



Side Event

Protect and Promote Your Culture: The Draft Practical Guide for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities – Indigenous Perspectives

Organized by WIPO

Tuesday, April 25, 2017
13.15 p.m. to 14.30 p.m.
Conference Room 8
UN Headquarters, New York

Sixteenth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)





At its UNPFII side event this year, WIPO will talk about its upcoming new publication *Protect and Promote Your Culture: A Practical Guide to Intellectual Property for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities*. The purpose of this Guide is to describe the basics of the intellectual property system; to explain if, when and how the intellectual property system can be used to protect indigenous peoples' and local communities' traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions; and to empower indigenous peoples and local communities by informing them about what they can do when faced with the inappropriate or unauthorized use of their traditional knowledge and cultural expressions.

Two speakers will provide their comments on the draft Guide from an indigenous perspective:

Mr. Les Malezer (Australia): member of the UNPFII, former Co-Chair of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, 2011-2015, and former Adviser appointed by the President of the United Nations General Assembly in conducting consultations on the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

Mr. Elifuraha Isaya Laltaika (United Republic of Tanzania): member of the UNPFII, Executive Director of the Association for Law and Advocacy for Pastoralists (ALAPA), and lecturer in law at Tumaini University Makumira (Arusha, Tanzania).

Interpretation from/into English and Spanish

Lunch provided