

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

Thirty-Ninth Session
Geneva, March 18 to 22, 2019

INFORMATION NOTE FOR THE PANEL OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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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”. These panels have since been organized for each Committee session convened since 2005.
2. Pursuant to the IGC’s mandate and its work program for the 2018-2019 biennium, the Thirty-Ninth Session will focus on traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions. The theme of the panel at this Session will be: “Draft Articles on Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Cultural Expressions: Indigenous Peoples’ and Local Communities’ Perspectives on Subject Matter and Scope of Protection”.
3. The Annex contains the provisional program of the panel for the Thirty-Ninth Session.

[Annex follows]

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM OF THE PANEL

Monday, March 18, 2019

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| 11.00 | Opening

Chair – (to be identified by the WIPO Indigenous Consultative Forum) |
| 11.00 – 11.15 | Ms. Jennifer Tauli Corpuz, who is from the Kankana-ey Igorot People of the Mountain Province in the Philippines. She currently coordinates the Legal Desk for the Tebtebba Indigenous Peoples' International Center for Policy Research and Education. |
| 11.15 – 11.30 | Mrs. Edith Bastidas, who is an indigenous representative of <i>Pastos</i> Indigenous Peoples, <i>Resguardo Indígena Ipiales</i> , Colombia. She is a lawyer and specializes in indigenous peoples' rights. |
| 11.30 – 11.45 | Mr. Áslat Holmberg, who is a Saami from Finland. He is the Vice President of the Saami Council, representing the Finnish Sámi Central Organization. |
| 11.45 – 12.00 | Floor discussion and closing of panel |

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