

# Business Methods Customer Partnership Meeting

Agenda

September 13, 2023

10 a.m. ET	<b>Opening remarks</b> <i>Vaishali Udupa</i> <i>Commissioner for Patents</i>
10:15 a.m. ET	<b>Directors' update</b> <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	<b>Business methods patents in the US and China: Comparisons and strategies</b> <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	<b>Inclusive innovation</b> <i>Joshua Benitez (Facilitator)</i> <i>Executive Secretary &amp; Program Coordinator</i> <i>Council for Inclusive Innovation</i> <i>Johanna Corbin</i> <i>Vice President, Intellectual Property &amp; Strategy and</i> <i>R&amp;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	<b>Interactive lunch/breakout rooms</b> <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	<b>Patenting blockchain technology</b> <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 &amp; Ebenstein LLP</i> <i>Jamisue Plucinski</i> <i>Training Quality Assurance Specialist</i> <i>Technology Center 3600</i>
2:15 p.m. ET	<b>The examination process – an examiner's viewpoint</b> <i>Will Brandenburg</i> <i>Training Quality Assurance Specialist</i> <i>Technology Center 3600</i>
2:45 p.m. ET	<b>Open forum Q&amp;A</b>
3 p.m. ET	<b>Closing remarks and adjourn</b> <i>Gladys Corcoran</i> <i>Assistant Commissioner for Patents</i>



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