

The Work of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore



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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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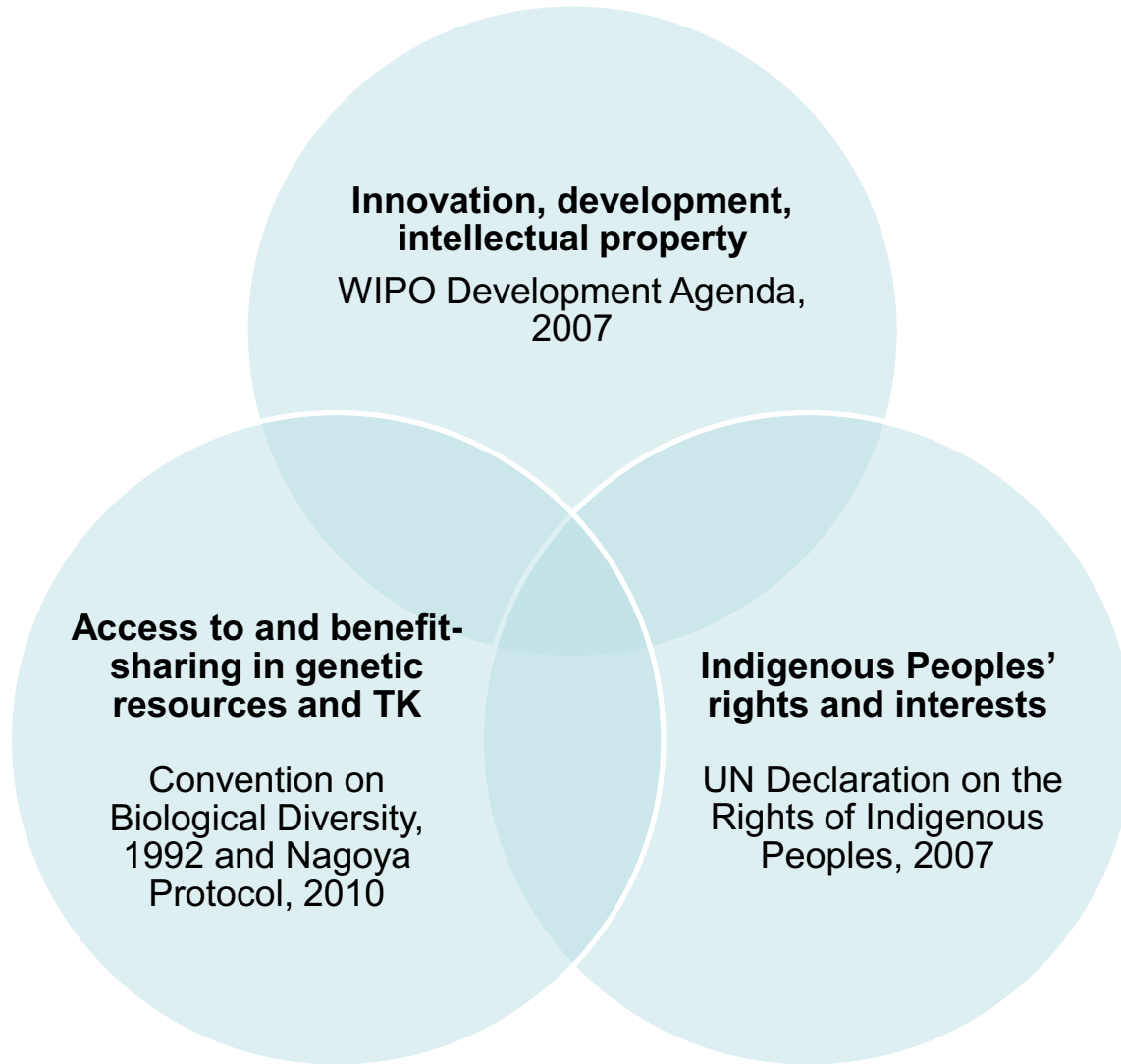
No later than 2024, convene a Diplomatic Conference “to conclude an International Legal Instrument Relating to Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources”





