

## **Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore**

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RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON THE WIPO TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE,  
TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS AND GENETIC RESOURCES WEBSITE

*Document prepared by the Secretariat*

1. At its Twentieth Session, held from February 14 to 22, 2012, the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the IGC”) invited the Secretariat to produce an information document briefly describing the resources available on the WIPO Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources website (“the WIPO TK website”), as a means to support and enhance the participation of observers in its work.<sup>1</sup> This decision was among several decisions taken following discussion of a “Draft Study on the Participation of Observers in the Work of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore: Executive Summary” (see document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/7).
2. Pursuant to that decision, a brief description of the available resources has been prepared by the Secretariat as Annex I to the present document. Such an information document is intended to assist IGC participants, particularly observers and newcomers, to make better use of already available materials on the WIPO TK website.
3. In addition, the IGC, at its Twentieth Session, took note that a distinct WIPO webpage on the WIPO TK website is dedicated to comments, proposals, submissions and papers from observers, including drafting proposals on IGC negotiating texts and other working documents for consideration by Member States. The IGC requested the Secretariat to encourage observers to contribute to this observers’ comments webpage and to draw the attention of Member States to these comments before each session of the IGC.<sup>2</sup> The Secretariat is

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accordingly, through several means, encouraging observers to contribute comments and other materials to the webpage (submissions may be sent by accredited observers to the Secretariat at [grtkf@wipo.int](mailto:grtkf@wipo.int)) and hereby draws to the attention of the Member States that the page is available at <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/igc/ngo/ngopapers.html>.

4. At its Twentieth Session, the IGC also “requested the Secretariat to improve the accessibility of the WIPO website devoted to traditional knowledge, genetic resources and traditional cultural expressions.” Accordingly, the WIPO TK website is being re-structured with a view to improving its accessibility. It is hoped that the new website will be published before the Twenty-Second Session of the IGC (July 9 to 13, 2012). A similar document as the present one will be prepared for the Twenty-Second Session of the IGC and that document will reflect the new structure of the website and the new links to the various resources.

5. *The IGC is invited to take note of this document and the Annex to it.*

[Annex follows]

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON THE WIPO TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS AND GENETIC RESOURCES WEBSITE

The resources that are available on the WIPO TK website<sup>1</sup> (<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/>) cover the IGC, background information and relevant laws or legislative measures, the capacity-building activities relating to TK, TCEs and GRs, as well as news.

### The IGC

Through the WIPO TK website homepage (<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/>), links are provided to:

- The mandate of the IGC:  
[http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/documents/pdf/decision\\_assemblies\\_2011.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/documents/pdf/decision_assemblies_2011.pdf)
- The IGC schedule for 2012:  
[http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/news/2011/docs/schedule\\_2012.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/news/2011/docs/schedule_2012.pdf)
- A “Snapshot” for short accessible information on recent developments within the IGC:  
<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/snapshot.html>

A distinct “IGC webpage” (<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/igc/index.html>) constitutes the most important source of detailed information for IGC participants, including observers. It offers direct links to:

- The most recent drafts of the working documents referred to in the IGC mandate (the “negotiating texts”):
  - on TCEs:  
[http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/wo\\_ga\\_40/wo\\_ga\\_40\\_7.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/wo_ga_40/wo_ga_40_7.pdf);
  - on TK:  
[http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/tk/en/wipo\\_grtkf\\_ic\\_21/wipo\\_grtkf\\_ic\\_21\\_4.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/tk/en/wipo_grtkf_ic_21/wipo_grtkf_ic_21_4.pdf);
  - on GRs:  
[http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/tk/en/wipo\\_grtkf\\_ic\\_21/wipo\\_grtkf\\_ic\\_21\\_5.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/tk/en/wipo_grtkf_ic_21/wipo_grtkf_ic_21_5.pdf).
- The complete lists of the IGC documents since the establishment of the IGC in October 2000:  
[http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group\\_id=110](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=110)
- The complete lists of documents relating to the three Intersessional Working Group Sessions that took place in 2010 and 2011:
  - on TCEs: [http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=20443](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=20443)
  - on TK: [http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=19982](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=19982)
  - on GRs: [http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=19982](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=19982)
- Selected IGC documents and resources of particular and continuing importance in the IGC work:
  - List of key issues relating to the protection of TCEs and relating to the protection of TK:  
<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/igc/issues.html>

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<sup>1</sup> The reader will find a list of acronyms at the end of the present Annex.

- Draft provisions for the protection of TCEs and TK against misappropriation and misuse:  
[http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/consultations/draft\\_provisions/draft\\_provisions.html](http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/consultations/draft_provisions/draft_provisions.html)
- Gap analyses on the protection of TCEs and the protection of TK:  
<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/igc/gap-analyses.html>
- Archive of IGC Consultation Processes:  
<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/consultations/archive.html>
- Glossary on Key Terms Related to IP and GRs, TK and TCEs:  
[www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/tk/en/wipo.../wipo\\_grtkf\\_ic\\_19\\_inf\\_9.doc](http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/tk/en/wipo.../wipo_grtkf_ic_19_inf_9.doc)
- Specific web pages relating to the observers participation, including:
  - The accreditation process and the list of the accredited organizations:  
<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/igc/accreditation.html>
  - The WIPO Voluntary Fund that facilitates the participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the IGC:  
[http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/ngoparticipation/voluntary\\_fund/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/ngoparticipation/voluntary_fund/index.html)
  - The panels of representatives of indigenous and local communities, comprising presentations made by the members of the Panels:  
[http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/ngoparticipation/ind\\_loc\\_com/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/ngoparticipation/ind_loc_com/index.html)
  - A distinct webpage devoted to proposals, submissions and papers of observers:  
<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/igc/ngo/ngopapers.html>
  - The preparatory comments process that led to the finalization of a draft study on observer participation in the work of the IGC presented at IGC 20:  
[http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/observer\\_participation.html](http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/observer_participation.html)

