris on March 3, 2021. As Secretary of Commerce, she is focused on a simple but vital mission — to spur good-paying jobs, empower entrepreneurs to innovate and grow, and help American workers and businesses compete. Secretary Raimondo was formerly the 75th Governor of Rhode Island and its first woman governor. Her family history and her childhood experiences shaped her core beliefs in hard work, opportunity for all, and the importance of financial security. Secretary Raimondo graduated with honors from Harvard, where she was recognized as the top economics student in her class. She later graduated from Yale Law School. Secretary Raimondo clerked for US District Judge Kimba Wood and served as founding employee and senior vice president at Village Ventures.

Ms. Lucia S. Foster

Chief Economist, U.S. Census Bureau

Ms. Lucia Foster is the Chief Economist of the U.S. Census Bureau and Chief of the Center for Economic Studies (CES). Dr. Foster leads the economic and demographic groups within CES partnering with stakeholders within and outside the Census Bureau to improve measures of the economy and people of the U.S. through research and the development of innovative data products. Dr. Foster uses Census Bureau micro data to conduct research on productivity and reallocation, management practices, and business technology adoption. She has a B.A. in Economics from Georgetown University and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Maryland.
Mr. Fan Zhiyong

Vice President for Intellectual Property, Huawei Technologies, Co., Ltd.

Mr. Fan Zhiyong ("Alan") is the Vice President for Intellectual Property at Huawei Technologies, Co., Ltd. Mr. Fan oversees the company’s global IP operations, including IP portfolio management, licensing, transaction and dispute resolution, run by a team of over 400 IP professionals. Huawei is a leading global ICT company with more than 100,000 active patents worldwide. Mr. Fan joined Huawei in 1999. Before joining the IPR department in 2005, he worked in R&D and Marketing departments. Mr. Fan holds the bachelor’s degree of Communication Engineering from Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Ms. Ardemis Boghossian

Assistant Professor, Institute of Chemical Sciences and Engineering, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)

Ms. Boghossian is a Tenure-Track Assistant Professor at the Institute of Chemical Sciences and Engineering (ISIC) of the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL). She received her Bachelor of Science in Engineering (B.S.E.) degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Michigan in 2007. In 2012, she graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering and continued her research as a postdoctoral fellow at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech). Her research lab at EPFL focuses on engineering artificial and biological materials for applications in energy generation, biomedical diagnostics, and the food industries.

Ms. Jessica Sinnott

Board Member, Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO) and Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Chief Intellectual Property Counsel, DuPont

Ms. Jessica Sinnott is a Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Chief IP Counsel at DuPont based in Wilmington, Delaware. Prior to joining DuPont, Ms. Sinnott held the position of Senior Patent Attorney, Mobil Business Resources Corporation, 1989-1999. Chair of the DuPont Continuing Legal Education in 2002; speaker at the Joint Patent Practice Continuing Legal Education on "Data Exclusivity (US and Foreign Availability)" including a published article on the same topic 2006; panel member on joint development agreements at the Minority Corporate Counsel Association conference in 2007; and panel member on “Journeys To Success” Eighth Annual Conference On Women and the Practice of Law for DuPont 2007. IPO Board, ACPC member. She is a former Co-Author, Sinnott, World Patent Law and Practice; Baxter, World Patent Law and Practice (pubs) 1987 – Present; and European Patent Practice, 2015-2018.
Mr. Stephen Karingi

Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa

Dr. Stephen Karingi is currently the Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division of the Economic Commission for Africa. Before joining the United Nations, Dr. Karingi was a Senior Analyst and the Head of Macroeconomics Division in the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA). Before KIPPRA he served as a Lecturer of Economics at Egerton University. Dr. Karingi was a recipient of the then Zolt-Gilburne Visiting Fellowship of the International Tax Programme of the Harvard Law School in 2001 and the winner of the 2013 Alan A. Powell Award in recognition of his contribution to Global Economic Analysis issues from an African perspective. Dr. Karingi served as a member of the High-Level Board of Experts on the Future of Global Trade Governance. He is presently serving in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Trade and Industrial Development Advisory Council; and also, a member of the High-Level Group on Trade in the context of EU-Africa relations. He is in the Editorial Board of the Journal of African Trade.

