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Fifty-Third Session
Geneva, September 16 to 25, 2026

DRAFT PROGRAM FOR THE FIFTY-THIRD SESSION

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1. This information document provides a draft program of work for the Fifty-third session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore ("the Committee"), presented in the form of a timetable for the consideration of the agenda items. The draft program of work is indicative only, and the actual organization of the Committee's work will be determined by the Chair, in consultation with the members of the Committee, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

2. In addition to the program of work set out below, the Expert Workshop will be held pursuant to the Committee's mandate for the 2026/2027 biennium, followed by the Indigenous Consultative Forum, immediately prior to the opening of the Fifty-third session. The Expert Workshop will take place on Monday, September 14, and on the morning of Tuesday, September 15, 2026. The Indigenous Consultative Forum will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 15, 2026. Neither event forms part of the formal session of the Committee.

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	Wednesday Sept. 16, 2026	**Thursday Sept. 17, 2026**	**Friday Sept. 18, 2026**	**Monday Sept. 21, 2026**	**Tuesday Sept. 22, 2026**	**Wednesday Sept. 23, 2026**	**Thursday Sept. 24, 2026**	**Friday Sept. 25, 2026**
Morning Session 10.00-13.00 (CET)	**1. Opening of the session** **2. Adoption of the agenda** *WIPO/GRTKF/IC/53/1 Prov.2* **3. Accreditation of Certain Organizations** *WIPO/GRTKF/IC/53/2* **4. Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities** *WIPO/GRTKF/IC/53/3; WIPO/GRTKF/IC/53/INF/4 and 6*	**5. Information Sharing Session** on Positive and Defensive Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions using Intellectual Property	**6. Traditional Knowledge/ Traditional Cultural Expression** (continued)	**6. Traditional Knowledge/ Traditional Cultural Expression** (continued)	**6. Traditional Knowledge/ Traditional Cultural Expression** (continued)	**6. Traditional Knowledge/ Traditional Cultural Expression** (continued)	**6. Traditional Knowledge/ Traditional Cultural Expression** (continued) *WIPO/GRTKF/IC/53/4*	**8. Any other Business**
Afternoon Session 15.00-18.00 (CET)	**4. Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities** Panel of Indigenous and Local Communities *(Not a formal part of the Committee session)* *WIPO/GRTKF/IC/53/INF/5*	**6. Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Cultural Expression** WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/4; WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/5	**6. Traditional Knowledge/ Traditional Cultural Expression** (continued)	**6. Traditional Knowledge/ Traditional Cultural Expression** (continued)	**6. Traditional Knowledge/ Traditional Cultural Expression** (continued)	**6. Traditional Knowledge/ Traditional Cultural Expression** (continued)	**7. Genetic Resources**	**9. Closing of the Session**

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