

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

2019 Provisional Schedule for the IGC, dated November 8, 2018

Deadline for receipt of applications for accreditation at the Thirty-Ninth Session of the IGC	January 17, 2019.
Deadline for receipt of applications to the Voluntary Fund ¹ in view of the Fortieth Session of the IGC	January 17, 2019.
<p>Thirty-Ninth Session of the IGC (Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Cultural Expressions – 5 days)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Undertake negotiations on TK/TCEs with a focus on addressing unresolved issues and considering options for a draft legal instrument(s) 	March 18 to 22, 2019.
Deadline for receipt of applications for accreditation at the Fortieth Session of the IGC	April 18, 2019.
Deadline for receipt of applications to the Voluntary Fund in view of the Forty-First Session of the IGC	April 18, 2019.
<p>Fortieth Session of the IGC (Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Cultural Expressions and Stocktaking – 5/6 days²)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Undertake negotiations on TK/TCEs with a focus on addressing unresolved issues and considering options for a draft legal instrument(s) – Expert group(s) – Stocktaking on GRs/TK/TCEs and making a recommendation 	June 17 to 21, 2019.

¹ There is, as November 8, 2018, no adequate money in the Voluntary Fund because no contributions have been received.

² The duration of this Session (whether five or six days) will be decided by the Thirty-Ninth Session of the IGC.

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<p>WIPO General Assembly³</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Take stock of progress made- Based on the maturity of the texts, including levels of agreement on objectives, scope and nature of the instrument(s), decide on whether to convene a diplomatic conference and/or continue negotiations.	<p>September 30 to October 9, 2019</p>
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³ Whether there is a Forty-First Session of the IGC depends on the decisions to be taken by this General Assembly.