Note : the draft study on observer participation in the work of the IGC (document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/7) is available at:  
[http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc\\_details.jsp?doc\\_id=196197](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=196197)
- Practical information
  - Practical information for delegates and other participants, including observers:  
[http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/igc/documentation/info\\_delegates.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/igc/documentation/info_delegates.pdf)
  - Available facilities for accredited organizations representing indigenous and local communities representatives:  
[http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/igc/documentation/info\\_ngos.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/igc/documentation/info_ngos.pdf)
  - Guidelines relating to interventions during the IGC:  
<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/igc/documentation/intervention.pdf>

### **Background information and relevant laws or legislative measures**

Background information regarding TK, TCEs and GRs, documentation related to relevant conferences and workshops, articles, press releases and multimedia resources are gathered on a specific webpage: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/resources/>.

Some publications or web pages cover TK, TCEs and GRs:

- WIPO Report on Fact-Finding Missions on IP and TK (1998-1999):  
<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/tk/ffm/report/index.html>
- Background Brief on TK:  
[http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/documents/pdf/background\\_brief\\_on\\_tk.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/documents/pdf/background_brief_on_tk.pdf)
- Laws and other Legislative Measures:  
[http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/legal\\_texts/](http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/legal_texts/)
- Customary Law and IP:  
[http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/consultations/customary\\_law/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/consultations/customary_law/index.html)
- Press Releases:  
<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/resources/>

Some publications or web pages are specific to one of the three items. The following is a selection thereof:

TCEs protection issues

- Concise description of the issues involved: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/folklore/>
- Booklet on IP on TCEs:  
[http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/freepublications/en/tk/913/wipo\\_pub\\_913.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/freepublications/en/tk/913/wipo_pub_913.pdf)
- Minding Culture: Case Studies on IP and TCEs:  
<http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/studies/cultural/minding-culture/studies/finalstudy.pdf>
- Consolidated Analysis of the Legal Protection of TCEs:  
[http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/publications/785e\\_tce\\_background.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/publications/785e_tce_background.pdf)
- Legislative texts relevant to TCEs:  
<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/laws/folklore.html>
- Cultural Documentation Database of existing codes, guidelines and practices:  
[http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/databases/creative\\_heritage/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/databases/creative_heritage/index.html)

Other publications are also available on the key resources webpage. See the complete list on: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/resources/>.

TK protection issues

- Concise description of the issues involved: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/tk/>
- Booklet on IP and TK:  
[http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/freepublications/en/tk/920/wipo\\_pub\\_920.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/freepublications/en/tk/920/wipo_pub_920.pdf)
- Technical Study on Disclosure Requirements in Patent Systems related to GRs and TK:  
[http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/publications/technical\\_study.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/publications/technical_study.pdf)
- Legislative texts relevant to TK:  
<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/laws/tk.html>

Other publications are also available on the key resources webpage. See the complete list on: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/resources/>

Relevant issues in relation to GRs:

- Concise description of the issues involved: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/genetic/>
- Technical Study on Disclosure Requirements in Patent Systems related to GRs and TK:  
[http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/publications/technical\\_study.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/publications/technical_study.pdf)
- Legislative texts relevant to GRs:  
<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/laws/genetic.html>

- Database of biodiversity-related access and benefit-sharing agreements:  
<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/databases/contracts/index.html>

Other publications are also available on the key resources webpage. See the complete list on: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/resources/>

### Capacity-building activities

Upon request, the WIPO Traditional Knowledge Division undertakes technical assistance activities that range from general awareness-raising and publications, facilitation of national and regional consultations, policy and legislative advice in a national or regional context to the development of technical tools and training programs focusing on selected topics. The following illustrates some of these activities.

Technical support in relation to the development of a Caribbean Regional Framework on IP and GRs, TK and TCEs:

[http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/culturalheritage/pdf/caribbean\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/culturalheritage/pdf/caribbean_brochure.pdf)

IP management during cultural documentation guidelines (the Creative Heritage Project):

<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/culturalheritage/>

- A Brochure summarizes the Creative Heritage Project:  
[http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/culturalheritage/pdf/creative\\_heritage\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/culturalheritage/pdf/creative_heritage_brochure.pdf)
- Part of the Creative Heritage Project focuses on practical training to indigenous and local communities in recording, digitizing and disseminating their own cultural traditions:  
[http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/training/cult\\_doc\\_ip\\_man.html](http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/training/cult_doc_ip_man.html)

Database of biodiversity-related access and benefit-sharing agreements:

<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/databases/contracts/index.html>

Surveys of IP-related codes, protocols, policies, practices and standard agreements relating to the safeguarding of, access to, ownership of and control over cultural heritage:

<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/culturalheritage/surveys.html>

Database of examples of codes, guides, policies, protocols and standard agreements relating to the recording, digitization and dissemination of intangible cultural heritage, with an emphasis on IP issues:

[http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/databases/creative\\_heritage/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/databases/creative_heritage/index.html)

### News and events

The user of the WIPO TK website can retrieve news regarding the IGC and other relevant events through its homepage: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/>

A special focus is given to the IGC in the “Snapshot” that provides for short accessible information on recent developments within the IGC: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/snapshot.html>

Any interested person can subscribe to e-newsletters and updates to receive general information concerning TK-related developments and events, by sending an email to [grtkf@wipo.int](mailto:grtkf@wipo.int).

Acronyms used in this document

GRs:	Genetic Resources
IGC:	Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions
TCEs:	Traditional Cultural Expressions
TK:	Traditional Knowledge
WIPO TK website :	WIPO Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions, and Genetic Resources website

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