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Full Text

The Permanent Forum welcomes the World Intellectual Property Organization facilitating a process, in accordance with the Declaration, to engage with indigenous peoples on matters including intellectual property, genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore.

Comments

WIPO reported that the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore was established in 2000 and is currently undertaking text-based negotiations for the effective protection of traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expression and to address the intellectual property aspects of access to and sharing of benefits from the use of genetic resources. The Committee produced 3 texts on substantive themes (traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions and genetic resources) as bases for future work. The Assemblies of the member States of WIPO, at their fortieth (20th ordinary) session in September/October 2011, considered the draft texts and decided to renew the Committee's mandate for the biennium 2012-2013 with a view to reach agreement on a text(s) of an international legal instrument(s) which will ensure the effective protection of genetic resources, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions".

Area of Work

Traditional Knowledge, Cooperation