

Business Methods Customer Partnership Meeting

Agenda

September 13, 2023

10 a.m. ET	Opening remarks <i>Vaishali Udupa</i> <i>Commissioner for Patents</i>	
10:15 a.m. ET	Directors' update <i>Tariq Hafiz</i> <i>Director</i> <i>Technology Center 3600</i>	<i>Deborah Reynolds</i> <i>Director</i> <i>Technology Center 3600</i>
10:45 a.m. ET	Business methods patents in the US and China: Comparisons and strategies <i>Elizabeth Chien-Hale</i> <i>Partner</i> <i>Appleton Luff</i>	<i>Xiaolin (Richard) Huang</i> <i>Partner</i> <i>ZY Partners</i>
11:45 a.m. ET	Inclusive innovation <i>Joshua Benitez (Facilitator)</i> <i>Executive Secretary & Program Coordinator</i> <i>Council for Inclusive Innovation</i>	<i>Johanna Corbin</i> <i>Vice President, Intellectual Property & Strategy and</i> <i>R&D Legal</i> <i>AbbVie</i>
	<i>Elizabeth Dougherty</i> <i>Eastern Regional Outreach Director</i>	<i>NaThanya Ferguson</i> <i>Manager</i> <i>Office of Innovation Outreach</i>
	<i>Michael "Mike" Kim</i> <i>Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge</i> <i>Patent Trial and Appeal Board</i>	<i>Alexa Neckel</i> <i>Director</i> <i>Technology Center 1700</i>
12:30 p.m. ET	Interactive lunch/breakout rooms <i>Room 1: Joshua Benitez and Brannon Smith</i> <i>Room 2: Mike Kim and Johanna Corbin</i> <i>Room 3: NaThanya Ferguson and Elizabeth Dougherty</i>	
1:15 p.m. ET	Patenting blockchain technology <i>Patrick McAtee (Facilitator)</i> <i>Supervisory Patent Examiner</i> <i>Technology Center 3600</i>	
	<i>Charles R. Macedo</i> <i>Partner</i> <i>Amster, Rothstein & Ebenstein LLP</i>	<i>Jamisue Plucinski</i> <i>Training Quality Assurance Specialist</i> <i>Technology Center 3600</i>
2:15 p.m. ET	The examination process – an examiner's viewpoint <i>Will Brandenburg</i> <i>Training Quality Assurance Specialist</i> <i>Technology Center 3600</i>	
2:45 p.m. ET	Open forum Q&A	
3 p.m. ET	Closing remarks and adjourn <i>Gladys Corcoran</i> <i>Assistant Commissioner for Patents</i>	



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