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Seminar on access and benefit sharing, patents and natural ingredients

Hotel Epsom, Geneva. 22 October 2009

Agenda

8:30 hs. *Coffee and Registration*

9:00 hs. *Welcome*

Rik Kutsch Lojenga – Union for Ethical BioTrade

9:15 hs. **Introduction: Patents and Biodiversity**

María Julia Oliva – Union for Ethical BioTrade
Wend Wendland – World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

This introductory session will provide an overview of:

- The Convention on Biological Diversity, access and benefit sharing and intellectual property rights
- Traditional knowledge and the intellectual property system
- Institutional, legal and political issues and dynamics

10:00 hs. **Session 1 – Patents and Natural Ingredients**

Stéphane Agasse (Germain & Maureau Intellectual Property Law Firm)
Asha Sukhwani (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office)

This session will consider the trends in relation to patents for natural ingredients: why they are used, what they are used for, and the main interests and concerns from both commercial and sustainable development perspectives.

11:15 hs. *Coffee Break*

11:30 hs. **Session 2 – Patents and Biopiracy**

Tomme Young – Consultant
Christoph Then – No Patents on Seeds

Session 2 will address the issue of biopiracy – the concerns that patents are being used for the misappropriation of biodiversity and related traditional knowledge, with insights into concrete cases and specific criticisms.

12:45 hs. *Lunch*

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13:45 hs. **Session 3 – Patents and Ethical BioTrade**

Michael Gollin – Venable LLP
Prof. Cristiane Derani – Universidade de Sao Paulo, Brazil

This session will explore strategies for addressing the risks and opportunities posed by patents related to natural ingredients, including suggestions for policies and measures in the context of patent applications and management.

15:00 hs. **Session 4 – Practical Exercise**

Presentation of different scenarios dealing with patents, biodiversity and access and benefit sharing in the context of the food and cosmetic sector.

15:30 hs. *Coffee Break*

15:45 hs. **Session 4 – Practical Exercise (continued)**

Discussion in small groups

17:00 hs. **Conclusion**

María Julia Oliva – Union for Ethical BioTrade