



# CHARTING THE FUTURE

## Global Knowledge Assets and the IGC

CIGI Side Event, WIPO IGC 34  
June 14, 2017

On June 14, 2017, from 1.00 pm to 2.45 pm, the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) will host a lunchtime side event at the headquarters of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva (room NB 0.107). The event, which will take place in the margins of the 34th Session of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee (IGC), provides an avenue for delegates to engage in constructive reflections on the future of the WIPO IGC. The session will feature ambassadors, senior diplomats, as well as leading experts from industry, Indigenous groups, academia and relevant IGOs. A light lunch will be provided.

CIGI is an independent, non-partisan think tank established in 2001 with an objective and uniquely global perspective. CIGI's research, opinions and public voice make a difference in today's world by bringing clarity and innovative thinking to global policy making.

### Key speakers:

#### **His Excellency Michael Tene**

Ambassador, and Deputy Permanent Representative I, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations, WTO and other international organizations in Geneva, and current vice chair of the WIPO IGC.

#### **Ms. Kim Connolly-Stone**

Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, New Zealand, and former Lead Facilitator (Traditional Cultural Expressions) and Friend of the WIPO IGC Chair

#### **Mr. Preston Hardison**

Office of Treaty Rights, Tulalip Tribes, and leading Indigenous expert, WIPO IGC

#### **Mr. Daniel Pinto**

Intellectual Property Division, Ministry of Foreign Relations, Brazil

#### **Ms. Chichi Umesi**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nigeria and Former Chair of the Africa Group (2015 - 2017)

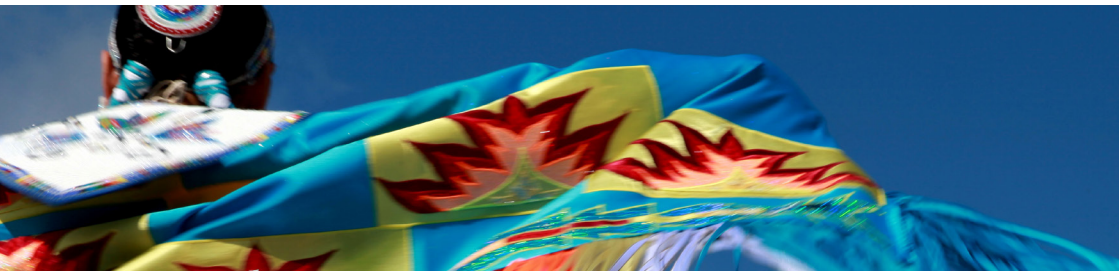
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**Moderator:** Prof. Ruth Okediji, University of Minnesota

**Chair:** Oonagh Fitzgerald, CIGI International Law Research Program

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## Program

- 1:15 – 1:30 pm **Lunch**
- 1:30 – 1:40 pm **Introduction and welcoming remarks**  
*Onagh Fitzgerald, CIGI*
- 1:40 – 1:45 pm **Introduction of the speakers**  
*Bassem Awad, CIGI*
- 1:45 – 2:10 pm **Brief presentations from speakers**
- Ambassador Tene*  
"Beyond politics, restating the need for an intellectual property (IP) instrument on traditional knowledge (TK) protection"
- Kim Connolly-Stone*  
"Looking back and forward on traditional cultural expressions — national and international challenges and possibilities"
- Preston Hardison*  
"An international IP instrument and Indigenous peoples — what can it do and not do?"
- Daniel Pinto*  
"Innovative national IP offices and TK regulation — a domestic perspective"
- Chichi Umesi*  
"Africa and an international IP system for TK protection"
- 2:10 – 2:45 pm **Moderated Q&A session**
- 2:45 – 2:50 pm **Closing**