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• participation of Indigenous Peoples
• challenges
• future work (including substance of relevance for librarians)
What does “consensus” mean?

Are “package deals” effective?

Which working methodologies work best?

How to ensure effective participation of non-governmental stakeholders?

What is the status of a “Chair’s Text”?

What does “binding” really mean?

How to initiate and sustain a true negotiation?

What is a “successful” outcome?

How is “leverage” created and best used?
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No later than 2024, convene a Diplomatic Conference “to conclude an International Legal Instrument Relating to Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources”
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Innovation, development, intellectual property
WIPO Development Agenda, 2007

Access to and benefit-sharing in genetic resources and TK
Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992 and Nagoya Protocol, 2010

Indigenous Peoples’ rights and interests
UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 2007
Indigenous participation
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• Challenges
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  • context

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Final remarks
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