

## **Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights**

**Forty-Sixth Session**  
**Geneva, April 7 to 11, 2025**

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

*prepared by the Secretariat*

## SCCR BACKGROUND

The WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) was established in 1998, pursuant to a decision of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO to establish Standing Committees to take over the functions of existing committees of experts. The SCCR was “to consider emerging issues in this field,” so that “WIPO activities aimed at developing the international system for protecting copyright and related rights will be better harmonized, more thoroughly prepared and more transparent.” (SCCR/1/2). The Committee held its first session in 1998. Its 46<sup>th</sup> session will be held from April 7-11, 2025.

Notional agenda and flexible approach: This annotated agenda sets out the Secretariat’s estimate of the proposed time allocation for the SCCR, considering the principle of respecting the balance of time among the three main substantive topics on the agenda. As summarized by the Chair at SCCR/45, this annotated agenda reflects the time allocation as follows: “(...) *the time for four and one-half days should be divided equally between broadcasting, limitations and exceptions and other matters, including copyright in the digital environment, the resale royalty right, rights of theatre directors, and the public lending right, after the handling of preliminary, administrative agenda items.*”

For information on the previous session, the Summary by the Chair (SCCR/45/SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR) and Statements submitted for SCCR/45 (SCCR/45/INF/STATEMENTS) are published on the SCCR/45 webpage at [https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=80924](https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=80924).

Since SCCR/42, in accordance with the decision of the General Assembly, the Secretariat is no longer preparing a report. Instead, the record of the previous meeting can be accessed via the WIPO webcast page as a video on demand at <https://webcast.wipo.int/home>. Machine-generated transcripts of the previous meeting are available for download on each session’s webcast page under the download icon on the right.

## Day 1 – Monday, April 7, 2025

### **Opening of Session and Protection of Broadcasting Organizations**

10:00 – 10:20

**Agenda item 1:** Opening of the session: Welcoming remarks by the Deputy Director General and the Chair

**Agenda item 2:** Adoption of the agenda of the forty-sixth session

**Document:** [Draft Agenda](#) (document SCCR/46/1 PROV.) is available on the meeting web page at [https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=86568](https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=86568).

**Agenda item 3:** Accreditation of new non-governmental organizations

**Document:** [Accreditation of Non-Governmental Organizations](#) (document SCCR/46/2) is available on the meeting web page at [https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=86568](https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=86568).

10:20 – 10:30	Brief description of the meeting format and working methods by the Chair and Secretariat
10:30 – 11:00	Opening statements from Group Coordinators
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break <sup>1</sup>
11:20 – 13:00	Opening of <b>Agenda item 4</b> : Protection of broadcasting organizations

**Documents:** [Draft WIPO Broadcasting Organizations Treaty](#) (document SCCR/46/3); prior related documents are available on the meeting page at [https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=86568](https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=86568).

**Reminder of Recent Activity:** During the 45<sup>th</sup> session of the SCCR, the *Draft WIPO Broadcasting Organizations Treaty* (document SCCR/45/3), was presented by the Chair, Vice Chairs, and Facilitators, followed by a discussion in an informal setting. The Chair announced that a revised draft would be prepared for the following session.

**SCCR/46 Session:** A presentation will be made by the Chair, Vice-Chair and Facilitators on the *Draft WIPO Broadcasting Organizations Treaty* (document SCCR/46/3), revised based on comments from delegations made at SCCR/45. The Committee will then break into an informal session for discussion of this text and possible next steps, including whether to recommend, or not, that the General Assembly convene a diplomatic conference.

13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 – 16:00	Continuation of Agenda item 4
16:00 – 16:20	Coffee break
16:20 – 18:00	Continuation of Agenda item 4

## **Day 2 – Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

### **Protection of Broadcasting Organizations and Limitations and Exceptions**

10:00 – 11:00	Continuation of Agenda item 4
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break
11:20 – 13:00	Continuation of Agenda item 4
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 – 16:00	Conclusion of work on Agenda item 4
16:00 – 16:20	Coffee break

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<sup>1</sup> Coffee will be available at the times marked for coffee breaks. However, the Chair may decide not to pause the meeting during some or all of these breaks.

16:20 – 18:00

Opening of **Agenda item 5**: Limitations and exceptions for libraries and archives and **Agenda item 6**: Limitations and exceptions for educational and research institutions and for persons with other disabilities

**Documents:** The United States of America's proposal contained in [Updated Version of the Document "Objectives and Principles for Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries and Archives" \(\[previous version was\] SCCR/26/8\)](#) (document SCCR/44/5); [Draft Proposal by the African Group for the Implementation of the Work Program on Exceptions and Limitations](#) (document SCCR/44/6) related to the [Work Program for Limitations and Exceptions](#) adopted in March 2023 (document SCCR/43/8 REV.); [Draft Implementation Plan on the Work Program on Limitations and Exceptions](#) prepared by the Secretariat on upon request of Member States during SCCR/45 (SCCR/45/10 PROV.); Prior related documents are available on the meeting page at [https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=86568](https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=86568).

