

PROPOSED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER “IP AND DEVELOPMENT” IN THE CDIP

A. Based on the DAG proposal contained in document CDIP/12/11, here are some topics to be discussed under a proposed standing agenda item on “Intellectual Property and Development”

- **Report on the discussions of the WIPO seminar series on the “Economics of Intellectual Property”**

The seminars conducted by the office of WIPO’s Chief Economist on “The Economics of Intellectual Property” have addressed several issues that could be of relevance for the discussion on IP and development. The Chief Economist can be invited to present, at CDIP sessions, the main thrust of the debates held during this series of seminars as well as to identify issues that his Office has been working on and that could be of interest to the future work of the Committee.

- **WIPO’s Contribution to development-related UN Work**

As a UN Specialized Agency, WIPO has a role to play in the current debate on development-related issues, especially those related to the 2015 post Development Agenda.

The 2015 DG’s report on the implementation of the Development Agenda highlighted WIPO’s cooperation with other UN organizations on various processes related, among other, to the post-2015 Development Agenda, the work of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP) 20, the UNFCCC Technology Executive Committee and Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network, the World Summit on the Information Society Forum (WSIS Forum), the WSIS High Level Review Meeting (WSIS+10) and the Internet Governance Forum (IGF).

The secretariat will be invited to brief the CDIP on WIPO’s contribution to above mentioned meetings.

- **Information on present and future work under the IP and Global Challenges**

The IP and Global Challenges Program “addresses innovation and IP at the nexus of interconnected global issues, in particular Global Health, Climate Change and Food Security. The focus on this intersection is guided largely by Member States as noted, inter alia, in the DA. These three subject areas have been chosen because developing countries face particularly acute challenges in these domains and because solutions from innovation driven initiatives are feasible.

The Secretariat will be invited to make a presentation on “IP and Global Challenges” projects and activities, both organized and planned, in order to raise awareness and participation of members in relation to the work undertaken by the organization.

B. **ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS BY NIGERIA**

- **Access to Knowledge:**

Knowledge is fundamental to human and societal development. In the contemporary dynamic environment, it is acknowledged as a core component for sustainable growth and development. The CDIP could undertake discussions on challenges faced by developing countries in this field, and explore ways WIPO and its Member States could enhance access to the information and knowledge necessary for human and national growth and development. Discussions could address the impact of the digital environment, and user rights.

- **Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer:**

Technology transfer is an important tool for developing a critical mass of expertise, fostering innovation and supporting growth and development in developing countries. The CDIP could discuss the role of patent applications as a form of technology transfer *and* access to knowledge. Particular emphasis could be placed on the simplification of the language of patent applications for use, when public, as an educational tool to foster innovation and creativity.