



UNITED NATIONS GOVERNING BODIES SECRETARIATS (UNGBS)

14TH ANNUAL MEETING

October 1 & 2, 2026

HOSTED BY

**WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION
(WIPO)**

34, Chemin des Colombettes, CH – 1203 Geneva

PROVISIONAL AGENDA – revised 6 (speakers)

Venue: WIPO HQ, NB 0.107

Thursday, October 1, 2026

8.30 – 9.00 a.m.	<i>Arrival and Registration, Welcome Coffee & Refreshments</i>
9.00 – 9.20 a.m.	Chair's Welcome • Mr. Anil MURTHY, Director, Diplomatic Engagement and Assemblies Affairs Division, WIPO
9.20 – 9.30 a.m.	Group Photo
9.30 – 10.30 a.m. <i>Suggestion: Approx. 10min / speaker + Q&A</i>	Item 1: Effectiveness and Decision making (Consensus Building and e-Voting) Moderator: Juliette VOINOV KOHLER (BRS Convention) • BRS Convention (Juliette VOINOV KOHLER) – Consensus Building and Voting • CITES Secretariat (Haruko OKUSU) – Voting / e-Voting
10.30 – 11.00 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.00 – 12.30 p.m.	Item 1 (ongoing) - Effectiveness and Decision making (Mandate review) Moderator: Carmen WILLEN (WHO FCTC) • BRS Convention (Juliette VOINOV KOHLER) – Mandate review • WMO (Stefano BELFIORE / Jianing SANG) – JIU governance evaluation and mandate review • WHO (Gina VEA & Jude OSEI) – Approaches and Modalities of Negotiations
12.30 – 2.00 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
2.00 – 3.30 p.m.	Item 2: UN80 process: implications for Governing Bodies • UN Women (Ziad SHEIKH): Role of Executive Boards in structural changes • WMO (Giacomo TERUGGI): Organization and management of expert groups and subsidiary bodies of specialized agencies
3.30 – 3.45 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3.45 – 5.30 p.m.	Item 3: The use of Artificial Intelligence • UNICEF (Andres FRANCO) – AI and Governance: intervention by Amb. Rein TAMMSAAR, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations and Co-Chair of the Global Dialogue on AI Governance • WORLD BANK (Dominique BICHARA)) – Use of AI in Board's systems, incl. Board records, research and transcripts

	• ITU (Béatrice PLUCHON) – AI Assistant for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference • WIPO (Anil MURTHY/ Henri MEYLAN) – AI supported interpretation tools
5.30 – 5.45 p.m.	Day 1 wrap up
6.00 – 8.30 p.m.	<i>Reception and Dinner (WIPO HQ 13th floor)</i> Opening address by WIPO DG Daren Tang

Friday, October 2, 2026

8.30 – 9.00 a.m.	<i>Welcome coffee</i>
9.00 – 10.30 a.m.	Item 4: Future UNGBS meetings • Speaker 1 – tbd. • <i>Tour de table</i>
10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.45 – 12.30 p.m.	Item 5: UN80 initiative – intervention by DSG of ITU, Mr. Tomas LAMANAUSKAS , followed by Q&A Chaired by WIPO ADG Andrew STAINES
12.30 – 1.00 p.m.	Closing
1.00 – 2.00 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
Afternoon	<i>CERN guided tour (optional, shuttle will be provided)</i>

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