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RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON THE GENETIC RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS WEBSITE

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1. Consistent with previous practice of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore ("the IGC"), the Annex to this document briefly describes the resources available on the Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions website ("the WIPO TK website"): https://www.wipo.int/en/web/traditional-knowledge.[1]

2. The document is intended to assist IGC participants, particularly newcomers, in making better use of available materials.

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[1] The document containing the resources available at the WIPO TK website was first made available at the Twenty-first session of the IGC, which took place from February 28 to March 4, 2022.

3. As indicated in document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/30/INF/8, prepared for the Thirtieth session of the IGC, this information document would be issued only once a year or when significant amendments have been made to the website. The document is made available for the current session as it includes a reference to the updated *Compilation of Information on National and Regional Sui Generis Regimes for the Intellectual Property Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions*, presented at the Fifty-second session of the IGC.

4. *The IGC is invited to take note of this document and the Annex to it.*

[Annex follows]

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1. The WIPO TK website has eight main sections:

- 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 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 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.

The IGC

2. The IGC webpage provides 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.

3. General information on the IGC is available at: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/igc.

4. Documents issued for each IGC session, including the Fifty-second session, are available at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=110.

5. An updated Compilation of Information on *National and Regional Sui Generis Regimes for the Intellectual Property Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions* is available at: https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/igc/docs-en-compilation-of-sui-generis-regimes-tk-tces.pdf.

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.

Other Resources

8. The WIPO Secretariat developed a guide and practical 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 identifies where Indigenous Peoples and local community entrepreneurs may access further support: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/traditional-knowledge/entrepreneurship/digital-economy-tips.

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