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**Ninth Session
Geneva, March 13 and 14, 2024**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Wednesday, March 13, 2024

10.00 – 10.10

Opening

Mr. Daren Tang, Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

10.10 – 11.00

Panel 1: Walking in each other's shoes – bringing together the different views

This high-level panel brings together diverse perspectives in the evolving landscape of AI, creativity, and intellectual property. It will illuminate the complexities and potential tensions arising at the intersection of AI development, artistic creation, and the new balance they seek.

Moderator:

Mr. Ken-Ichiro Natsume, Assistant Director General, Infrastructure and Platforms Sector, WIPO

Speakers:

Mr. Joseph C. Gratz, Partner, Morrison & Forster, United States

Ms. Emily Jones, Associate Professor of Public Policy, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

Mr. Tinodiwa Zambe Makoni, Creative Director, Cross Caption Comix, Zimbabwe

Mr. Geoff Taylor, Executive Vice-President for Artificial Intelligence, Sony Music Entertainment, United States

11.00 – 11.40

Fireside chat: The Neuroscience of Learning

Neuroscience research reveals that learning is a physical, biological, energy-dependent activity. It responds to sensory inputs and stimuli from the environment, triggering changes in the neuronal connections (synapses) and the functioning of neural networks (interconnections of many neurons through synapses). The structure of artificial neural networks is inspired by the human nervous system. In dialogue between a neuroscientist and a computer scientist, this fireside chat will explore the world of human and AI creativity. With a focus on the cognitive process and its components, including information processing, learning, consciousness, and decision-making, the speakers will explore parallels between human and artificial intelligence learning mechanisms.

Moderator:

Mr. Oliver Bown, Associate Professor, University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia

Speakers:

TBC

Mr. Ramón López de Mántaras, Artificial Intelligence Research Institute (IIA), Spain

11.40 – 12.20

Presentation: Training data 101

Training data is the fuel that powers the AI steam engine. Why is it important, and how does training data enable AI systems to generate insights? This presentation will provide a general overview before diving into some of the technical aspects relevant to the ongoing IP discussions including machine unlearning.

Speaker: Mr. Mohan Kankanhalli, Professor of Computer Science, National University of Singapore, Singapore

12.20 – 13.00

Presentation: Fair compensation for creatives

This presentation will explore how fair compensation for creators could be defined, and how such remuneration could be collected and distributed.

Speaker: Mr. Duncan Crabtree-Ireland, Chief negotiator, SAG-AFTRA, United States

13.00 – 15.00

Lunch break

15.00 – 16.00

Panel 2: The current IP state of play: Training data containing copyright-protected works

This panel will provide a deep dive into existing copyright limitations and exceptions, such as text and data mining provisions, the doctrine of fair use, and other approaches. The discussion will address how these provisions impact innovation, research, and collaboration, highlighting both the opportunities and challenges within this regulatory landscape.

Moderator:

Ms. Dianne Daley McClure, Intellectual Property Partner, Foga Daley, Jamaica

Speakers:

Ms. Sandra Aistars, Clinical Professor, Sr. Scholar & Sr. Fellow, Center for Copyright Research & Policy, Center for Intellectual Property and Innovation Policy, George Mason University School of Law, United States

Mr. Joel Baloyi, University Registrar, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, University of Venda, South Africa

Mr. Shinnosuke Fukuoka, Partner, Nishimura & Asahi, Japan

Mr. Nicola Lucchi, *Serra Húnter* Professor of Comparative Law, Department of Law, *Universitat Pompeu Fabra*, Spain

Mr. Sydney Sanches, Owner, *Sanches Advogados Associados* and Legal Services Consultant, Brazil

Ms. Maria L. Vazquez, Dean of Law School, Universidad de San Andrés,
Argentina

16.00 – 16.30

Panel 2: Moderated Q&A and discussion

16.30 – 17.30

Panel 3: Does litigation really solve everything? A litigation tracker

As text and data mining (TDM) continues to evolve and disrupt various industries, it has also found itself at the center of legal disputes and IP challenges. In this session, the panelists will analyze the specifics of ongoing or recently concluded court cases that involve TDM.

It will examine the arguments in the currently pending litigation matters. Drawing on past experiences from technology challenging copyright such as the streaming disputes to look at how litigation as resolved in the past and lessons that may apply to generative AI's use of scraped data. The panel will also ask in what circumstances litigation may be a good option and the potential remedies Courts could consider in the age of Generative AI.

