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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Venue: Biltmore Tbilisi Hotel – Amphitheatre
29 Shota Rustaveli Ave. Tbilisi, Georgia

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

- 14.00 – 14.30 Registration
- 14.30 – 14.50 **Opening**
- Ms. Manana Pruidze, Acting Chairperson the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)
 - Mr. Daren Tang, Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
 - Mr. Levan Davitashvili, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
- 14:50 – 15:00 **Congratulation Remarks**
- Mr. Christian Archambeau, Executive Director, European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) Video Message
 - Mr. Christoph Ernst, Vice President for Legal and International Affairs (EPO) Video Message
- 15.00 – 15.30 **Session 1: National IP offices in the Development of the National IP Systems**
- Speakers:**
- Mr. Andrea Basso, Chief Technology Officer, MITO, Milan
 - Mr. Merab Kutsia, Head, Department of Inventions and New Plant Varieties and Animal Breeds, SAKPATENTI
- 15.30 – 16.00 **Coffee break**
- 16.00 – 17.30 **Continuation of Session 1**
- Moderator:** Mr. Andrea Basso
- Mr. Eugeniu Rusu, Director General, State Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Moldova (AGEPI)
 - Mr. Vladimir Marić, Director, Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Serbia
 - Mr. Cemil Başpınar, President, Turkish Patent and Trademark Office TÜRKPATENT
 - Ms. Lina Mickienė, Deputy Director, State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania

- Mr. Marek Samoš, Vice-President, Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic
- Ms. Sonila Meka, Head, Coordination, Analysing and Reporting Sector, General Directorate of Industrial Property, Ministry of Finances and Economy of the Republic of Albania

Discussion

17.30 **End of first day**

Thursday, October 13, 2022

09:30 – 10:00 **Networking coffee**

10:00 – 10:30 **Innovation, Patent and Knowledge Based Economy**

Moderator: Ms. Nino Chikovani, Deputy Chairperson, Sakpatenti

Speaker:

- Mr. David Gabunia, IP Expert, Georgia

10.30 – 10.45 **Session 2: Role of IP Offices by Providing Additional Services**

Moderator: Mr. Merab Kutsia, Head, Department of Inventions and New Plant Varieties and Animal Breeds, SAKPATENTI

Speakers:

- Ms. Sophio Mujiri, Advisor of Chairperson, Sakpatenti
IP and Education

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00 **Continuation of Session 2:**

- Mr. Walter Chia, Deputy Director, Partnership and Programme Department, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) (*online*)
Efficient ways of raising awareness and IP skills development
- Mr. Fatih Karahan, Head of Design Department of TURKPATENT (*online*)

Applying modern technology to improve office operations and services and provide quality information services to customers

- Ms. Ana Assunção, Communication Officer, Portuguese Institute of Industrial Property (INPI)
Communicating IP, From Zero to Hero
- Ms. Tine Heide Thomsen, Head of Communications, Danish IP Office (DKPTO)
DKPTO: Campaigning

Q&A

12:00 – 13:00

Session 3: Supporting Innovation Activities and Providing Services to the Business

Speaker:

- Ms. Tamara Nanayakkara, Counsellor, IP for Business Division, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector, WIPO
Supporting Innovation Activities and Providing Services to the Business

Discussion

13.00 – 14.30

Lunch

14:30 – 15.45

Session 4: IP Offices Roles in Coordination of Enforcement Activities in the Country

Moderator: Mr. Irakli Kasradze, Acting Head, Legal Department, SAKPATENTI

Speakers:

- Mr. Xavier Vermandele, Senior Legal Counsellor, Building Respect for IP Division (BRIP), Global Challenges and Partnerships Sector, WIPO (*online*)
The Role of WIPO in the Enforcement of IP Rights
- Mr. Irakli Kasradze, Acting Head, Legal Department, SAKPATENTI
- Mr. Eugeniu Rusu, Director General, State Agency on Intellectual Property (AGEPI) of the Republic of Moldova
Moldavian Offices Role in Coordination of Enforcement Activities
- Mr. Valerio Papajorgji EUIPO Observatory (*online*)
EUIPO support to Enforcement Activities

- Ms. Eveline Capol, Stop Piracy Secretariat, Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI) (*online*)
Public-private partnerships in Switzerland to raise awareness about intellectual property rights and support their respect

Q&A

15:45 – 16.00

Final remarks and closing

- Ms. Virag Halgand, Head, Section for Central European and Baltic States and Mediterranean Countries, Division for Transition and Developed Countries, Regional and National Development Sector, WIPO (*online*)
- Ms. Nino Chikovani, Deputy Chairperson, SAKPATENTI