

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

Fifty-Second Session
Geneva, March 4 to 13, 2026

DECISIONS OF THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

Adopted by the Committee

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 2:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. The Committee unanimously elected, for the 2026/2027 biennium, Mr. Laine Fisher (New Zealand) as Chair, and Mr. Pablo Latorre Tallard (Chile) and Dr. Alhanoof AlDebasi (Saudi Arabia) as Vice-Chairs.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 3:

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. The Committee adopted the draft agenda (WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/1 Prov.2).

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 4:

ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

3. The Committee approved the accreditation of Cree Native Arts and Crafts Association (CNACA), Métis Legal Research & Education Foundation, Inc., and Native American Church – State of New Mexico (NAC - SNM) as *ad hoc* observers.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 5:

PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

4. The Committee took note of documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/3 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/INF/4.

5. The Committee encouraged members of the Committee and all interested public and private entities to contribute to the WIPO Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities.

6. The Committee elected the following seven members of the Advisory Board to serve in their individual capacities:

Mr. Mouhamed Nour-Dine Assindoh, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Togolese Republic to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Mr. Vital Bamanze, Representative, Mbororo Social and Cultural Development Association (MBOSCUDA)

Ms. Flor De María García, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the WTO, WIPO, UNCTAD and ITC in Geneva

Ms. Alice Guerinot, Advisor on Intellectual Property Policy, Directorate for Economic Diplomacy, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France

Mr. Johnny Hadley, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Mr. Olnar Alberto Ortiz Bolivar, Representative, *ECOHUMANITA*

Ms. Anna Sinkevich, Representative, Elders Council of the Shor People

7. The Chair nominated Mr. Pablo Latorre Tallard, Vice-Chair of the Committee, to serve as Chair of the Advisory Board.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 6:
INFORMATION SHARING SESSIONS

No decisions were made under this agenda item.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 7:
TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE/TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS

8. The Committee worked, including text-based negotiations, on the basis of documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/4 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/5 and decided to continue this work on the basis of these documents at its next session.

9. The Committee decided that the proposal submitted by the Delegation of the United States of America, contained in document [WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/6](#), will continue to be discussed at the next session of the Committee.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 8:
GENETIC RESOURCES

No decisions were made under this agenda item.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 9:
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No decisions were made under this agenda item.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 10:
CLOSING OF THE SESSION

The Committee adopted the decisions on the above agenda items.

The Chair closed the session.

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