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To All High Court Judges, District Judges and Magistrates

**WIPO Intellectual Property Judges Forum**

This refers to the letter bearing number EA/WIPO/GENERAL dated 30.05.2019 sent by Director/Economic Affairs for Secretary/Foreign Affairs by the Department of External Resources, on the above subject.

2. I have been directed by the Judicial Service Commission to publish the same in the JSC website.

Under the command of the Judicial Service Commission,

H. Sanjeewa Somaratne  
Secretary

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14<sup>th</sup> June 2019,

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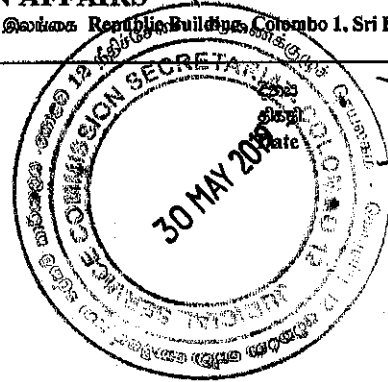
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30.05.2019

Secretary  
 Ministry of Justice and Prison Reforms  
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**Attention:** Ms.Piyumanathi Pieris /Add. Secretary (Legal)

**WIPO Intellectual Property Judges Forum**

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the communication from the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on the above.

As per the note verbal, the Director General of WIPO has requested Member States to nominate members of national judiciaries who have been handling cases pertaining to Intellectual Properties to participate in the WIPO Intellectual Property Judges Forum scheduled to be held from 13-15 November 2019.

Registration of the participants can be found at:  
<https://www3.wipo.int/registration/en/form.jsp?meeting-id=52688>, using  
**the secure code: RR88PI88T** and all expenses of participants must be borne by the participants themselves since WIPO events are self financed in principle.

It would be appreciated if you could disseminate this information among interested judicial officials and direct them to get registered online through the above web site no later than 14 October 2019.

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 Director/Economic Affairs  
 For Secretary /Foreign Affairs

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- 1) Secretary -Judicial Service Commission Secretariat - For necessary action
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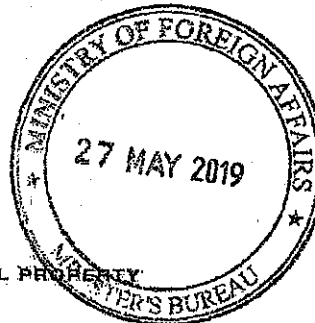
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The Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents his compliments to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to communicate that the *WIPO Intellectual Property Judges Forum* will be held at the headquarters of WIPO in Geneva, from Wednesday, November 13 to Friday, November 15, 2019.

The *WIPO Intellectual Property Judges Forum* responds to the demand from Member States for dialogue amongst judges, as national courts confront an increasing number of novel questions in intellectual property cases. The purpose of the *Forum* is to provide a platform for the exchange of information and practices on issues of common concern amongst national judiciaries, while recognizing diverse judicial structures within distinct national legal and economic frameworks. The draft program for the *Forum* is available on the WIPO website at <http://www.wipo.int/judgesforum2019>. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish.

With a view to encouraging open dialogue amongst judicial peers, attendance at the *Forum* is limited to members of the judiciary and, where applicable, to members of quasi-judicial bodies that are active in adjudicating intellectual property disputes.

In order to promote participation by intellectual property judges from all jurisdictions, the Director General would be grateful for His/Her Excellency's assistance in facilitating the transmission of this invitation to the appropriate judicial authorities.

The Director General also invites judicial authorities interested in sharing national judicial experiences in intellectual property adjudication to communicate this interest to the Secretariat by June 15, 2019, by e-mail at [judicial.institute@wipo.int](mailto:judicial.institute@wipo.int). Member States are kindly asked for their understanding should it not be possible, due to programmatic constraints, to accommodate every proposal communicated.

It would be appreciated if interested members of the judiciary could communicate their participation in the *Forum* by October 14, 2019, by registering online at [https://www3.wipo.int/registration/en/form.jsp?meeting\\_id=52688](https://www3.wipo.int/registration/en/form.jsp?meeting_id=52688), using the following secure code: RR88P188TA. There is no registration fee, and participation in the *Forum* will be in principle self-financed.

Any queries in relation to the *Forum* may be addressed to the WIPO Secretariat at [judicial.institute@wipo.int](mailto:judicial.institute@wipo.int).

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Le Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle (OMPI) présente ses compliments au Ministre des affaires étrangères et a l'honneur de faire savoir que le *Forum de l'OMPI à l'intention des juges spécialisés en propriété intellectuelle* se tiendra au siège de l'OMPI, à Genève, du mercredi 13 au vendredi 15 novembre 2019.

Le *Forum de l'OMPI à l'intention des juges spécialisés en propriété intellectuelle* répond à la demande des États membres en faveur d'un dialogue transnational entre les instances judiciaires sur les questions de propriété intellectuelle, à mesure que les tribunaux nationaux conçoivent des réponses aux questions nouvelles qui se posent en matière de propriété intellectuelle. L'objectif du Forum est d'être une plateforme d'échange d'informations et de pratiques sur des questions d'intérêt commun entre les systèmes judiciaires nationaux, tout en mettant l'accent sur le rôle des diverses structures judiciaires au sein de chaque pays et système juridique national. Le programme provisoire du forum peut être consulté sur le site Web de l'OMPI à l'adresse <http://www.wipo.int/judgesforum2019>. L'interprétation simultanée sera assurée en français, anglais, arabe, chinois, espagnol et russe.

En vue d'encourager un dialogue ouvert entre pairs du corps judiciaire, la participation au forum est ouverte uniquement aux membres du corps judiciaire et aux membres des tribunaux administratifs parajudiciaires chargés d'administrer les litiges en matière de propriété intellectuelle.

Afin de promouvoir la participation de juges spécialisés en propriété intellectuelle de tous les pays, le Directeur général saurait gré à Son Excellence de bien vouloir transmettre la présente invitation aux autorités judiciaires concernées.

Le Directeur général invite également les autorités judiciaires souhaitant partager des données d'expérience nationales en matière de détermination des droits de propriété intellectuelle à en informer le Secrétariat d'ici le 15 juin 2019 par courrier électronique à l'adresse [judicial.institute@wipo.int](mailto:judicial.institute@wipo.int). Les États membres sont priés de bien vouloir faire preuve de compréhension au cas où il ne serait pas possible, en raison de contraintes liées à la programmation, de prendre en considération toutes les propositions communiquées.

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Le Bureau international de l'OMPI saurait gré aux membres du corps judiciaire intéressés d'indiquer, d'ici au 14 octobre 2019, leur intention de participer au forum, en s'inscrivant en ligne à l'adresse [https://www3.wipo.int/registration/en/form.jsp?meeting\\_id=52688](https://www3.wipo.int/registration/en/form.jsp?meeting_id=52688), au moyen du code de sécurité suivant : RR88PI88TA. Il ne sera pas demandé de frais d'inscription, la participation au forum étant en principe autofinancée.

Toute question concernant le forum peut être soumise au Secrétariat de l'OMPI, à l'adresse [judicial.institute@wipo.int](mailto:judicial.institute@wipo.int).

Le 13 mai 2019