

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

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

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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”)<sup>1</sup>.
2. Pursuant to that decision, a detailed description of the resources available on the WIPO TK website (<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/>) has been prepared for all subsequent IGC sessions. The latest version of such description was included in document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/29/INF/9.
3. The Annex of the current document provides a concise list of main entries of the WIPO TK website and an update on the resources available on the website.
4. At its Twenty-Ninth Session, the IGC requested the Secretariat to establish “a new webpage consolidating all existing resources on regional, national, local and communities experiences (such as studies, collections of laws, submissions, databases, voluntary codes and protocols, and presentations) prepared by the WIPO Secretariat or submitted by Member States and observers for purposes of the Committee to date”. Pursuant to this decision, a new webpage has been established. The link and description of this webpage are included in the Annex.

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<sup>1</sup> See report of the Twentieth Session (WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/10), paragraph 801 (f).

5. In the future, this information document will only be issued once a year or when there are significant amendments to the website.

6. *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

1. The present Annex provides a list of the main entries of the WIPO TK website (<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/>) and an update on the new resources since February 2016.
2. There are five main entries of the WIPO TK website:
  - IGC: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/igc/index.html>. This webpage constitutes the most important gateway to detailed information for IGC participants.
  - Indigenous Portal: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/indigenous/>. This is part of the WIPO Secretariat's effort to improve access to available information for and relating specifically to indigenous peoples and local communities. It offers links to the practical workshops, relevant WIPO resources, information on accreditation to, and participation in, the IGC process and provides access to external links of interest to indigenous peoples and local communities.
  - Traditional Knowledge: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/tk/>. This webpage includes a concise description of the issues involved and the links to the relevant resources.
  - Traditional Cultural Expressions: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/folklore/>. This webpage includes a concise description of the issues involved and the links to the relevant resources.
  - Genetic Resources: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/genetic/>. This webpage includes a concise description of the issues involved and the links to the relevant resources.
3. More resources, including databases and publications, are available at: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/#resources>.
4. Below are the main updates since February 2016.

### **The IGC**

5. A special page containing an “**IGC Preparation Kit**” for the Thirtieth Session of the IGC is available in order to help participants in the IGC to prepare for the session with various shortcuts: (<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/igc/preparation/>).
6. The complete list of available documents related to the Thirtieth Session of the IGC is available at: [http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=39724](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=39724).

### **The Seminar on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources**

7. The renewed mandate of the IGC for the 2016/2017 biennium requested the WIPO Secretariat to organize seminars to “build regional and cross regional knowledge and consensus on issues related to intellectual property and genetic resources, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions with a focus on unresolved issues”. A Seminar on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources will be organized on May 26 and 27, 2016, prior to the Thirtieth Session of the IGC. Information on the Seminar is available at: [http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=39823](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=39823).

## New Resources

8. A new Background brief on intellectual property and genetic resources is available at:  
[http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/en/wipo\\_pub\\_tk\\_10.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/en/wipo_pub_tk_10.pdf).

9. The disclosure requirements table was updated in April 2016:  
[http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/documents/pdf/genetic\\_resources\\_disclosure.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/tk/en/documents/pdf/genetic_resources_disclosure.pdf)

10. At its Twenty-Ninth Session, the IGC requested the Secretariat to establish “a new webpage consolidating all existing resources on regional, national, local and communities experiences (such as studies, collections of laws, submissions, databases, voluntary codes and protocols, and presentations) prepared by the WIPO Secretariat or submitted by Member States and observers for purposes of the Committee to date”. A webpage including resources available on WIPO’s website on regional, national, local and community experiences regarding IP and GRs/TK/TCEs has been established:  
[http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/resources/tk\\_experiences.html](http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/resources/tk_experiences.html). A snapshot of this webpage is reproduced below:

The screenshot shows the WIPO website interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the WIPO logo and navigation links for Media, Meetings, Contact Us, My Account, and English. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for IP Services, Policy, Cooperation, Reference, About IP, and Inside WIPO, along with a search box labeled 'Search WIPO'. A breadcrumb trail below the navigation bar reads: Home > Policy > Traditional Knowledge > Resources. The main content area has a title 'Regional, National, Local and Community Experiences' and a paragraph stating: 'This page includes resources available on WIPO’s website on regional, national, local and community experiences regarding intellectual property and genetic resources, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions.' Below this is a 'Table of contents' section with five numbered items: 1. Laws, legislative measures and protocols; 2. Fact-finding missions, surveys, submissions by member states and observers; 3. Case studies; 4. Lectures and presentations; 5. Other resources. The first item is expanded to show a list of resources: 'Laws, treaties and regulations relevant to traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions and genetic resources'; 'Disclosure requirements table PDF'; and 'Codes, guidelines and practices relating to the recording, digitization and dissemination of TCEs'. The second item is also expanded to show a sub-section titled 'Report on fact-finding missions' with one resource: 'Intellectual Property Needs and Expectations of Traditional Knowledge Holders (WIPO Report on Fact-Finding Missions) PDF'.

## Surveys

- [Surveys/consultations \(including commentary processes regarding key issues, gap analyses and draft provisions/articles\)](#)
- [Survey on Practices related to the Protection of Biotechnological Inventions](#)

## Submissions by member states and observers

[Genetic Resources](#) ↓

[Traditional Knowledge](#) ↓

[Traditional Cultural Expressions](#) ↓

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## 3. Case studies

- [Minding Culture: Case Studies on Intellectual Property and Traditional Cultural Expressions](#) [PDF](#)
  - [National Experiences with the Protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions/Expressions of Folklore - India, Indonesia, the Philippines](#) [PDF](#)
  - [WIPO-UNEP Study on the Role of Intellectual Property Rights in the Sharing of Benefits Arising from the Use of Biological Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge](#) [PDF](#)
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## 4. Lectures and presentations

[Legislation or legal framework for protection of genetic resources, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions](#) ↓

[Uses of genetic resources, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions](#) ↓

[Public domain](#) ↓

[Disclosure requirements](#) ↓

[Cross-border protection](#) ↓

[Transboundary \(“shared”\) genetic resources, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions](#) ↓

[Databases](#) ↓

[Indigenous and local community Experiences](#)

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## 5. Other resources

- [Biodiversity-related access and benefit-sharing agreements](#)
- [Online Databases and Registries of Traditional Knowledge and Genetic Resources](#)

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