

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

**Thirty-Third 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. At indicated in document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/30/INF/8 prepared for the Thirtieth Session of the IGC, this information document will only be issued once a year or when significant amendments have been made to the website.

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

4. 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 since May 2016, when such an information document was last prepared.

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

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 May 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. Information on seminars and practical workshops organized by WIPO is available at: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/#meetings>.
5. Below are the main updates since May 2016.

### The IGC

6. A special page containing an "**IGC Preparation Kit**" for the Thirty-Third 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/>).
7. The complete list of available documents related to the Thirty-Third Session of the IGC is available at: [http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=42298](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=42298).

### The Seminars

8. 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".

9. A Seminar on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources was organized on May 26 and 27, 2016, prior to the Thirtieth Session of the IGC. Information 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).

10. A Seminar on Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge was organized on November 24 and 25, 2016, prior to the Thirty-Second Session of the IGC. Information is available at: [http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=41785](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=41785).

### **New Resources**

11. 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 was established: [http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/resources/tk\\_experiences.html](http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/resources/tk_experiences.html), and has been frequently updated since its establishment.

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