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**Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore**

**Forty-Ninth Session**

**Geneva, December 2 to 6, 2024**

Information Note for the Panel of Indigenous and Local Communities

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1. At its Seventh Session, the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the Committee”) agreed “that, immediately before the commencement of the sessions of the Committee, half-day panel presentations should be organized, chaired by a representative from a local or indigenous community”. These panels have since been organized for each Committee session convened since 2005.
2. The theme of the panel at the present session will be: “Intellectual Property and Traditional Medical Systems:  A Path to Protection”.
3. The Annex contains the provisional program of the panel for the Forty-Ninth Session.

[Annex follows]

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM OF THE PANEL

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| Monday, December 2, 2024 (Geneva Time) | |
| 11.00 | Opening  Chair – (to be identified by the WIPO Indigenous Consultative Forum) |
| 11.00 – 11.20 | Mrs. Fabiola Sánchez, who is Kichwa Cotacachi, serves as the Coordinator of the Tukunawa House Museum and works as an Analyst for the Academic Vice Rectorate at the Amawtay Wasi University, Ecuador |
| 11.20 – 11.40 | Ms. Judith Bakirya, who comes from a local Basoga community, is the Chairperson of the Jinja Women Agribusiness Cooperative Society Ltd, Uganda |
| 11.40 – 12.00 | Dr. Alana Gall, who is Aboriginal Truwulway, is the Vice President of the Public Health Association of Australia, Australia |
| 12.00 – 12.30 | Floor discussion and closing of the panel |

[End of Annex and document]