



Overview of Intellectual Property Law and Issues Related to Indigenous Peoples' Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions

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WIPO IGC NEGOTIATIONS

Intergovernmental Committee (IGC)

New – [Update on Covid-19](#)

The WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore is, in accordance with its mandate [PDF](#), undertaking text-based negotiations with the objective of reaching agreement on a text(s) of an international legal instrument(s), which will ensure the effective protection of [traditional knowledge](#) (TK), [traditional cultural expressions](#) (TCEs) and [genetic resources](#) (GRs).

Sessions of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee commence with [indigenous panels](#) – presentations by a panel of representatives of indigenous and local communities.

- [IGC: What is happening now?](#)
- [Meetings and documents](#)
- [IGC Mandate 2020/2021](#) [PDF](#)



Delegates in discussions at the IGC (Photo: WIPO/Berrod). [More IGC photos on Flickr.](#)

FEATURED



Video on YouTube – "The Adventures of the Yakuano" (Navigating TK and IP).

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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' PARTICIPATION

Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Portal

WIPO's Indigenous Portal provides access to information for, and relating specifically to, indigenous peoples and local communities.

News

[Indigenous panel: June 17, 2019](#)

June 7, 2019

[Message from WIPO DG on International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#)

August 9, 2019

[Message from WIPO DG on the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples \(August 9, 2020\)](#)

August 9, 2020



How can WIPO help protect your traditional knowledge?

WIPO's [Intergovernmental Committee \(IGC\)](#) is undertaking text-based negotiations with the objective of reaching agreement on a text (or texts) of an international legal instrument (or instruments) which will ensure the effective protection of traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions and genetic resources.

WIPO Voluntary Fund

The [WIPO Voluntary Fund](#) facilitates the participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the IGC.

DOMESTIC PROTECTIONS FOR IP

- Current mechanisms to protect intellectual property rights and/or facilitate related economic development activities, if desired.
- Steps to facilitate dialogue and exchange of information, experiences, and ideas around indigenous peoples' intellectual property rights, leading to the development of better protections.



NARF-CU LAW JOINT PROJECT WEBSITE

<https://un-declaration.narf.org/>



The screenshot displays the website's header with the NARF 50th Anniversary logo (1970-2020) and the Colorado Law logo (University of Colorado Boulder). The main heading reads "Project to Implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the United States" with the subtitle "A Call to Action for Inspired Advocacy in Indian Country". A navigation menu includes "Home", "The Declaration", "The Project", "Resources", and "Latest News". The main content area features a video player with a man speaking at a podium, overlaid with the Colorado Law logo. Text to the left of the video describes "The Implementation Project" and includes a red button labeled "About the Project". Below the video is a "Welcome" section with a paragraph of introductory text.

Project to Implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the United States
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The Implementation Project

With this project, the Native American Rights Fund and the University of Colorado Law School encourage the Declaration's use as a tool to advance indigenous peoples' rights in the United States.

About the Project

Welcome

Welcome to the website of the Project to Implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the United States. This website aims to raise awareness of the Declaration in Indian Country and to provide information and support for implementation efforts. On these pages we provide the materials created by the Project, and we also list and link to numerous resources that might help tribes, federal and state employees, and non-governmental organizations who are promoting the rights of indigenous peoples.

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