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2nd South Asian Global Intellectual Property Summit, 2025

Geographical Indications & Indigenous Knowledge Forum, 2025

In Collaboration with



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About the Forum

The *Geographical Indications & Indigenous Knowledge Forum, 2025* is a global dialogue and knowledge-exchange forum organised under the *2nd South Asian Global Intellectual Property Summit, 2025* by the *Centre for Development of Intellectual Property and Research (CDIPR)*, *Naovina Development of Intellectual Property and Research Foundation* in Collaboration with the *International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA)* and *Organisation for an International Geographical Indications Network (oriGIn)*, dedicated to *preserving, protecting and promoting traditional knowledge systems, artisanal crafts and indigenous innovation through robust Geographical Indication (GI) frameworks*. The Forum aims to address the urgent need for *legal, economic and policy mechanisms* that safeguard cultural heritage and indigenous knowledge in the 21st century. As nations increasingly turn to intellectual property (IP) tools to recognize community-based innovation and artisanal excellence, the Forum provides a *critical international platform* to bridge *law, culture and sustainable development*. It seeks to explore

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how GI registration, policy harmonisation and global partnerships can empower indigenous communities and enhance value chains while preserving identity and authenticity.

Forum Objectives

- *Promote legal awareness and policy dialogue on GI protection for traditional and indigenous products.*
- *Explore the intersection of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).*
- *Foster cross-border collaboration for sustainable economic models centered on heritage goods.*
- *Encourage academic, institutional, and community partnerships for indigenous innovation.*
- *Contribute to an International Edited Volume documenting global best practices, challenges and community narratives.*

Forum Date & Format

- **Dates:** 15th November, 2025
- **Format:** Virtual Mode

Key Themes and Sub-Themes

Participants are invited to submit research papers, policy analyses, or case studies addressing the following thematic areas:

1. Legal and Policy Dimensions

- *National and international legal frameworks for GI protection.*
- *The TRIPS Agreement and Indigenous Rights: Global obligations and local realities.*
- *Role of WIPO, FAO, UNESCO, and regional cooperation in protecting traditional goods.*
- *Policy harmonization and the role of state-level GI facilitation centers.*

2. Indigenous Knowledge and Cultural Heritage

- *Documentation and digitization of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS).*
- *Role of GIs in sustaining traditional craftsmanship and folk industries.*

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- *Gender, community ownership, and benefit-sharing mechanisms.*
- *Ethical dimensions of using indigenous knowledge in modern innovation.*

3. Economic and Developmental Aspects

- *GI-based rural and tribal entrepreneurship: Success models and challenges.*
- *Market access and branding for GI-tagged products in domestic and global markets.*
- *Sustainable livelihoods and socio-economic empowerment through GI.*
- *Public-private collaborations and fair-trade certification.*

4. Technology, Innovation and Future Directions

- *Blockchain, traceability and authenticity verification for GI goods.*
- *Role of AI and digital mapping in indigenous knowledge preservation.*
- *Eco-labelling, sustainability and intellectual property in the green economy.*
- *Future policy innovations for protecting traditional and community-based creativity.*

5. Comparative and International Perspectives

- *Comparative GI protection systems in the EU, ASEAN and South Asia.*
- *Cross-border GIs and shared heritage products.*
- *Lessons from indigenous knowledge protection in Africa, Latin America and the Pacific.*
- *Global alliances and the role of international civil society networks like oriGIn and IWGIA.*

6. Intellectual Property, Geographical Indications and Traditional Knowledge

- *Community ownership, moral rights and collective trademarks.*
- *Misappropriation, biopiracy, and challenges in IP enforcement.*
- *Protection of unregistered traditional crafts and unorganised artisans.*

Format and Presentation

The Forum will be conducted *virtually* to allow accessible participation across geographies. Selected authors will present their papers in live sessions before an international audience comprising scholars, professionals, industry leaders and policy experts.

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Recognition & Awards

Selected contributors will receive:

- *Publication in the International edited Volume titled, “Heritage, Identity and Innovation: Global Perspectives on Geographical Indications and Indigenous Knowledge” with ISBN. (To be published and distributed across 13 nations, with DoI, international editorial and institutional collaboration.)*
- *International Certificate of Presentation*
- *Community Impact Award for research promoting indigenous participation and benefit-sharing.*
- *Emerging Scholar Recognition for early-career researchers and postgraduate students.*
- *Opportunities to engage with IWGIA, oriGIn and global GI advocacy networks.*

Call for Papers Timeline

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** 10th November, 2025
(Abstracts should be between 250–300 words, clearly indicating the research question, methodology and relevance to the Forum themes.)
- **Notification of Abstract Selection:** 12th November, 2025
(Selected authors will be notified via email and invited to submit full papers.)
- **Full Paper Submission Deadline:** 14th November, 2025
(Full-length papers should be 3,000–5,000 words and follow the Forum’s *Submission Guidelines*.)
- **Presentation Confirmation by Authors:** 14th November, 2025
(Selected participants must confirm attendance and complete registration.)
- **Date of Forum:** 15th November, 2025

Abstract Submission Form: <https://forms.gle/EE8P4NV7z3h1ANtZ8>

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Submission Guidelines

Categories:

- Research Article: 3,000 to 5,000 words
- Policy Paper / Legislative Analysis: 3,000 to 4,000 words
- Case Studies / Legal Commentaries: 2,000 to 4,000 words

Format and Structure:

- **Font:** Times New Roman
- **Body Text:** 12pt, Justified Alignment
- **Headings:** 14pt, Centre Alignment
- **Subheadings:** 13pt
- **Footnotes:** 10pt, Left Alignment
- **Citation Style:** Bluebook 21st Edition
- **Spacing:** 1.5
- **Language:** English only

Abstract: Each submission must include a concise abstract not exceeding **300 words** summarising the core ideas of the paper with 5 keywords.

Originality:

- Submissions must be entirely original and unpublished.
- Plagiarism should not exceed **10%**, and **AI-generated content is not allowed**.

Submissions violating these guidelines will be rejected.

Co-Authorship: Papers may have up to **two authors**.

Review Process:

- A **two-stage internal review** will assess submissions.
- Authors may be required to revise their papers based on feedback regarding content, structure, or formatting.

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Why Participate?

- Present ideas at *South Asia's biggest dialogue on Geographical Indications and Indigenous Knowledge Forum*.
- Present your work to an *international audience of scholars, policymakers, artisans, industry leaders and civil society experts*.
- Be published in a globally distributed book titled, *"Heritage, Identity and Innovation: Global Perspectives on Geographical Indications and Indigenous Knowledge"*, Co-curated with the *International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA)* and *Organisation for an International Geographical Indications Network (oriGIn)*.
- Gain *international exposure* through a globally distributed publication. Engage with leading *policy organizations, indigenous rights groups and academic networks*.
- Build collaborations between *law, economics and anthropology* for sustainable heritage protection. Be part of a collective movement toward *inclusive innovation and cultural preservation*.

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