

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

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

DRAFT PROGRAM FOR THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION

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1. In line with the requirement of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the Committee”) that a suggested program of work be circulated, this document provides a draft of the suggested program of work for the Committee’s Fifty-Second Session. This draft program is indicative only, and the actual organization of work of the Committee would be determined by the Chair and its members in line with the rules of procedure.

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

From 10.00

Indigenous consultative forum

Attended by representatives of organizations representing Indigenous Peoples and local communities. Not a formal Committee session or official WIPO meeting, but endorsed by the Committee and facilitated by the Secretariat

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

10.00 – 13.00

- Item 1:** Opening of the Session
- Item 2:** Election of Officers
- Item 3:** Adoption of the Agenda
WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/1 Prov. 2
WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/INF/2 Rev.
WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/INF/3 Rev.
- Item 4:** Accreditation of Certain Organizations
WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/2
- Item 5:** Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities

Voluntary Fund
WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/3
WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/INF/4
WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/INF/6

15.00 – 18.00

- Item 5:** Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities (*continued*)
- Panel of Indigenous and Local Communities
Not a formal part of the Committee session
WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/INF/5

Thursday, March 5, 2026

10.00 – 13.00

- Item 6:** Information Sharing Session on
- Intellectual Property Issues Concerning Genetic Resources (GRs) and their Interlinkage with Traditional Knowledge (TK) and Traditional Cultural Expressions (TCEs)*

15.00 – 18.00

- Item 6:** Information Sharing Session on
- The Interaction Between Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) Specific Government Agencies and Intellectual Property Offices*

Friday, March 6, 2026

10.00 – 13.00

- Item 6:** Information Sharing Session on
- Regional, National and Community Policies and Legislations Regarding the Intellectual Property Protection of TK and TCEs*

15.00 – 18.00

Item 6: Information Sharing Session on
Regional, National and Community Experiences Regarding the Use of Intellectual Property as a Tool to Protect TK and TCEs

Monday, March 9, 2026

10.00 – 13.00

Item 7: Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Cultural Expressions
WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/4
WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/5
WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/6
WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/INF/7
WIPO/GRTKF/IC/52/INF/8

15.00 – 18.00

Item 7: Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Cultural Expressions (*continued*)

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

10.00 – 13.00

Item 7: Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Cultural Expressions (*continued*)

15.00 – 18.00

Item 7: Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Cultural Expressions (*continued*)

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

10.00 – 13.00

Item 7: Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Cultural Expressions (*continued*)

15.00 – 18.00

Item 7: Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Cultural Expressions (*continued*)

Thursday, March 12, 2026

10.00 – 13.00

Item 7: Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Cultural Expressions (*continued*)

15.00 – 18.00

Item 7: Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Cultural Expressions (*continued*)

Friday, March 13, 2026

10.00 – 13.00

Item 7: Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Cultural Expressions (*continued*)

15.00 – 18.00

Item 8: Genetic Resources

Item 9: Any other Business

Item 10: Closing of the Session

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