**Reminder of Recent Activity:** At SCCR/45, the Secretariat presented the *Draft Implementation Plan for the Work Program on Limitations and Exceptions and Preliminary Comments Received by March 29, 2024* (document SCCR/45/6). The Delegation of the United States of America gave an explanation of the document entitled *Updated Version of the Document "Objectives and Principles for Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries and Archives"* (SCCR/26/8) (document SCCR/44/5), previously introduced at SCCR/44 in November 2023. The Committee discussed in plenary and in informal sessions what document to use as the basis for work on next steps. The Secretariat was requested during the sessions to prepare an informal working document (*Existing Document*) that was later posted as *Draft Implementation Plan on the Work Program on Limitations and Exceptions* (SCCR/45/10 PROV.). Member States were invited to send comments on document SCCR/45/10 PROV. until October 15, 2024, so the Secretariat could conduct a series of consultations with Group Coordinators and interested Member States, in order to post a draft implementation plan for its discussion at SCCR/46. Based on the comments received, the Officers were continuing consultations on the way forward in advance of the meeting.

**SCCR/46 Session:** Discussions will be held on (1) the way forward regarding the work on an implementation plan for the *Work Program on Limitations and Exceptions* (document SCCR/43/8 REV.), and (2) the US proposal contained in the document entitled *Updated Version of the Document "Objectives and Principles for Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries and Archives"* (SCCR/26/8) (document SCCR/44/5), introduced in November 2023.

**Day 3 – Wednesday, April 9, 2025**

**Limitations and Exceptions**

10:00 – 11:00

Continuation of Agenda items 5 and 6

11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break
11:20 – 13:00	Continuation of Agenda items 5 and 6
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 – 16:00	Continuation of Agenda items 5 and 6
16:00 – 16:20	Coffee break
16:20 – 18:00	Continuation of Agenda items 5 and 6

#### **Day 4 – Thursday, April 10, 2025**

##### **Limitations and Exceptions and Other Matters**

10:00 – 11:00	Continuation and conclusion of work on Agenda items 5 and 6
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break

##### **Other Matters**

11:20	Opening of <b>Agenda item 7: Other Matters</b>
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##### *Public Lending Right*

11:20 – 12:10	<p><b>Documents:</b> <a href="#">Proposal for a Study Focused on Public Lending Right in the Agenda and Future Work of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)</a> (document SCCR/40/3/REV. 2); <a href="#">Scoping Study on Public Lending Right</a> (document SCCR/45/7 REV.); <a href="#">Annex: Reports of Countries Operating an Active PLR System</a> (SCCR/45/7 REV. ANNEX I); <a href="#">Annex II: Countries with Provisions for Lending (without an active PLR system)</a> (SCCR/45/7 REV. ANNEX II); prior related documents are available on the meeting page at <a href="https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=86568">https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=86568</a>.</p>
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**Reminder of Recent Activity:** At SCCR/45, the *Scoping Study on Public Lending Right* (document SCCR/45/7) was presented by its author Ms. Sabine Richly, followed by a question and answer session. Delegations were invited to send comments on the study until October 15, 2024, so that a revised version could be prepared.

**SCCR/46 Session:** The Chair will invite Ms. Sabine Richly to present the updated *Scoping Study on Public Lending Right* (document SCCR/45/7 REV.), to be followed by a discussion on the topic.

*Proposal for a Study on the Rights of Audiovisual Authors and their Remuneration for the Exploitation of their Works*

12:10 – 12:50      **Document:** [Proposal for a Study on the Rights of Audiovisual Authors and their Remuneration for the Exploitation of their Works](https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=86568) (document SCCR/44/7) is available on the meeting web page at [https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=86568](https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=86568).

**Reminder of Recent Activity:** At the 44<sup>th</sup> session of the SCCR, the Delegation of Cote d'Ivoire introduced the *Proposal for a Study on the Rights of Audiovisual Authors and their Remuneration for the Exploitation of their Works* (document SCCR/44/7). At SCCR/45, the Committee discussed the proposal.

