

Panel Discussion on Women 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 provides benefits to all – women and men.

How do we best capitalize on women's creativity and innovative endeavors? How can we foster the IP ecosystems in which women and girls can flourish? How do we achieve and sustain gender equality in the workplace and beyond?

The objective of the side event is to showcase good practices of WIPO member states and to exchange ideas.

Tuesday, October 13, 2015
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
AB Building Room 13.1
WIPO Headquarters, Geneva
Light lunch offered to participants

Opening Remarks:

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

Moderator:

Mr. **John Sandage**, Deputy Director General, Patents and Technology Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization

Speakers:

- Dr. **Alicja Adamczak**, President, Patent Office of the Republic of Poland
- Mr. **John Bäcknäs**, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Sweden in Geneva
- Mr. **Allan Gepty**, Deputy Director General, Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines
- Ambassador **Pamela Hamamoto**, Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva
- Dr. **Ruth A. Lockward**, Director General, National Office of Industrial Property (ONAPI), Ministry of Industry and Trade, Dominican Republic