

Indigenous Intellectual Property

Indigenous Intellectual Property aims at protecting Indigenous Peoples arts, inventions, creations and written ideas whether they are tangible or intangible.

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I attended a meeting on the Indigenous Intellectual Property meeting and workshop in May, 2019 in Iqaluit.

In attendance were Government Officials and Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities from Canada, Denmark, Finland Norway and Sweden.

Objectives of the WIPO Workshop was to:

- Foster cooperation between government officials from different departments and Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities within each country and between countries from the Arctic Region.

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- The World Intellectual Property Organization chaired the meetings with Canada hosting.
- It was important for the attendees to express what our priorities were.
- For the Inuit, ours was the Collective Intellectual Property more so than the other countries.
- These items are the qayaq, amauti, the qamuti, traditional tools and songs and stories.

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Traditional Knowledge:

- We have to make sure our knowledge that derives from our culture is not taken away from us and claimed by others.
- We have to protect what is rightfully ours, whether they were invented by our ancestors, our generation or our future fellow Inuit.

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Traditional Cultural Expressions

- We need to protect our traditional cultural expresses such as our stories, songs and dances.
- Written ideas of creation, imagination and inventions or modifications to existing items also need to be protected.
- This will protect you from people sealing your ideas and profiting from them.

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Way of Protecting Intellectual Property

- Copyright
- Patent
- Trademark
- Collective & Certification Marks