CONFERENCE ON INNOVATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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Geneva, July 11 and 12, 2011

PROGRAM

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Monday, July 11, 2011

08.00  Registration

09.30 - 10.30  Opening Remarks by:

Speakers: Mr. Francis Gurry, Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

His Excellency Mr. Luis Alfonso de Alba, Ambassador, Special Representative for Climate Change, Mexico, D.F.

Mr. Mnikeli Ndabambi, General Manager for Operations, South African Weather Service, Pretoria

Mr. José Romero, Head, Rio-Conventions Section, International Affairs Division, Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN), Bern

Ms. Wanna Tanunchaiwatanan, Officer in Charge, Adaptation, Technology and Science Program, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Bonn, Germany

10.30 – 11.00  Coffee break

11.00 - 12.30  PLENARY 1:

Innovation and Partnership Models

This plenary session will look at “real world” examples of innovation and partnership models to develop and diffuse relevant technologies from the points of view of both government and the private sector

Chair: Mr. José Romero

Speakers: Mr. Carl Horton, Chief Intellectual Property Counsel, General Electric, Fairfield, United States of America

Mr. Sergey Sibiryakov, Professor, Head of Department, Macroeconomic Forecasting, Graduate School of Management, Supervisor of Research Institute Transnet, Moscow

Mr. Pedro Roffe, Senior Fellow, Project on Intellectual Property and Sustainable Development, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), Geneva

Discussion

12.30 – 14.30  Lunch Break
14.30 – 16.00  

**PLENARY 2:**

**Real World Experiences of Technology Transfer**

Building on Plenary 1, this session will look specifically at the role of technology transfer in contributing to meeting the technology needs of developing countries in relation to environmentally sound and sustainable development. It will also feature the services which WIPO will seek to provide through WIPO Green.

Chair:  His Excellency Mr. Luis Alfonso de Alba  
Speakers:  Mr. Rathindra Nath Roy, Chairman of the Board, Villgro Innovations Foundation, Chennai, India  
Ms. Wanna Tanunchaiwatana  
His Excellency, Mr. Chandrashekhar Dasgupta, Ambassador, Distinguished Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi  
Mr. Yuichiro Kawamura, General Manager, Intellectual Property Division, Honda, Tokyo

*Discussion*

16.00 – 16.15  

Coffee Break

16.15 – 17.30  

**PLENARY 3:**

**Facilitating Finance to Accelerate Diffusion**

Following COP16 in Cancun where Conference Parties agreed to the establishment of a “Technology mechanism” and a “Green Climate Fund”, this session will explore how these mechanisms can support developing countries to harness the potential of innovation and technology in relation to climate change mitigation and adaptation and in achieving sustainable development.

Chair:  His Excellency Mr. He Yafei, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the People’s Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland  
Speakers:  Mr. Vicente Paolo Yu, Coordinator, Global Governance for Development Programme, South Centre, Geneva  
Mr. Ari Huhtala, Senior Environmental Specialist, Climate Change Team, World Bank, Washington D.C.  
Mr. Joseph Nganga, Chief Executive Officer Renewable Energy Ventures (K) Ltd., Nairobi

*Discussion*

17.45 – 20.00  

Reception
Tuesday, July 12, 2011

09.30 – 11.30

PARALLEL BREAK OUT SESSIONS

Stream 1: Innovation and Partnership Models
Facilitator: Mr. Carsten Fink, Chief Economist, WIPO
Speakers: Mr. Matthew Bateson, Director, Energy Climate Issues, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, (WBCSD), Geneva
Mr. Quentin Tannock, Chairman, Cambridge IP, Cambridge, United Kingdom
Mr. Anders Flodström, Vice Chairman of the Board, European Institute of Innovation and Technology, Budapest

Discussion

Stream 2: Real World Experiences of Technology Transfer
Facilitator: Mr. Giovanni Anelli, Head, Technology Transfer Office, European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), Geneva
Speakers: Mr. Meir Pugatch, Director of Research of the Stockholm Network and Senior Lecturer of the University of Haifa, Israel
Mr. Mark Radka, Chief, Energy Branch, United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP), Geneva
Mr. Mohammed Asaduzzaman, Research Director, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Dhaka
Mr. Yuji Toda, General Manager, Hitachi, Ltd., IP Development & Management Division, Tokyo

Discussion

Stream 3: Facilitating Finance to Accelerate Diffusion
Facilitator: Mr. Ari Huhtala
Speakers: Mr. Aklilu Amsalu Taye, Environmental Geographer, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa
Mr. Baskut Tuncak, Staff Attorney, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL), Washington D.C
Mr. Colin Turner, CEO, Managing Director, greenTEK ventures, Nyon, Switzerland
Mr. Romain Benicchio, Policy Advisor, Oxfam, Geneva, Switzerland
Mr. Friedrich Barth, Senior Advisor, Environment and Energy Group, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), New York, United States of America

Discussion

Coffee break (during session)

11.30 - 12.15  WIPO's Engagement in Climate Change

Speakers: Mr. Johannes Christian Wichard, Deputy Director General, Global Issues Sector, WIPO
          Mr. James Pooley, Deputy Director General, Innovation and Technology Sector, WIPO
          Mr. Yoshiyuki Takagi, Assistant Director General, Global Infrastructure Section, WIPO

Discussion

12.15 – 14.00  Lunch Break

14.00 – 16.00  BREAK OUT SESSION REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Pulling together the discussions over the two days of the Conference, at this session facilitators from each of the break-out sessions will report back on their discussions and engage in plenary-wide discussion and draw some conclusions from that discussion. Senior level panelists will be engaged in a discussion on the next steps to support developing countries in using technology and innovation in the context of the conference themes.

Chairs: Mr. Sherif Saadallah, Executive Director, Department of External Relations, WIPO
       Ms. Konji Sebati, Director, Department for Traditional Knowledge and Global Challenges, WIPO

Rapporteurs: Stream 1: Innovation
             Mr. Quentin Tannock
             Stream 2: Tech Transfer
             Mr. Mohammed Asaduzzaman
             Stream 3: Finance
             Mr. Ari Huhtala

Discussion
16.00 - 16.15 Concluding Remarks
Speaker: Mr. Johannes Christian Wichard

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