

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

Forty-First Session
Geneva, March 16 to 20, 2020

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 2020-2021 biennium, the Forty-First Session will focus on genetic resources. The theme of the panel at this Session is therefore: “Intellectual Property and Utilization of Genetic Resources: Indigenous Peoples’ and Local Communities’ Perspective”.
3. The Annex contains the provisional program of the panel for the Forty-First Session.

[Annex follows]

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM OF THE PANEL

Monday, March 16, 2020

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| 11.00 | Opening |
| | Chair – (to be identified by the WIPO Indigenous Consultative Forum) |
| 11.00 – 11.20 | Ms. Lesle Jansen, who is an indigenous lawyer, belonging to the Khoi-khoi people in South Africa, and is specialized in the rights of indigenous peoples. Ms. Jansen is the Director of Natural Justice's Cape Town Hub and she is also the Director of the Governance of Lands & Natural Resources Programme. She was appointed as an indigenous expert member to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights' special mechanism (the Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities in Africa). |
| 11.20 – 11.40 | Mr. Steven Benally, who is of Azee' Bee Nagaha of Dine' Nation from Sweetwater, Arizona. Mr. Benally represents the largest group of peyote practitioners in the United States of America. He is a founding member, and on the Board of Directors, of the Indigenous Peyote Conservation Initiative (IPCI). |
| 11.40 – 12.00 | Ms. Hai-Yuean Tualima, who is Samoan from Sataua, Puapua, Iva, Faleula, Lepea and Salelologa of Samoa. Ms. Tualima has experience working with Maori legal issues through private practice, such as the Samoa Law Reform Commission and the Samoa Office of the Ombudsman. |
| 12.00 – 12.30 | Floor discussion and closing of panel |

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