**SCCR/46 Session:** The Chair will invite the Committee to discuss the proposal.

*Rights of Theatre Directors*

12:50 – 13:00      **Document:** [Study on the Rights of Stage Directors of Theatrical Productions](https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=86568) (document SCCR/41/5) is available on the meeting web page at [https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=86568](https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=86568).

**Reminder of Recent Activity:** At SCCR/45, the Secretariat gave a brief update on the status of the ongoing work.

**SCCR/46 Session:** The Chair will invite the Secretariat to report on the status of the work.

13:00 – 14:30      Lunch break<sup>2</sup>

*Information Session*

14:30 – 18:30<sup>3</sup>      Information Session on Copyright and Generative Artificial Intelligence will be held as requested by SCCR Members.

**Documents:** [Information Session on Copyright and Generative Artificial Intelligence – Provisional Program](https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=86568) (SCCR/46/5 PROV.); prior related documents are available on the meeting page at [https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=86568](https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=86568).

**Reminder of Recent Activity:** As requested by Member States at SCCR/44, the Secretariat organized an Information Session on the Opportunities and Challenges Raised by Generative AI as it Relates to Copyright (see documents SCCR/45/5, SCCR/45/8 PROV., and SCCR/45/9 PROV.), at the 45<sup>th</sup> session of the SCCR. Following the session, the Secretariat was invited to organize a follow-up Information Session at SCCR/46 as part of the agenda item related to Copyright in the Digital Environment.

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<sup>2</sup> It is proposed to shorten the lunch break by 30 minutes to allow more time for the information session.

<sup>3</sup> Coffee will be available between 15:00 and 15:30 outside the room.

**SCCR/46 Session:** The Committee will have an Information Session on Copyright and Generative Artificial Intelligence to exchange information on national / regional current or planned initiatives to address the interplay between copyright and generative AI.

**Day 5 – Friday, April 11, 2025**

**Other Matters and Closing of the Session**

*Copyright in the Digital Environment*

10:00 – 11:00

**Documents:** [Draft Work Plan on Copyright and Digital Environment](#) (document SCCR/45/4), submitted by Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries (GRULAC). This document follows the previous [Proposal for Analysis of Copyright Related to the Digital Environment](#) (document SCCR/43/7), introduced during SCCR/43; prior related documents are available on the meeting page at [https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=86568](https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=86568).

**Reminder of Recent Activity:** At the 45<sup>th</sup> session of the SCCR, GRULAC presented the *Draft Work Plan on Copyright in the Digital Environment* (document SCCR/45/4) and renewed the request for Copyright in the Digital Environment to be a standing item on the agenda of the Committee. The Committee considered the proposal, and it was agreed to continue the discussion at SCCR/46.

**SCCR/46 Session:** Discussions will be held on the *Draft Work Plan on Copyright and Digital Environment* (document SCCR/45/4), including Artificial Intelligence.

11:00 – 11:20

Coffee break

*Resale Royalty Right*

11:20 – 12:20

**Documents:** [WIPO Toolkit on Artist's Resale Right – Part 1](#) (document SCCR/43/INF/2 REV.); [WIPO Toolkit on Artist's Resale Right – Part 2](#) (document SCCR/45/INF/2 REV.); documents are available on the meeting web page at [https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=86568](https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=86568).

**Reminder of Recent Activity:** At the 43<sup>rd</sup> session of the SCCR, Professor Sam Ricketson presented Part 1 of the *WIPO Toolkit on Artists' Resale Right* (document SCCR/43/INF/2 REV.) focusing on the legal framework. At SCCR/45, the Secretariat introduced Part 2 of the *WIPO Toolkit on Artist's Resale Right* (document SCCR/45/INF/2 REV.) focusing on the practicalities of administering a Resale Royalty Right scheme at national level. Delegations were invited to send comments until October 15, 2024, so that a revised version of the toolkit could be prepared for the next SCCR session.

**SCCR/46 Session:** The Chair will invite Professor Sam Ricketson to present the revised version of Part 2 of the *WIPO Toolkit on Artist's Resale Right* (document SCCR/45/INF/2 REV.), to be followed by a discussion on the topic.

*Other Matters*

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| 12:20 – 13:00 | The Chair will ask if there are any other matters to be considered by the Committee. The Delegation of Canada will be invited to introduce the <a href="#"><u>Proposal for a Study on Copyright Protection of Technical Standards</u></a> (SCCR/46/4). |
| 13:00 – 15:00 | Lunch break  |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | Opening of <b>Agenda item 8</b> : Closing of the Session: presentation of the Chair's Summary; closing statements from Group Coordinators.   |
| 16:00 – 16:20 | Coffee break   |
| 16:20 – 18:00 | Continuation and conclusion of Agenda item 8.  |

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