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INVITATION TO APPLY TO THE WIPO-WTO COLLOQUIUM FOR TEACHERS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

GENEVA, 28 JUNE - 9 JULY , 2010

A two-week colloquium for teachers of intellectual property from developing countries and countries with economies in transition is being jointly organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva from 28 June to 9 July, 2010. A small number of places are also available for self-funded participation by teachers from developed countries. While it has a strong specialist focus on the law and policy of intellectual property, and assumes an advanced awareness of this field on the part of participants, the colloquium seeks to be a multidisciplinary event, open to lawyers, economists, and other university teachers working in the field.

This colloquium is the seventh organized by the two organizations. The main objective of the colloquium is to update university teachers of intellectual property in developing countries and countries with economies in transition on the activities and instruments of the WIPO and the WTO with focus on important policy issues under negotiation or discussion in the two organizations, and to set these issues in their wider legal and policy context. This will enhance the capacity of universities in these countries to develop national expertise in intellectual property and the capability to provide policy advice to governments on the implications of current negotiations or discussions in the WIPO and WTO. The colloquium will also strengthen and give structure to the exchange of practical information on relevant national or regional experiences between university teachers and the two secretariats.

The colloquium will enable participants to develop practical strategies for improving teaching methodologies, and establish and/or strengthen a network of contacts with each other and with the trainers/experts for continuing development of intellectual property teaching and research.

The working language will be English. Twenty (20) places are available for applicants from developing countries and countries with economies in transition. The costs related to their participation will be borne by the organizers. An additional five places will be available for applicants from developed countries, at their own expense. A copy of the provisional [programme](#) for the colloquium is available here.

Applicants must fulfil the following requirements:

- work as a university teacher of intellectual property in a developing country or in a country with economy in transition (apart from the places allocated for developed country applicants), with at least five years' teaching experience; an ongoing role in policy advice with respect to WIPO/WTO negotiations is desirable; a track record in research and publication in the field of intellectual property is also desirable;
- have an advanced degree and teaching experience in intellectual property law or international law/economics/management with a specialization in intellectual property;
- have an excellent knowledge of English;

Applicants should identify a specific topical intellectual property policy or legal issue that is currently under active debate or review in the applicant's country or region, on which he/she would be ready to make a short presentation. A one-page summary of the presentation should accompany the Application Form.

Interested candidates need to complete the [Application Form](#) online and submit it by **4 April 2010**.

The application form is also available in [MS-Word](#) and [Adobe PDF](#). Applicants may also send the application by fax or as an email attachment to the following address:

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The final selection will be made by the organizers taking into consideration the need for regional and gender balance. Selected applicants will be directly notified by the organizers.