

Although indigenous peoples' rights are recognised in a number of international declarations, the implementation of those rights is difficult to achieve, according to panellists at an event opening this week's World Intellectual Property Organization negotiations toward a treaty to protect traditional knowledge, folklore and genetic resources. Collective rights and customary laws, the respect of the spiritual dimension of traditional knowledge, and the right to self determination should be fully integrated in any national or international instruments, speakers said. (...)

The article:

<http://www.ip-watch.org/weblog/2011/05/10/panel-indigenous-rights-integral-to-treaty-on-knowledge-folklore-and-genes/>

The WIPO website:

<http://www.wipo.int/portal/index.html.en>