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Geneva, September 18 and 19, 2025

PROGRAM

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DAY ONE

Thursday, September 18, 2025

- 9.00 – 9.30 Registration
- 9.30 – 9.35 **Opening of the Symposium – Welcome Address**
- Mr. Daren Tang, Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- 9.35 – 10.15 **Session 1 – Keynote Panel**
- Moderator:
- Ms. Lisa Jorgenson, Deputy Director General, Patents and Technology Sector, WIPO
- Panelists:
- Mr. Jorge Contreras, Professor, College of Law, University of Utah
- Mr. Christian Loyau, Former Director for Legal Affairs and Governance at European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI)
- Ms. Susanna Martikainen, Chief Licensing Officer, Wireless Technologies, Nokia
- Mr. Jeff Myers, Vice-President, Chief IP Counsel, Apple
- 10.15 – 10.30 **Session 2 – WIPO’s SEP Strategy: Status of its Implementation**
- Presenter:
- Mr. Andras Jokuti, Director, Patent and Technology Law Division, WIPO
- 10.30 – 11.30 **Session 3 – The Economics behind FRAND Determination**
- Moderator:
- Mr. Carsten Fink, Chief Economist, Department for Economics and Data Analytics, WIPO
- Panelists:
- Ms. Fei Deng, Vice-President, Charles River Associates
- Mr. Mario A. Lopez, Vice-President, Charles River Associates
- Ms. Kadambari Prasad, Vice-President, Compass Lexecon
- Mr. Pekka Sääskilahti, Executive Vice-President, Compass Lexecon
- 11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.00 **Session 4 – The Process of Dealmaking**

Moderator:

Ms. Allison Mages, Head, IP Commercialization Section, IP for Innovators Department, WIPO

Panelists:

Mr. Alexander Haertel, Cluster Lead Patents, Deutsche Telekom

Mr. John Mulgrew, IP Policy, Lenovo

Mr. Shahrokh Nayeb Nazar, Senior Director of Technology, Qualcomm

Ms. Sophie Pasquier, Senior Director, Principal Intellectual Property and Licensing Counsel, Philips

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch Break

14.30 – 15.50 **Session 5 – SEP Litigation and Judicial Developments**

Moderator:

Ms. Eun-Joo Min, Director, WIPO Judicial Institute, WIPO

Panelists:

Mr. Cesar Giovanni Chaparro Rincon, Judge, Administrative Tribunal of Cundinamarca, Colombia

Mr. Rodney Gilstrap, District Judge, Eastern District of Texas, United States of America

Mr. Liming Kong, Presiding Judge, IP Court of the Supreme People's Court of China, China

Mr. Richard Meade, Justice, High Court, United Kingdom

Ms. Prathiba Singh, Justice, Delhi High Court, India

Mr. Peter Tochtermann, Presiding Judge, Unified Patent Court

15.50 – 16.45 **Session 6 – Alternative Dispute Resolution in SEP Licensing**

Moderator:

Ms. Heike Wollgast, Head, IP Disputes Section, WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, WIPO

Panelists:

Mr. Chung Nian Lam, Head, IP, Technology & Data Group, Wong Partnership

Mr. Tilman Müller-Stoy, Partner, Bardehle Pagenberg

Mr. Richard Vary, Partner, Bird and Bird

Mr. David Yurkerwich, Senior Managing Director, Ankura

16.45 – 17.15 Coffee Break

17.15 – 18.30 **Session 7 – Policy and Regulation: What Governments Can Do**

Moderator:

Mr. Andras Jokuti, Director, Patent and Technology Law Division, WIPO

Panelists:

Mr. Christian Hannon, Acting Principal Counsel and Director for Patent Policy, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), United States of America

Mr. Jonas Hein, Legal and Policy Officer, European Commission

Mr. Wei Jiang, Second-level Inspector, National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), China

Mr. Jamie Lewis, Head, SEP, IP and Competition Policy, United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (UKIPO), United Kingdom

