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## Licensing Executive Society International Life Sciences Committee

presents a Virtual Presentation and Panel Discussion

### Bioprospecting, access and benefit sharing in developing countries, 30 years on

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**Time:** 09:00 to 10:00 (GMT)

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#### ABOUT THE SESSION:

The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was signed by 150 government leaders 30 years ago at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit, and recognizes intrinsic value of biodiversity and the importance of conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources to fulfil the food, health and other necessities of the growing world population. The CBD is supported in the implementation of its third objective, the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources by the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) which came into force almost 8 years ago on 12 October 2014. We are still grappling with the question of whether the ABS system that has been implemented through national governments is effective in realising its objectives. The panel consisting of experts from Brazil, India and South Africa will explore some of the challenges in developing countries relating access and the sharing of benefits, and consider how best to achieve tangible results through licensing and bioprospecting agreements.

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## ABOUT THE PANELLISTS:

### Ana Claudia Mamede Carneiro



Ana Claudia Mamede Carneiro is Partner with Dannemann Siemsen, an IP Agent and Chemical Engineer. She is a patent prosecutor and provides technical assistance in patent infringement and nullity court actions in life sciences and chemical fields.

She has participated in several discussions on genetic resources, traditional knowledge and benefit sharing before Brazilian and International IP and Industry Associations. Ana has also been recognized by IAM as an outstanding professional.

### Dr. Deepa Tiku



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Deepa is a partner and patent attorney at K&S Partners, India's top-tier IP firm with offices in major Indian cities – New Delhi, Gurgaon, Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai, and Hyderabad.

With almost two decades of experience in handling biotechnology and pharmaceutical patent issues, Deepa is an internationally acclaimed life sciences patent attorney. Apart from being a go-to person on complex patent matters in India, she also advises clients on plant variety protection and Indian biodiversity laws.

Being an inventor herself and with several publications to her credit, she presents a unique blend of rich scientific and legal expertise. Deepa actively contributes to IP policies and advocacy issues through various national and international platforms and is an avid writer and speaker.

## **Dr. Joanne van Harmelen**



Dr. Joanne van Harmelen is a qualified patent attorney and leads the Biotechnology and Life Sciences Cluster in the Intellectual Property (“IP”) department at in ENSafrica, Africa's largest law firm.

Joanne holds a PhD in medical microbiology and vaccine development. She has extensive experience in the preparation and filing of patent applications locally and in foreign jurisdictions in the biotechnology, pharmaceutical and chemical fields. Her expertise further extends to the preparation and filing of plant breeders' rights applications, the assessment of the patentability of inventions, performance of freedom-to-operate assessments, general IP commercial transactional advice and IP due diligence assessments. She also advises on IP and biotech-related legislation, in particular, legislation relating to bioprospecting involving indigenous biological resources and traditional knowledge, publicly-financed research and development; and genetically modified organisms.

Joanne is a member of the South African Institute of Intellectual Property Law, the Southern African Research and Innovation Managers Association, serves on the Licensing Executive Society South Africa board and is co-chair of the LESI Life Sciences Committee.

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## Moderator: Dr. Richa Pandey



Ms. Richa Pandey is a Patent Attorney and a Partner with Krishna and Saurastri Associates, Delhi (Gurgaon) office. She is an advocate and a registered patent agent. Her core work areas include patent filing, patent prosecution, patent opposition, patent litigation, patentability opinions, searches, invalidity opinions and portfolio management. She also serves as an IP mentor for start-ups the guiding them in their IP strategy. She has experience in IP portfolio projects working on a wide range of matters for key technical areas.

Ms. Pandey holds a Degree in Law and a Bachelor's Degree in Science from the University of Lucknow.

Ms. Pandey has also been a guest speaker at various national & International conferences on Intellectual Property. Ms. Pandey has also written several pieces for renowned IP publications. She was recognized as 'Woman to Watch' by AIPLA (American Intellectual Property Law Association). Ms. Pandey is also an elected member of the executive council of FICPI, India. Currently, she also holds the position of President LES (Licensing Executive Society) India. As a President at LES India, she has been a core member of the team that has worked on conferences, workshops, webinars and engagements to increase the membership of LES India. She was an organizing committee member for LES APAC 2019. She also serves on the LES, IAB, YMC and Life Sciences committee and is passionate about introducing more professionals to LES.

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