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Indigenous participation





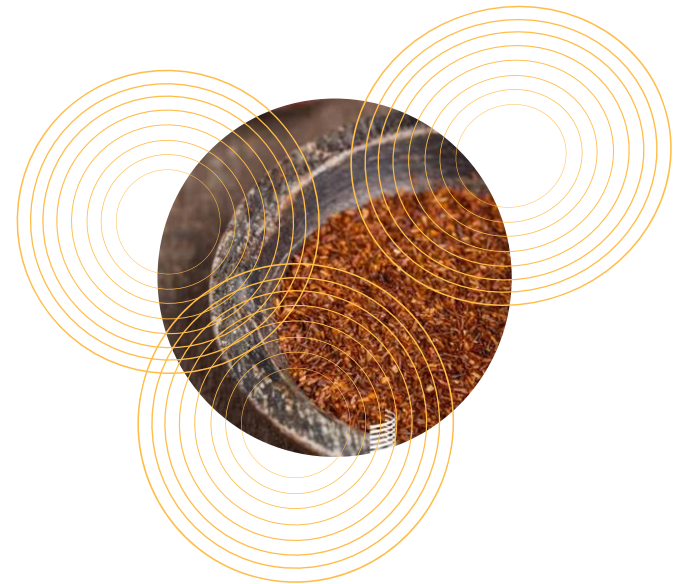
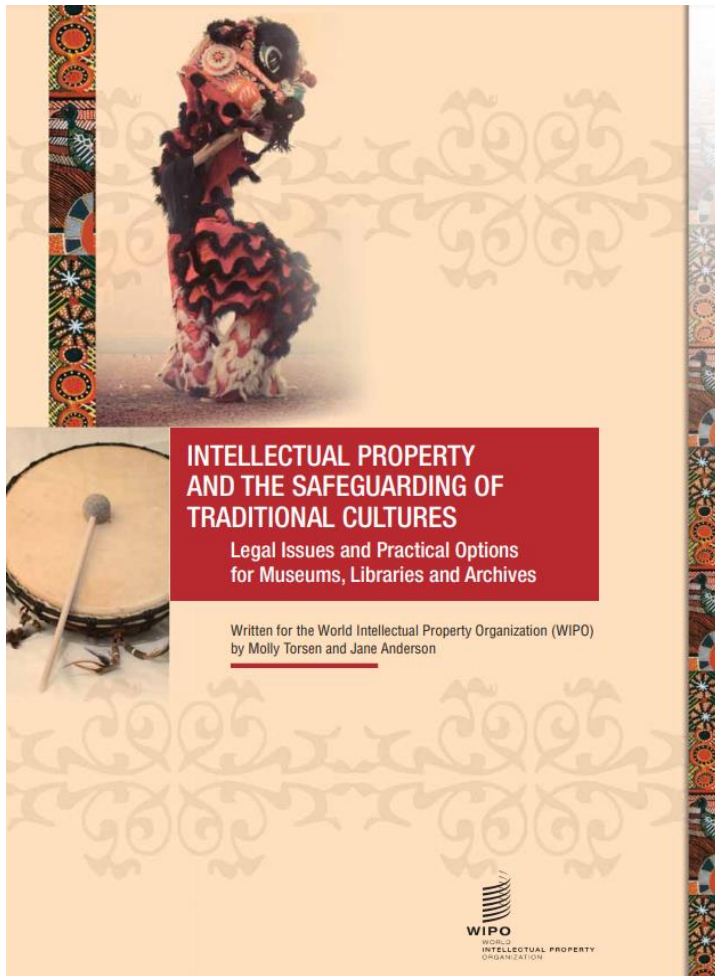
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- **Challenges**

- **substance**
- **process**
- **context**

- **Future work (on TK/TCEs, of relevance for librarians)**

Final remarks



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