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**Subject: Seminar on the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications**

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to all Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva and has the honour to invite them to the seminar on the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications, mandated by Human Rights Council resolution 20/11.

The seminar will take place on 3-4 October 2013 in Room XXIV, Palais des Nations, Geneva as indicated in the attached draft programme.

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The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration to all Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva.



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**SEMINAR ON THE RIGHT TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF SCIENTIFIC  
PROGRESS AND ITS APPLICATIONS**

**3-4 OCTOBER 2013**

**ROOM XXIV, PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA**

**Draft Programme**

**3 OCTOBER 2013**

**10:00 – 10:15**

Opening statement of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, delivered by Mr. Craig Mokhiber (Chief, Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch)

**Session 1: The normative content of the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress  
and its applications: principles and practice**

**10:15 – 11:00**

Farida Shaheed, Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights

Lea Shaver, Yale University

Jessica Wyndham, American Association for the Advancement of Science

*Mpazi Sinjela, University of Lusaka (Moderator)*

**11:00 – 11:45: Discussion**

**Session 2: Scientific freedom**

**11:45- 12:15**

Margaret Vitullo, American Sociological Association

Irene Villasenor, University of the Philippines

*Jessica Wyndham (Moderator)*

**12:15 – 13:00: Discussion**

**13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break**

**Session 3: Interdependence between the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications and other human rights**

**15:00 – 15:45**

Peter Beyer, World Health Organisation

Jose Luis Vivero, *Université Catholique de Louvain*

Jose Maria Batanero (TBC), International Telecommunication Union

*Rio Hada, OHCHR (Moderator)*

**15:45– 16:45: Discussion**

**16:45 End**

**4 OCTOBER 2013**

**Session 1: The right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and intellectual property rights: conflict or complementarity?**

**10:00 – 10:45**

Marco Aleman, World Intellectual Property Organisation

Mpazi Sinjela, University of Lusaka

Frederick Abbott, Florida State University College of Law

*Christian Courtis, OHCHR (Moderator)*

**10:45 - 11:30 Discussion**

**Session 2: Access to information, technology and knowledge**

**11:30 – 12:15**

Iryna Kuchma, Electronic Information for Libraries

Roger Pfister, Swiss Academy of Sciences / International Council for Science Committee on Freedom and Responsibility in the conduct of Science

Hans Morten Haugen, Diakonhjemmet University College

*Christian Courtis, OHCHR (Moderator)*

**12:15 – 13:00 Discussion**

**13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break**

**Session 3: The right to participation in the scientific enterprise**

**15:00 – 15:45**

Dafna Feinholz (TBC), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation

Hans Morten Haugen, Diakonhjemmet University College

Jessica Wyndham, American Association for the Advancement of Science

*Farida Shaheed (Moderator)*

**15:45 – 16:30: Discussion**

**16:30: Closing of seminar**