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## **First Customary law and Human Rights Dialogue**

*Customary Law, Traditional Knowledge and Human Rights  
Galway, 18-19 June 2010*

### **Day One – Minority Rights Summer School**

8.30 - 9.00 Registration

9.00 -1.00 Session I: Customary law and international law  
Chair: Brendan Tobin

9.00 – 9.30 Opening address Professor Schabas, Director, ICHR

9.30 - 10.00 *Customary International Law and the protection of minority rights,*  
Professor Joshua Castellino , University of Middlesex

10.00 -10.30 *The role of human rights in supporting recognition of indigenous peoples' customary law,* Jeremie Gilbert, Senior Lecturer, University of Middlesex

10.30 -11.00 open discussion

11.00 - 11 15 coffee break

11.15 - 1.00 Session II: Recognition of customary law in national law  
Chair: Saskia Vermeulen, Lancaster University

11.15 -11.45 *Customary Law and the protection of community rights in Africa,*  
Professor Paul Kuruk, Samford University

11.45-12.15 *Constitutional recognition of customary law and the protection of indigenous rights in Papua New Guinea,* Dr. David Keane, lecturer, University of Middlesex

- 12.15 - 12.45 Open discussion
- 12.45 – 2.00 lunch
- 2.00 – 5 .30 Session III: Customary law, tangible and intangible property rights  
Chair: Dr. Jeremie Gilbert, University of Middlesex
- 2.00 – 2.30 *Free Prior informed consent: Customary law and community governance of natural resource rights in the Philippines* – Cathal Doyle, University of Middlesex
- 2.30 – 3.00 *Intellectual property, customary law and minority rights* - Anthony Taubman, Director, Intellectual Property Issues Division, World Trade Organization
- 3.00 – 3.30 Open discussion
- 3.30 – 3.45 Coffee break
- 3.45 – 5.30 Session IV: Community governance of traditional knowledge  
Chair: Ruchi Pant, ECOSERVE
- 3.45 – 4.15 *Community measures for protection of traditional knowledge in Australia: A Practical Approach*, Patricia Adjei, Indigenous fellow, Traditional Knowledge Division, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- 4.15 – 4.45 *Traveler's rights in Ireland: Customary law, cultural rights and self-determination*, Martin Collins, Director, Pavee Point
- 4.45 – 5.15 Open discussion
- 5.15 – 5.30 Rapporteur's Summary

## **Day Two – Roundtable**

- 9.00 – 9.30 Opening – presentation of participants - Objectives and methodology
- 9.30 -11.00 Session V – Customary law and indigenous peoples human rights  
Chair: Professor Joshua Castellino, Middlesex University
- 9.30 -10.00 *Customary law, Traditional knowledge and human rights*, Brendan Tobin, Irish Centre for Human Rights
- 10.00 -10.30 *Customary law and the recognition of native title over genetic resources*, Professor Graham Dutfield, University of Leeds
- 10.30 -11.00 roundtable discussion

- 11.00 -11.15 Coffee break
- 11.30 – 1.00 Session II Customary law and traditional resource rights  
Chair: Dr Vinodh Jaichand, ICHR, NUIG
- 11.30 - 11.00 *Customary law and traditional resource management: results of a community led global research program*, Ruchi Pant, ECOSERVE
- 12.00 -12.30 *Protection of TK within an ABS Commons* , Paul Oldham, Research Fellow, CESAGen, Lancaster University
- 12.30 – 1.00 roundtable discussion
- 1.00 – 2.00 Lunch
- 2.00 - 3.30 Session III Customary law, TK and intellectual property  
Chair: Patricia Adjei, Indigenous Fellow, WIPO
- 2.00 – 2.30 *The role of customary law in national and international protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions*, Professor, Paul Kuruk, Samford University
- 2.30 – 3.00 *The recognition of customary law in international law relating to protection of intellectual property* - Anthony Taubman, Director, Intellectual Property Division, World Trade Organization
- 3.00 – 3.30 roundtable discussion
- 3.30 – 3.45 coffee break
- 3.45 – 5. 15 Session IV Customary law, legal pluralism and compliance.  
Chair: John Ahern, Trinity College Dublin
- 3.45 – 4.15 *Customary law in national and international arbitration and litigation proceedings*, Simon Morgan, Partner, Simmons and Simmons
- 4.15 – 4.45 *Customary law and Legal Pluralism: finding synergies in diversity*  
Dr. Saskia Vermeylen, lecturer, Lancaster University
- 4.45 – 5.15 roundtable discussion
- 5.15 –5.30 Rapporteur’s summary and closing remarks