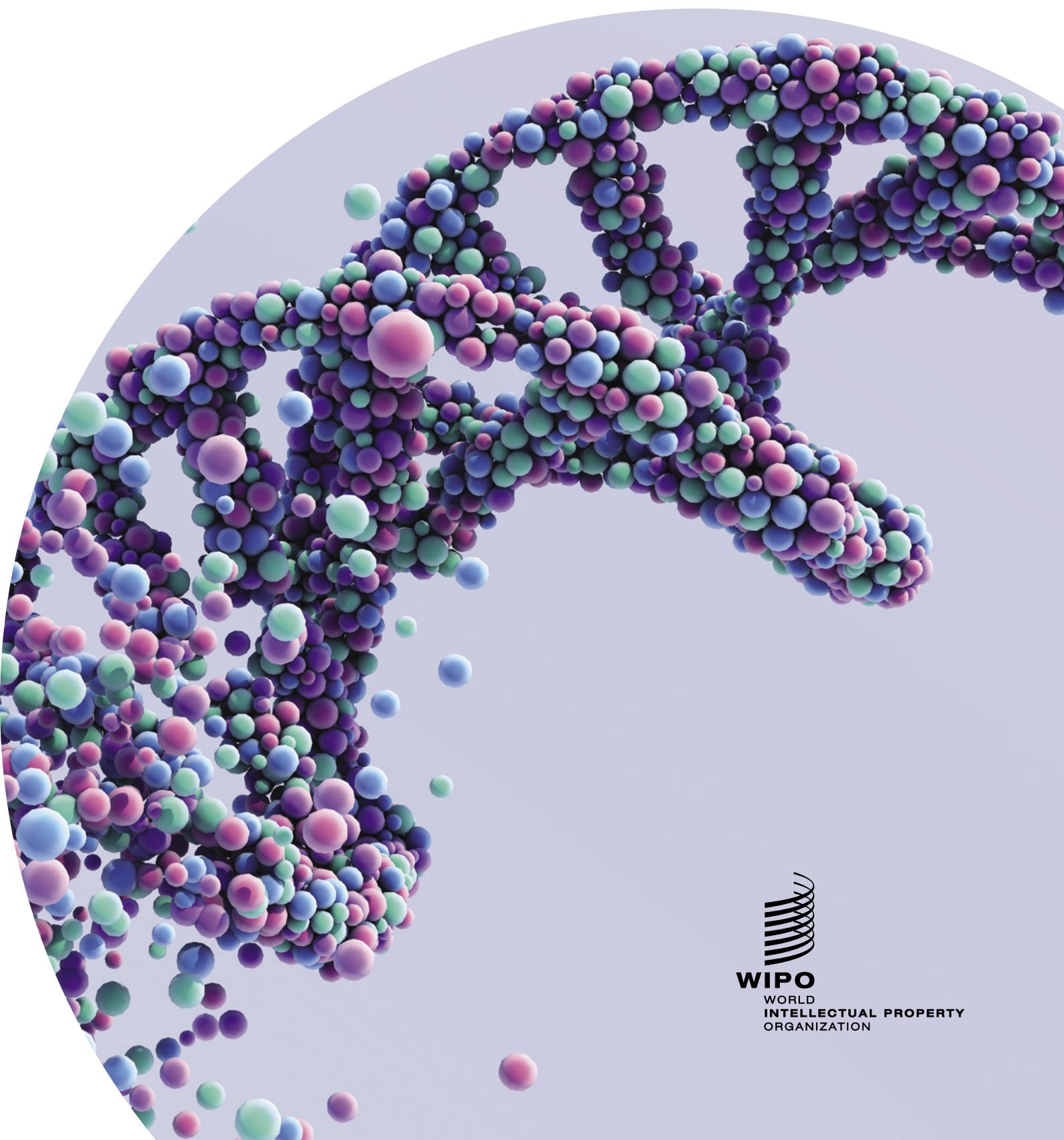


DL-427
Executive Course on
Intellectual Property
and Genetic Resources
in the Life Sciences





Course description

The uses of intellectual property (IP) and genetic resources are growing and transforming rapidly in the modern life sciences. This course helps executives of life science enterprises and innovators to align their IP strategies with their business models, and to bring their life science innovations to the market. It also informs policymakers of the latest trends and technologies in the field to facilitate the evolution of modern IP-based life science innovation ecosystems. This course provides an introduction to strategic rights management in the commercialization of IP and genetic resources and data, as a foundation for advanced WIPO training and practical services on the subject. This practice-oriented, multidisciplinary course combines law, business and technology perspectives.

Curriculum

This course consists of the following topics and a final exam:

- Introduction to IP and genetic resources in the life sciences
- Branches of IP and policy relevant to the use of genetic resources in the life sciences
- Emerging issues in genetic resources law and policy related to technologies
- Relevant legal instruments and international policy processes on IP and genetic resources in the life sciences
- Practical IP issues on genetic resources in the life sciences

This course applies a learner-centered methodology. Based on an interactive assessment of learning

needs and goals, the course includes individualized learning resource packages and customized goal setting for future project formulation. Expert tutors provide academic tutoring and professional mentoring. In principle, graduates of the course will be eligible for advanced WIPO training, mentoring, matchmaking and rights management services on IP and genetic resources and data.

Final exam and attestation

The final exam is a series of multiple-choice and essay questions. Participants will have a fixed amount of time to complete and submit the exam online. Those who pass the exam will receive an electronic attestation for successfully completing the course.

Target audience

This course is designed for:

- Executives of stakeholders and enterprises in the field of IP and genetic resources and data (e.g., start-ups, small and medium-sized enterprises, multinational enterprises, public-private partnerships), and other innovators in the life sciences (e.g., universities, public research institutions, gene banks, culture collections, biobanks, genetic resources conservation institutions and local communities) who create and innovate with genetic resources and data;
- Policymakers of institutional, governmental or international policies concerning IP genetic resources and data;
- Innovators, researchers and scientists in the life sciences; and

- Members of the public wishing to introduce themselves to the field of IP and genetic resources and data.

Required prior knowledge and experience

Knowledge and practical experience of IP in relation to genetic resources and the life sciences are required. Since space is limited, participants will be accepted based on the fulfillment of basic eligibility criteria.

Duration

This course requires approximately 15 hours of study time over a period of 8 weeks.

Registration dates

Registration is open until May 16, 2021 at <https://welc.wipo.int>. Please note that as space in this executive course is limited, eligible applications will be admitted on a first come, first served basis.

Course dates in 2021

The session will start on May 31, 2021, with the final exam from July 13 to 17, 2021.

Next registration

The next session for 2022 will be announced on WIPO's website at <https://welc.wipo.int>.



IP rights management in genetic resources and data

Information, practical tools and training related to the management of IP in genetic resources and genetic data in the life sciences