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Round Table Discussion

Theme: *“Bridging Borders: Strengthening Intellectual Property Frameworks for Innovation, Climate Resilience and Cultural Preservation in South Asia”*

Event Overview

The *Centre for Development of Intellectual Property and Research (CDIPR)*, *Naovina Development of Intellectual Property and Research Foundation*, is glad to host the **Round Table Discussion** as part of the *South Asian Global Intellectual Property Summit, 2024*.

This Round Table Discussion is a *two hour virtual event* that brings together leading policymakers, academicians, industry professionals, and IP experts from across South Asia to address the region's most pressing challenges in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).

The theme, *“Bridging Borders: Strengthening Intellectual Property Frameworks for Innovation, Climate Resilience and Cultural Preservation in South Asia”*, reflects the shared commitment to leveraging intellectual property for sustainable development, fostering innovation, protecting traditional knowledge and driving regional economic growth.

Event Details



Date: 21st and 22nd December, 2024



Time: 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM (IST)



Mode: Virtual



Duration: 2-3 Hours



Broadcast: Live streaming on LinkedIn and YouTube

Objectives

1. **Fostering Collaboration:** Promote regional cooperation for harmonizing IP frameworks to address shared challenges across South Asia.

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2. **Protecting Cultural Heritage:** Highlight the role of IP in safeguarding traditional knowledge and Geographical Indications (GIs) to empower indigenous communities.
3. **Climate Resilience:** Explore strategies to ensure access to climate-resilient technologies while addressing IP barriers.
4. **Driving Digital Innovation:** Address the challenges of digital transformation, including IP enforcement in the era of emerging technologies.
5. **Empowering SMEs and Startups:** Discuss practical strategies to help startups and SMEs leverage IP for growth and sustainability.

Program Schedule

DAY ONE <i>Chaired by Prof. Dr. Syamala Kandadai</i>			
Time (IST)	Agenda	Speaker	Country
12:30 PM – 12:50 PM	Opening Address: Welcome and Introduction to the Virtual Round Table	Prof. Dr. Syamala Kandadai (Dean of Faculty, National University of Study and Research in Law, India)	India
12:50 PM – 01:05 PM	Session 1: “ <i>Harmonising Regional IP Laws for Economic and Cultural Integration</i> ”	Prof. Dr. Arhan Sthapit (Professor & Dean, Faculty of Management & Law, Nepal Open University, Nepal)	Nepal
01:10 PM – 01:25 PM	Session 2: “ <i>Climate Change and Technology Access: Overcoming IP Barriers</i> ”	Dr. Aziz ur Rehman	Pakistan

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		(Director, School of Law, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan)	
01:30 PM – 01:45 PM	Session 3: <i>“Digital Transformation and IP: Strengthening Legal Frameworks”</i>	Prof. (Adv.) Dipak G. Parmar (Founder, Cyber-IPR, India)	India
01:50 PM – 02:05 PM	Session 4: <i>“IP Policy and Digital Innovation: A way forward for South Asia”</i>	Dr. Gururaj Devarhubli (Assistant Professor, Institute of Law Nirma University, India)	India
02:10 PM – 02:25 PM	Panel Discussion and Open Forum: Collaborative Dialogue on Key Challenges Q&A Session: Addressing Audience Questions	Moderated by Ms. Preyansi Desai	All Panelists
DAY TWO <i>Chaired by Prof. Dr. Syamala Kandadai</i>			
Time (IST)	Agenda	Speaker	Country
12:30 PM – 12:50 PM	Keynote Address: <i>“The Role of IP in South Asia’s Sustainable Development”</i>	Prof. Dr. M. R. S. Murthy (DPIIT-IPR Chair Professor, National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi)	India

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12:50 PM – 01:05 PM	Session 5: <i>“Preserving Traditional Knowledge and GIs: Empowering Communities”</i>	Prof. Dr. Md. Towhidul Islam (Professor, Department of Law, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh)	Bangladesh
01:10 PM – 01:25 PM	Session 6: <i>“IP Enforcement Challenges: Combating Piracy and Counterfeiting”</i>	Prof. Dr. Nalin Bharti (DPIIT-IPR Chair Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Patna, India)	India
01:30 PM – 01:45 PM	Session 7: <i>“Geographical Indications: Protecting Cultural Identity in South Asia”</i>	Dr. Manjula Sandirigama (Associate Professor, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka)	Sri Lanka
01:50 PM – 02:05 PM	Session 8: <i>“The Future of Startups and SMEs: Leveraging IP for Innovation”</i>	Dr. Pankaj Kumar (DPIIT-IPR Chair Professor, National Law University and Judicial Academy, India)	India
02:10 PM – 02:25 PM	Session 9: <i>“IP in Small Island Nations: Emerging Challenges and Opportunities”</i>	Ms. Uza Fathimath Waheeda (Head of the Department of Law, Faculty of Shari'ah and Law, The Maldives National University, Maldives)	Maldives
02:30 PM – 02:45 PM	Session 10: <i>“Changing Dynamics of IP Prosecution and Litigation in South Asia”</i>	Ms. Rachna Bakhru (Partner, RNA, Technology and IP Attorneys, India)	India

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02:50 PM – 03:05 PM	Panel Discussion and Open Forum: Collaborative Dialogue on Key Challenges Q&A Session: Addressing Audience Questions	Moderated by Ms. Preyansi Desai	All Panelists
03:05 PM – 03:15 PM	Summary of Key Action Points: Conclusions and Recommendations	Mr. Dipendu Das (Director, CDIPR)	India
03:15 PM – 3:20 PM	Vote of Thanks: Gratitude and Closing Remarks	Mr. Dipendu Das (Director, CDIPR)	India

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Preparation Guidelines For Speakers

1. **Allotted Time:** Each speaker will be given **15 minutes** to present their insights.
2. **Focus Points:**
 - Identify core IP challenges in your country.
 - Propose solutions and actionable strategies.
 - Share examples of successful IP policies or case studies.
3. **Collaboration:** Panelists will address common regional challenges and develop potential pathways for cooperation.
4. **Technical Requirements:** Ensure a stable internet connection, and a professional background for the live broadcast.

Target Audience

- Government IP officials and policymakers
- IP academicians, researchers, and scholars
- Legal professionals and law firms
- Entrepreneurs, SMEs, and startups
- NGOs and cultural organizations
- Students and emerging IP enthusiasts

Expected Outcomes

1. **Actionable Recommendations:** A clear roadmap for harmonizing IP frameworks in South Asia.
2. **Collaboration Roadmap:** Identifying strategies for shared access to knowledge and IP tools.
3. **Capacity Building:** Enhancing legal, technical, and enforcement capabilities across borders.
4. **Inspiration for Change:** Sharing successful case studies to motivate South Asian countries to strengthen their IP laws and protection frameworks.

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About the South Asian Global Intellectual Property Summit, 2024

The summit brings together thought leaders, legal experts, policymakers and researchers from South Asia and across the globe. It features a diverse lineup of programs, including hackathons, IP challenges, paper presentations, and our signature Guest Lecture Series. For more information visit <https://cdipr.icchr.in/global-ip-summit-2024>. In Global Collaboration with the University of Oxford, Harvard University, National University of Singapore, University of South Australia, Queen Mary University, George Washington University Law School, University of Berkeley and Stanford University.

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