



Invitation

Welcome to the Conference on protection of Nordic Indigenous traditional knowledge and intellectual property on 11 November 2021

The Conference on the protection of traditional knowledge and Intellectual Property of Nordic Indigenous peoples, namely the Sámi and the Inuit of Greenland, is organized as part of the Finnish Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers in 2021. The protection of traditional knowledge includes *i.a.* traditional cultural expressions, such as handicrafts, oral expressions, names and symbols. The goal of the conference is to discuss these topics from the point of view of the indigenous peoples and to increase Nordic cooperation and capacity on these matters in both short and long term. The cooperation focuses especially on how the existing IP system protects traditional knowledge (TK) and on ways to address gaps. Regional measures are expected to positively influence the international negotiations in the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Time: Thursday 11 November 2021 at 9 am – 5 pm CET

Place: Sajos, Inari, Sámi homeland Sápmi, Northern Finland

Languages: The languages of the Conference are English and North Sami. Interpretation will be available in Northern Sami, English and Finnish. Please find more information on the [Dialogue Portal](#)

Note: Due to Covid-19 restrictions and recommendations, the conference will be in hybrid form. Compliance with guidelines on good hygiene and safe distances are ensured at the venue.

Number of available seats are restricted. Please register your participation here by Wednesday 21 October [here](#). Welcome!