

WIPO Inaugurates its Indigenous Intellectual Property Law Fellowship Program

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has launched its new Indigenous Intellectual Property Law Fellowship Program. The successful applicant for the Fellowship, selected from among 60 strong applicants, is Mr. Eliamani Isaya Laltaika, a Maasai from Tanzania. He took up his Fellowship at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva in August 2009.

The Fellowship offers a new valuable opportunity to indigenous experts to be actively and effectively involved in the work of WIPO, including in its wide-range of capacity-building activities and in sessions of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC). The Fellowship is for a limited period of 6 months.

A short biographical sketch of Eliamani Laltaika



Mr. Laltaika is a Maasai lawyer from the Nainokanoka Village in Tanzania and a Doctoral Candidate at the Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property, Competition and Tax Law, in Munich, Germany.

He obtained his LL.B. in 2003 (Tumaini University, Iringa University College, Tanzania), a LL.M. in Environmental Law in 2004 (University of Kwazulu Natal, South Africa) and a LL.M. in Intellectual Property in 2007 (Munich Intellectual Property Law Center, Germany).

Mr. Laltaika has considerable background in the field of intellectual property and genetic resources, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions.

In December 2008, he was one of the five lawyers who drafted the International Declaration on Livestock Keepers' Rights, during a workshop in Kalk Bay, South Africa, which was presented to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

For more information on the WIPO Indigenous IP Law Fellowship Program, see <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/fellowship/index.html>