Ms. Blanca Treviño

President and CEO, Softtek and GII Advisory Board

Ms. Blanca Treviño is President and CEO of Softtek, a global company dedicated to digital solutions, and the largest with origins in Latin America. Softtek helps its clients uncover opportunities, build technological capabilities, and optimize their performance through data, automation and artificial intelligence. She serves as Vice President of the Mexican Business Council, and is a member of the MIT School of Engineering Advisory Council, board member of Walmart Mexico, the Americas Society and Council of the Americas, the Ibero-American Council for Productivity and Competitiveness, Grupo Lala, The Mexican Stock Exchange, as well as diverse universities, including her alma mater, Tecnologico de Monterrey (ITESM).

Mr. Shaun Stewart

CEO, Newlab

Mr. Shaun Stewart is the CEO of Newlab, a community of over eight hundred experts and innovators applying transformative technology to solve the world’s biggest challenges. Their membership and studios bring together entrepreneurs, engineers, inventors, and industry leaders to create sustainable solutions and enterprises. They employ technologies, including robotics, A.I., and material science, to transform what matters most – health, environment, media, cities, and infrastructure. Previously, he was the Chief Business Officer at Waymo, Alphabet's autonomous vehicle company based out of Google X in Mountain View. He joined Waymo after 14 years in the travel industry including work at Airbnb, Jetsetter and Expedia.
Ms. Cecilia Jona-Lasinio
Adjunct Professor of International Economics, Economics Department, LUISS Guido Carli University

Ms. Cecilia Jona-Lasinio is Professor of International economics at LUISS Guido Carli, University in Rome, Senior Researcher at the Econometric Forecasting Division at the Italian Statistical Institute (ISTAT), Senior Consultant for the OECD Economic Department and the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance. She authored many publications on ICT, intangibles, digital innovation, productivity growth and macro-econometric modelling. She has been involved in several EU FP6, FP7 and H2020 research projects and consultancies for government agencies and international organizations. She has been awarded with the Indigo Prize – Letter One Foundation (United Kingdom) – First winners joint with J.Haskel, C.Corrado, K.Fox, P.Goodridge, D. Sichel and S.Westlake, in October 2017.

Ms. Juliet Anammah
Chairwoman, Jumia Nigeria and Group Chief Sustainability Officer

Ms. Anammah joined Jumia in 2015 as Chief Executive Officer of Jumia Nigeria. Juliet has over 28 years of professional experience covering consulting, consumer goods, sales and marketing and e-commerce and has served on several boards in a non-executive capacity. She serves on the Board of CGAP, a nonprofit agency funded by IFC/ World Bank and other DFIs and focused on improving financial inclusion in the developing world. In 2018, she became a member of the Nigerian Industrial Council - a group of private and public sector professionals appointed by the President of Nigeria to define policies supporting Industrial development of the country. She began her career in Sanofi Aventis, and held various roles in sales, marketing, and product management between 1991 and 1999. She joined Accenture in 1999 rising to be the Partner / Managing Director overseeing Accenture's Manufacturing and Consumer Goods Practice covering West Africa. Ms. Anammah has a Bachelor of Pharmacy Degree, an MBA in Finance from ESUT, Nigeria, and is an alumnus of Wharton Advanced Management Program.

Ms. Alena Buyx
Chair, German Ethics Council, and Professor, Technical University of Munich

Ms. Alena Buyx has held different positions, such as the Director of the Institute of History and Ethics of Medicine and Professor of Ethics of Medicine and Health Technologies at the Technical University of Munich (since September 2018); Professor of Biomedical Ethics and Head of the Department of Biomedical Ethics at the Institute of Experimental Medicine at the University of Kiel (since 2014); Senior Research Fellow at the School of Public Policy at the University College of London (2012–2015); Head of the DFG-Emmy Noether Research Group “Bioethics and Political Philosophy” at the University of Münster (2012–2014); Habilitation and venia legendi in Ethics, History and Theory of Medicine at the University of Münster (2013); Assistant Director of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics in London (2009–2012); Visiting Scholar of the Harvard University Programme in Ethics and Health at the Harvard Medical School (2008–2009); Assistant Professor at the Institute for Ethics, History and Philosophy of Medicine at the University of Münster (2006–2008); Medical Licensure, Medical Doctor; Magistra Artium in Philosophy and Sociology (2005).