

# INTA – UNCTAD Policy Dialogue

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## INTA

- World's oldest and largest association of brand owners, (7,200 companies; 31,000 TM professionals).
- Dedicated to supporting trademarks and related intellectual property (IP) to foster consumer trust, economic growth, and innovation.
- AM/LM November 2020.
- Observer Status since 2019.
- Growing cooperation with UNCTAD.

# **Strategic Direction**

### Strategic Plan

- Promote the Value of Trademarks and Brands.
- Reinforce Consumer Trust.
- Embrace Innovation and Change.

#### Committees

- Most important asset is the talented and dedicated group of individuals who serve on our committees.
- From advising on policy positions to creating resources and communicating on key issues, their expertise and contributions enhance our work—benefitting industry stakeholders and society.

## **Nexus IP and Economic Prosperity**

- IP as a tool to boost and protect technology creation.
- Trademarks are more widely used than any other form of intellectual property, particularly by small and medium sized enterprises.
- Value of trademarks has been demonstrated through various brand rankings and in recent studies
  - Brand Value Special Task Force Report
  - Trademarks in Latin America: A study of their economic impact in 10 countries in the region (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, and Peru)"-

## Value of TM

## In the 10 countries studied, trademark intensivesectors:

- Contributed US \$766.6 billion to the total GDP (22 percent average) of these countries.
- Employed 35 million workers of the total workforce (18 percent average), which is larger than the size of the population of Peru.
- Paid wages up to **57 percent** more than non-trademarkintensive sectors.
- Contribute 31 percent of exports and 34 percent of imports, on average.

