The Role of IP in providing Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems in the context of Climate Change

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10.00 – 10.05  Welcome address
Representative of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

10.05 – 10.10  Opening Presentation and Introduction
Innovation for Sustainable Agriculture: Setting the Scene
Ms. Karen Lee Rata, Sr. Counsellor, Division for Asia and the Pacific, WIPO

10.10 – 10.50  Panel 1  Opportunities for Innovation in Agriculture
Moderator: Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)

Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala, President, Eastern African Farmers Federation (EAFF) & Pan-Africa Farmers Organization (PAFO) [What actions are farmers taking to deliver sustainable agriculture and food systems and how can they drive innovation to support those actions?]

Mr. Vincent Martin, Director of FAO’s Office of Innovation, FAO [What is FAO’s role in supporting innovation to deliver more sustainable crop and food production in the future?]

Mr. John Derera, Senior Director, Plant Breeding and Pre-Breeding, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR System Organization) [What are the impacts and risks to agriculture from climate change and what role can new plant varieties play in delivering solutions?]

Mr. Peter Oksen, Green Technology and Research Manager, Climate Change and Food Security, Global Challenges Division, WIPO [What are the importance of innovation and technology for sustainable agriculture and WIPO GREEN’s work to support it?]

10.50 – 11.15  Q&A and Facilitated Discussions
All speakers in Panel 1

11.15 – 11.20  Brief Introduction to plant variety protection in supporting sustainable agriculture and developments in UPOV
Mr. Peter Button
11.20 – 12.00  **Panel 2  
** **IP Policies in Agriculture**

Moderator:  Ms. Yolanda Huerta-Casado, Legal Counsel and Director of Training and Assistance, UPOV

Mr. Nguyen Thanh Minh, Director, Vietnam Seed Support Service Center (VSC) [How has Viet Nam’s policy on IP helped to increase agricultural productivity and sustainability?]

Mr. Simon M. Maina, Director, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) [What has been the role of plant variety protection for the development of climate-smart crop varieties in Kenya?]

Ms. Sara Karla Quinteros Malpartida, Coordinator of Collective Knowledge and Plant Varieties, INDECOPI, Peru [How is Peru’s IP policy helping to encourage technological innovation in agriculture?]

Mr. Antony Taubman, Director, Intellectual Property Division, WTO [What is the role of the TRIPS Agreement in achieving sustainable agriculture and food systems?]

12.00 – 12.30  **Q&A and Facilitated Discussions**  
All speakers in Panel 2

12.30  **Closing Remarks**

Mr. Peter Button
Ms. Karen Lee Rata

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