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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")¹.
2. Pursuant to that decision, a detailed description of the resources available on the WIPO TK website (<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/igc>) was prepared for all subsequent IGC sessions. The latest version of such description was included in document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/42/INF/10.
3. As indicated in document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/30/INF/8 prepared for the Thirtieth Session of the IGC, this information document would only be issued once a year or when significant amendments have been made to the website.

¹ 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 January 2022, 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 (<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/traditional-knowledge>) and an update on the new resources since January 2022.
2. The WIPO TK website has been redesigned to better reflect the services provided by the Traditional Knowledge Division. Currently, there are eight main entries of the website:
 - Facilitation of international negotiations: <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/igc>. This webpage constitutes the most important gateway to detailed information for IGC participants.
 - WIPO GRATK Treaty Resource Center: <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/traditional-knowledge/wipo-treaty-on-ip-gr-and-associated-tk>. This webpage serves as a resource center for the WIPO Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge, presenting information about the historic Treaty and offering access to background materials, treaty text, and related documents reflecting the negotiations and objectives of the treaty, including its relevance for Indigenous Peoples and local communities.
 - Engagement with Indigenous Peoples and local communities: <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/traditional-knowledge/engagement>. 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.
 - Indigenous and local community entrepreneurship: <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/traditional-knowledge/entrepreneurship/index>. This webpage includes information of the practical workshops and relevant WIPO resources designed to provide assistance to Indigenous Peoples and local communities in making strategic and effective use of intellectual property tools in their businesses.
 - Documentation of traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions: <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/traditional-knowledge/resources/tk-and-tces>. This webpage includes information, practical tools and technical assistance services provided by the WIPO Traditional Knowledge Division in relation to the documentation of traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions.
 - IP rights management in genetic resources and data: <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/traditional-knowledge/ip-rights-management>. This webpage includes a concise description of the technical assistance services provided by the WIPO Traditional Knowledge Division in relation to the management of intellectual property in genetic resources, information and data. This webpage also includes links to relevant resources.
 - Stories on Indigenous Peoples and local communities: <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/ip-advantage/indigenous-peoples-stories>. This webpage includes stories of Indigenous

Peoples and local communities, showcasing the ways in which they promote and protect their traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions and genetic resources.

- Global reference point on intellectual property and genetic resources, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions:
<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/traditional-knowledge/global-reference>. This webpage includes various information resources on intellectual property and genetic resources, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions.

3. Below are the main updates since January 2022.

The IGC

4. The IGC webpage offers direct link to, *inter alia*, the renewed mandate of the IGC for 2026-2027: <https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/igc/docs-en-igc-mandate-2026-2027.pdf>.

5. The complete list of available documents related to the Fifty-Second Session of the IGC is available at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=89810.

WIPO Training, Mentoring and Match-Making Program on Intellectual Property and Traditional Medical Knowledge

6. The WIPO Secretariat launched the WIPO Training, Mentoring and Match-Making Program on Intellectual Property and Traditional Medical Knowledge in 2023, aiming to establish and support an innovation ecosystem based on traditional medical knowledge. The Program provides participants with the opportunity to acquire knowledge on policies and legislation relating to the intellectual property protection of traditional medical knowledge; benefit from mentorship and tailored training in intellectual property and its relationship with traditional medical knowledge; participate in match-making with potential collaborators, partners, and investors; and build capacity to effectively use the intellectual property system. Information on this Program is available at: <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/traditional-knowledge/entrepreneurship/tk-medical-knowledge-program>.

Traditional Cultural Expressions and Fashion

7. The WIPO Secretariat provides guidance to support respectful and equitable use of Indigenous Peoples' traditional cultural expressions in the fashion industry. WIPO facilitates dialogue between Indigenous Peoples and fashion companies, exemplified by the first High-Level Dialogue on Indigenous Peoples, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Fashion held in November 2023. To support ethical engagement, the WIPO Secretariat also introduced the document *Draft Steps When Considering the Use of Elements of Indigenous Peoples' Traditional Cultural Expressions in Fashion*, developed in consultation with Indigenous Peoples, fashion companies, and experts in intellectual property, cultural heritage, and fashion. Information is available at: <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/traditional-knowledge/fashion>.

New Resources

8. The WIPO Secretariat developed a guide and tips to support Indigenous Peoples and local community entrepreneurs in navigating the intellectual property system and protecting tradition-based goods and services: <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/traditional-knowledge/entrepreneurship/top-tips>.

9. The WIPO Secretariat provides practical guidance for Indigenous Peoples and local community entrepreneurs seeking to take their tradition-based businesses online. This resource offers practical tips for taking tradition-based businesses online and identify where Indigenous Peoples and local community entrepreneurs may access further support: <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/traditional-knowledge/entrepreneurship/digital-economy-tips>.

10. WIPO and the National Copyright Administration of China (NCAC) co-organized an International Symposium on Intellectual Property and Traditional Cultural Expressions from November 25 to 27, 2025. The presentations are available at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=90468.

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