

Panel Discussion: Women, Innovation and Intellectual Property

Lunchtime Side Event



WIPO's staff, member states and stakeholders share a common goal: an efficient and accessible intellectual property system that benefits everyone – women and men.

How do we best capitalize on women's creativity and innovative endeavors? How can we foster IP ecosystems in which women and girls can flourish?

In this event, WIPO stakeholders will share experiences, showcase good practices and exchange ideas.

Tuesday, October 4, 2016
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
AB Building, Room A
WIPO Headquarters, Geneva
A light lunch will be offered to participants.

Opening Remarks:

Mr. **Francis Gurry**, Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization

Moderator:

Ms. **Sylvie Forbin**, Deputy Director General, Copyright and Creative Industries Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization

Speakers:

- Ms. **Özge Akbulut**, Assistant Professor, Sabanci University / Cofounder, Surgitate, Inc., Turkey
- Mr. **Ernesto Fernández Polcuch**, Chief of Section, Science Policy and Partnerships, Division of Science Policy and Capacity Building, Natural Sciences Sector, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Dr. **Ruth A. Lockward**, Director General, National Office of Industrial Property (ONAPI), Ministry of Industry and Trade, Dominican Republic
- Ms. **Shira Perlmutter**, Chief Policy Officer and Director for International Affairs, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)