Moderator:

Ms. Ganna Prokhorova, Partner, Mamunya IP, Ukraine

Speakers:

Mr. Amr Emad, Partner, Hind bin Al Sheikh & Partners Law Firm, United Arab Emirates

Ms. Cheryl Foong, Senior Lecturer, Curtin Law School, Australia

Ms. Katherine Forrest, Partner, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, United States

Mr. Vincenzo Iaia, Postdoctoral researcher, Luiss Guido Carli University, Italy

Ms. Swati Sharma, Partner, IP, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, India

Ms. Zhu Xuyang, Senior Counsel, TaylorWessing, United Kingdom

17.30 – 17.55

Panel 3: Moderated Q&A and discussion

17.55 – 18.00

Close of Day 1

Thursday, March 14, 2024

10.00 – 10.05

Opening of Day 2

10.05 – 11.00

Panel 4: Can regulation keep up? Navigating the evolving regulatory landscape

This panel will discuss the emerging legal frameworks and the approach they are taking to training data and copyright. The EU AI Act is likely to become the first regulation. Other countries are also exploring legislative options. The conversation will also ask whether regulatory

frameworks can be shaped to keep pace with the ever-evolving AI and training data.

Moderator:

Mr. Yecid Rios, Founding partner, *Zapata&Ríos Abogados Asociados*, Colombia

Speakers:

Ms. Natasha Allen, Partner, *Foley & Lardner LLP*, United States

Mr. Simon Chesterman, Dean, National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore

Mr. Martin Schaefer, Partner, *BOEHMERT & BOEHMER*, Germany

Ms. Seagull Song, International Partner, *King & Wood Mallesons*, China

Mr. Paolo Lanteri, Legal Counsellor, Copyright Law Division, WIPO

11.00 – 11.20

Panel 4: Moderated Q&A and discussion

11.20 – 11.40

Presentation: Can contractual frameworks mitigate the IP risk until regulation catches up?

Data poses a legal conundrum as it is unclear what rights exist in data and concepts range from ownership to control. At the same time, companies and creators face significant IP risks. There are ongoing global efforts to shape framework contract agreements. Can they fill the gap?

Speaker:

Ms. Lee Tiedrich, Distinguished Faculty Fellow in Law & Responsible Technology, Duke Initiative for Science & Society, United States

11.40 – 12.40

Panel 5: Shaping a possible way forward: New approaches for the new AI age

Training data poses a copyright conundrum. On one hand copyright owners have the right to control access to their work and to receive fair compensation. On the other hand, the development of accurate, unbiased AI models requires access to large amounts of data and civil society is adopting AI tools at an exponential pace. Creators and AI companies are looking to shape new solutions in shaping a way forward. This panel aims to brainstorm potential solutions that may allow creators to retain control over their works and to provide access to training data for AI innovators.

The discussion will highlight potential evolutions in licensing frameworks, collaborative approaches, lessons learnt from copyright levy schemes and the advancement of technological measures. It will also highlight the potential challenges faced by these new approaches. The discussion will emphasize the crucial role of human creators in ensuring diverse and representative AI outcomes.

Moderator:

Ms. Celina Lee, CEO and co-founder, Zindi, Republic of Korea/United States

Speakers:

Mr. Peng Boris Akebuon, Co-founder and CTO, Bridge Labs, Cameroon

Mr. Ussen Kimanuka, PhD Candidate/ Google PhD Fellow, Pan African University Institute for Basic Sciences, Technology and Innovation (PAUSTI), Kenya

Ms. Jenny Lee, General Counsel, Strong Arm Technologies, Board Member, Responsible AI Licenses, United States

Mr. Peter Mezei, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, University of Szeged, Hungary

Ms. Carissa Véliz, Associate Professor, AI Ethics, University of Oxford, Spain/United Kingdom

12.40 – 13.00

Panel 5: Moderated Q&A and discussion

13.00 – 15.00

Lunch break

15.00 – 15.15

Presentation: Generative AI, training data and innovation - how large language models are acceleration scientific break throughs.

The GenAI debate currently centers on copyright owners and AI developers as the technology is having a significant impact on content generation. While much of the IP debate is around generative AI producing text, music and images, GenAI and large language models are poised to impact the innovation space in the next few years and speeding up scientific breakthroughs. What are the touch points between training data and innovation?

Speaker: Ms. Sonia Cooper, Assistant General Counsel, Microsoft, United Kingdom

15.15 – 15.35

Presentation: Generative AI: Navigating IP

Generative AI is adopted widely by organizations and businesses, but it is clear that there are many IP uncertainties. WIPO has released a short document of guiding principles to assist organizations navigating this complex space.

Speaker: Mr. Matt Hervey, Partner, Gowling WLG, United Kingdom

15.35 – 16.50

Sharing session

Open floor interventions and discussion: exchange of current practices between IP Offices and Member States in the area of training data.

16.50 – 17.45

Open floor interventions

Having heard from IP Offices, Member States, innovators, and IP professionals, what are your views? Bringing together the widest set of stakeholders, the open floor provides a forum to bring together global and diverse views.

17.45 – 18.00

Closing remarks

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