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WIPO Seminar on SEPs and Dispute Resolution

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the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Geneva, October 12 and 13, 2026

PROGRAM

prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO

DAY ONE

Monday, October 12

GAME ON – WIPO SEP Strategy in practice

14.30 – 15.00 Registration and Networking Coffee

15.00 – 15.05 **Opening**

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

15.05 – 15.15 **Warm-up – WIPO SEP Strategy**

Overview of WIPO's current work on SEPs and FRAND licensing, including ongoing initiatives and areas under consideration.

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

15.15 – 16.00 **WIPO's SEP Initiatives – Current Work**

SEP Information, Data and Transparency

Presentation of PATENTSCOPE and discussion of the broader SEP information landscape, including patent pools and other sources of SEP-related information.

Speaker: Ms. Magdalena Zelenkovska, Head, Patent Database Section, Global Databases Division, Infrastructure and Platforms Sector, WIPO

Legal Landscape and Access to Legal Information

Presentation of WIPO Lex SEP Case Law Collection and WIPO Lex's role in facilitating access to legislation, case law and legal developments across jurisdictions.

Speaker: Mr. Ty Gray, Head, WIPO Lex, WIPO Judicial Institute, Copyright, Creative Economy and IP Governance Sector, WIPO

FRAND in Practice – Findings from the FRAND Report

Presentation of the main findings of the FRAND Report.

Speaker: Mr. Carsten Fink, Chief Economist, Department for Economics and Data Analytics, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector, WIPO

16.00 – 16.10 **Introduction to the Workshops**

Brief introduction to the objectives and format of the discussions.

Speaker: Ms. Nina Belbl

16.10 – 17.40 **Parallel Workshops** (*Chatham House Rule and in-person only*)

Workshop 1 – SEP Information, Data and Transparency

What information is most useful in practice? Where are the principal information or transparency gaps? How could existing resources such as PATENTSCOPE help?

Facilitator:

Ms. Sandrine Ammann, Marketing and Communications Officer, Global Databases Division, Infrastructure and Platforms Sector, WIPO

Mr. David Diaz Diaz, Data Administrator, Patent Database Section, Global Databases Division, Infrastructure and Platforms Sector, WIPO

Workshop 2 – Legal Landscape and Access to Legal Information

What legal information is most relevant to SEP/FRAND practice? Where are there gaps in access, coverage or usability?

Facilitator: Mr. Ty Gray

Workshop 3 – FRAND in Practice

Do the findings of the FRAND Report reflect practical experience? What challenges, risks or unresolved issues merit further consideration?

Facilitator: Ms. Nina Belbl

Workshop 4 – Emerging Practical Needs and Areas for Further Exploration

What practical needs are not sufficiently addressed today? Where could guidance, education, capacity building or other forms of support be useful? Which areas may merit further exploration by WIPO?

Facilitator: Mr. Andras Jokuti

17.40 – 17.45 Return to Plenary

17.45 – 18.00 **Wrap-up – Issues for Further Exploration**

Short, non-attributable recap of recurring practical issues and areas that may merit further consideration or consultation.

18.00 Cool down – Reception

DAY TWO

Tuesday, October 13

DEEP DIVE – Judicial approaches

08.30 – 09.00 Networking Coffee

09.00 – 09.15 **Opening**

Ms. Laura Peter, Deputy Director General, Patents and Technology Sector, WIPO

09.15 – 10.45 **THE FIELD OF PLAY – Judicial approaches to ruling on SEP disputes**

Moderator: Mr. Andras Jokuti

Panelists:

Ms. Fadila Fidel, Judge, Commercial Court of Casablanca, Morocco

Mr. James Mellor, Justice, High Court, United Kingdom

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

Mr. Peter Tochtermann, Presiding Judge, Unified Patent Court, Germany

Mr. Victor Torres, Rio de Janeiro State Court, Brazil

Mr. Sungyop Woo, IP High Court, Republic of Korea

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 – 12.30 **THE GAME PLAN – Multi-jurisdictional Litigation Strategies**

Moderator: Ms. Nina Belbl

Panelists:

Mr. Stephen J. Akerley, Vice President, Deputy General Counsel Global Head of Litigation, InterDigital

Mr. Ray Bennett, Executive Director of Global Litigation, Lenovo

Mr. Robert Earle, Vice President, Assertion and Enforcement for IPR & Licensing, Ericsson

Mr. Jon Chow, Deputy Chief Counsel, Litigation and Patents, The Walt Disney Company

12:30 – 12:45 **POST GAME ANALYSIS – A Fireside Reflection**

Moderator: Ms. Nina Belbl

Speaker:

Mr. Sanat Bathla, Legal Counsel, FairPhone

Mr. Andrei Iancu, Partner, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

12.45 – 14.15 Lunch Break

14.15 – 14.45 **THE INTERNATIONAL FENCING PISTE – A Legal Analysis of the SEP-related WTO Disputes**

Speaker:

Mr. Daniel J. Gervais, Amsterdam Milton R. Underwood Professor of Law (Emeritus), Vanderbilt University, USA, and Senior Associate Professor (part-time), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands

14.45 – 16.00 **THE TIE-BREAKER – ADR in FRAND Disputes**

Moderator: Mr. Andras Jokuti

Panelists:

Mr. Le Chen, Senior Director, IP Policy & Dispute Resolution, Xiaomi

Mr. Clemens Heusch, Vice President, Global Head of Litigation, Nokia

Mr. Naoyuki Iwai, Presiding Judge, Tokyo District Court, Japan

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

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 – 17.50 **THE GLOBAL SCOREBOARD – Assessing FRAND**

Moderator: Ms. Nina Belbl

Panelists:

Mr. Weike Du, Deputy Chief Judge of the Third Civil Division, Supreme People’s Court of China (SPC), China

Mr. James Mellor, Justice, High Court, United Kingdom

Mr. Oliver Schön, Presiding Judge, Munich Regional Court, Germany

Mr. James V. Selna, District Judge, Central District of California, USA

17.50 – 17.55 **MATCH POINT – Final Reflections**

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