REGIONAL EXPERT MEETING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CARIBBEAN FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROTECTION OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, FOLKLORE/TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS AND GENETIC RESOURCES

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Tuesday, March 18, 2008

9.00 – 9.20 Registration

9.20 – 9.45 OPENING CEREMONY

Welcome addresses by:

The representative of the Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)

The representative of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

9.45 – 10.15 The Cultural and Economic Value of Traditional Knowledge and Folklore/Traditional Cultural Expressions in Caribbean Countries

Speaker: Mrs. Mary-Ann Richards, WIPO Caribbean Regional Consultant, Port of Spain

10.15 – 10.45 Protecting Traditional Knowledge, Folklore/Traditional Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources: Policy and Legal Challenges for Caribbean countries

Speaker: Ms. Sharon Legall, Cambridge University, Cambridge, United Kingdom

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee/Tea Break

11.00 – 11.30 Policy Objectives for the Protection of Traditional Knowledge, Folklore/Traditional Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources in the Caribbean – The Role of the Government

Speaker: Mr. Bernard Jankee, Director of the African Caribbean Institute of Jamaica (ACIJ), Kingston

11.30 – 12.00 Discussion

12.00 – 12.30 Experiences with the Protection of Traditional Knowledge in Latin America

Speaker: Mr. Manuel Ruiz, Director, International Affairs and Biodiversity Program, Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental (SPDA), Lima

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 14.00 Legislative Options for Traditional Knowledge and Folklore/Traditional Cultural Expressions – The African Experience

Speaker: Mr. Emmanuel Sackey, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), Harare
14.00 – 14.30 Existing or Proposed Regional Intellectual Property systems in the Caribbean

Speakers: Mr. Stephenson Etienne, General Manager, Hewanorra Musical Society (HMS), Castries, Saint Lucia
Ms. Sonia Cruickshank, Program Officer, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, WIPO

14.30 – 14.45 The Role of CARICOM in the Establishment of Regional Systems

Speaker: Representative from CARICOM (to be confirmed, Dr. Hilary Brown)

14.45 – 15.15 Discussions

15.15 – 15.30 Coffee/Tea Break


Speakers: Ms. Gail Olsson, Trade Policy Officer, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji
Mr. Emmanuel Sackey
Mr. Manuel Ruiz

16.15 – 16.40 Capacity-building Tools for the Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions

Speakers: Ms. Francesca Toso, Senior Counsellor, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, WIPO
Ms. Jessyca van Weelde, Consultant, Traditional Creativity, Cultural Expressions and Cultural Heritage Section, Global IP Issues Division, WIPO

16.40 – 17.00 Discussion

End of Day
Wednesday, March 19, 2008

9.30 – 10.00 Introduction of the WIPO Draft Issues Paper for the Establishment of a Caribbean Framework for the Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Folklore/Traditional Cultural Expressions

Speaker: Mr. Wend Wendland, Deputy Director and Head, Global IP Issues Division, Traditional Creativity, Cultural Expressions and Cultural Heritage Section. WIPO

10.00 – 11.00 Group discussion on the Relevant Issues for Inclusion in a Regional Framework

Moderator: Mrs. Mary-Ann Richards

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee/Tea Break

11.15 – 12.15 Guidelines for the Drafting of a Regional Framework on the Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Folklore/Traditional Cultural Expressions in the Caribbean Region: The Way Forward

12.15 – 12.30 CLOSING REMARKS

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