Mr. Yoshinobu Sato, Director for Intellectual Property (Representative (Intellectual Property Attaché) for Japan Patent Office in Europe), Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Japan

Mr. Alfred Yip, Director, Intellectual Property Office Singapore (IPOS) International, Singapore

18.30 **Cocktail Reception**

DAY TWO

Friday, September 19, 2025

9:00 – 9:10 **Opening Day 2**

9.10 – 09.30 **Session 8 – Fireside Chat**

Moderator:

Mr. Marco Aleman, Assistant Director General, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector, WIPO

Panelists:

Mr. Steve Faraji, Head of Litigation, Licensing, Brand Protection, Volkswagen

Ms. Gabriele Mohsler, VP Patent Development, Ericsson

9.30 – 10.20 **Session 9 – SEPs and SMEs**

Moderator:

Mr. Trod Lehong, Head, Legislative and Policy Advice Section, Patent and Technology Law Division, WIPO

Panelists:

Mr. Jacob Babcock, Chief Executive Officer, NuCurrent

Mr. Lukas Johnson-Hecker, Senior Legal Counsel, Fairphone

Mr. Robert Pocknell, Chief Executive Officer, N&M Consultancy

10.20 – 11.10 **Session 10 – SEPs in the Global Economy**

Moderator:

Mr. Yogesh Pai, Head, Patents and Treaties Law Section, Patent and Technology Law Division, WIPO

Panelists:

Mr. Xavier Giné, Lead Economist, World Bank

Mr. Roger Kampf, Counsellor, World Trade Organization (WTO)

Mr. Otto Licks, Founding Partner, Licks Attorneys

11.10 – 11.40 Coffee Break

11.40 – 12.40 Session 11 – SEPs and Competition Law

Moderator:

Ms. Nina Belbl, Legal Officer, Patent and Technology Law Division, WIPO

Panelists:

Mr. Peter Camesasca, Managing Partner, Peter Camesasca Advokaats

Ms. Sophie Lawrance, Partner, Bristows Law Firm

Ms. Anke Nestler, Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting

Ms. Annie Xue, Senior Partner, Lifang & Partners

12.40 – 13.30 Session 12 – Approaches to Group Licensing

Moderator:

Mr. Hüseyin Kebapci, Senior Legal Officer, Legislative and Policy Advice Section, Patent and Technology Law Division, WIPO

Panelists:

Mr. John Kinton, Chief Legal Officer, Access Advance LLC

Mr. Daniel P. McCurdy, Chief Executive Officer, RPX Corporation

Mr. Matteo Sabattini, Executive Advisor, Government Affairs, Sisvel

Ms. Uta Schneider, Vice-President Global Government Affairs, Avanci

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch Break

15.00 – 16.00 Session 13 – The World Outside of Cellular Standards

Moderator:

Ms. Nina Belbl, Legal Officer, Patent and Technology Law Division, WIPO

Panelists:

Mr. John Dubiansky, Senior Director, Intellectual Property and Standards Policy, Dolby

Mr. Scott Hayden, Vice-President of the IP Group, Amazon

Ms. Claudia MacMaster, Head of Legal and Compliance, International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)

Mr. Andrew Yen, Chief IP Counsel, Panasonic

16.00 – 17.00 **Session 14 – Transparency and Data Science behind SEPs**

Moderator:

Ms. Magdalena Zelenkovska, Senior Patent Data Manager, Patent Database Section, WIPO

Panelists:

Mr. Pere Arqué Castells, Stream Leader at the Observatory on Patents and Technology, European Patent Office (EPO)

Ms. Magali Fitzgibbon, Legal and Governance Director, European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI)

Mr. Sharaz Gill, Founder, IP Mind

Mr. Tim Pohlmann, Managing Director Americas LexisNexis Intellectual Property, Lexis Nexis

17.00 – 17.10 **Closing of the Symposium**

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