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## INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND GENETIC RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND FOLKLORE

**Fourteenth Session**  
**Geneva, June 29 to July 3, 2009**

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PANEL OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

*Document prepared by the Secretariat*

### BACKGROUND

1. At its seventh session, the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore ('the Committee') agreed "that, immediately before the commencement of the sessions of the Committee, half-day panel presentations should be organized, chaired by a representative from a local or indigenous community".
2. These panels have since been organized for each Committee session convened since 2005, namely the eighth to the thirteenth sessions.
3. The panel presentation for the fourteenth session has been organized in a manner similar to the panel presentations on traditional cultural expressions (TCEs) at the fourth session of the Committee and on traditional knowledge (TK) at the fifth session, as well as the first six panels in this series, which were convened between the eighth and thirteenth sessions.

4. The theme of the panel at the fourteenth session will be: Indigenous and Local Community Initiatives in Protecting Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources: Applying the Practical Lessons of Community Experience.
5. The Annex contains the provisional program of the panel and suggested talking points for the panelists.

[Annex follows]

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE PANEL SESSION

Monday, June 29, 2009

10.00 – 10.15    Opening

Chair – (to be identified by the WIPO Indigenous People's Caucus)

10.15 – 11.30    First session:

Estebancio CASTRO DIAZ , International Indian Treaty Council, Panama City, Panama

Abed DEWAN MOHD, Organization for Social Action and Development, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Ani Casimir CHUKWUNONYELUM KINGSTON, Center for Peace and Poverty Reduction Among African Indigenous Peoples, Enugu, Nigeria

11.30 – 11.45    Break

11.45 – 13.00    Second session:

Gulvayra SHERMATOVA (Mrs.), L'auravetl'an Information and Education Network of Indigenous Peoples (LIENIP), Ongudai, Russian Federation

Terry WILLIAMS, Tulalip Tribes, Tulalip, United States of America

Floor discussion

13.00            Closing of panel

*Suggested talking points for panelists*

Nature of TK/TCEs/GR

Outline the nature of traditional knowledge (TK) and/or traditional cultural expressions (TCEs), as well as related genetic resources (GR), which are held by your community, and their importance to the cultural identity, community life, and sustainable relationship with the environment of your community.

Customary law and practices

Describe the role of customary law, practices and protocols in sustaining and safeguarding your TK/TCEs and related GR.

Misappropriation and misuse

Describe, from your community's perspective, practical experiences with misappropriation and misuse of TK/TCEs/GR, including concerns about lack of external understanding of and respect for customary law and community values.

Community responses

Outline your community's responses to the problem of misappropriation and community initiatives to safeguard and sustain TK/TCEs/GR, including practical, legal, educational, and social responses.

Needs and expectations

Outline the needs and expectations of your community, within the national system and beyond, including within the international community.

Lessons for the Intergovernmental Committee

Based on your community's experience, needs and expectations, what should the Committee pay most attention to in its work? How can its work better meet the needs and expectations of your community?

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