

**CDIP/10 – Opening Remarks by the Chair**  
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- I would like to thank delegates for their attendance, and look forward to their continued constructive cooperation with the Chair during this tenth session of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP).
- Our gathering today demonstrates the shared recognition of all Member States of the importance of this Committee, and of the relevance and importance of development in the field of intellectual property, and in the ongoing work of this Organization.
- This Committee was conceived as a consequence of the Development Agenda, and continues to play the central role in the implementation of the Development Agenda and its 45 recommendations.
- I would like to thank the Director General, Mr. Francis Gurry, and the Deputy Director General, Mr. Geoffrey Onyeama, for their continued efforts towards integrating the Development Agenda and its underlying principles into the work of the Organization.
- This tenth session of the Committee marks the fifth year of the existence of the Development Agenda, and with the growing maturity of this process it is clear that significant progress has been achieved in its implementation with the close involvement and supervision of you, the Member States.
- This current session will continue the emphasis on evaluation and monitoring of the results of the project-based implementation of the Development Agenda, and we will have the opportunity to discuss a further six independent evaluation reports that have been presented for the Committee's consideration – this brings a total of 12 evaluation reports that this Committee will have before it to date.
- We have a great deal of work ahead of us, as demonstrated by the number and quality of documents for our consideration. I look forward to an efficient and positive session. This morning, you will receive a proposed schedule of work for the week.
- I would like to use the Chair's prerogative to hold prior consultations on certain issues, as required, in order to ensure that we achieve good progress in the Committee, and I will raise these with you at the appropriate times.
- As I had discussed in our earlier informal briefing, in order to be more efficient in producing the Summary by the Chair at the conclusion of this session, at the end of our consideration of each document I will propose a short conclusion based on the discussions on that document. At the conclusion of this meeting, these short conclusions will comprise the Summary by the Chair.
- I seek your cooperation and good will in conducting this Committee meeting in a time-efficient and constructive manner. For this purpose, I will use my discretion to request the Committee to work through the regular coffee breaks (while tea and coffee will still be made available for Delegates outside the room at around 10.30 and 4.30 each day), and call for breaks for consultation where such breaks would be constructive in assisting the work of the Committee.
- In addition to the Committee's work sessions, three side events have been organized during this session, to take place in Room B during our lunch breaks. A flyer with details of these side events will be made available to you.

- Finally, I would like to emphasize the importance of consensus-building among delegates around a shared vision of the benefits that the intellectual property system can bring to global development, and hope that this shared vision will inform and support our discussions in this week's session.
- I would now like to invite the Director General [or Deputy Director General, Mr. Onyeama] to address the Committee.

[End of opening remarks]