

WIPO



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WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION GENEVA

QUESTIONNAIRE

ON THE

DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE 2010/11 BIENNIUM

I. BACKGROUND

The present questionnaire is being issued pursuant to the mechanism for the preparation and the follow-up of the Program and Budget (see Annex I) and the decision taken by the forty-sixth session of the WIPO Assemblies held in December 2008 (document A/46/12, paragraph 54).

Member States' replies to the questionnaire will be published on the WIPO website in their original language. These replies will assist the Secretariat in the preparation of the draft Program and Budget for the 2010/11 biennium, which will be reviewed by the Program and Budget Committee at its June 2009 session.

Strategic Goals

The Program and Budget for the 2010/11 biennium is prepared on the basis of the same nine strategic goals approved by the Member States under the revised Program and Budget for the 2008/09 Biennium (document WO/PBC/13/4 and A/46/12), and in parallel with the Medium-Term Strategic Plan 2010-15 (MTSP). The Strategic Framework, the program structure and the summary of the nine Strategic Goals are attached as Annex II. For reference, the nine Strategic Goals are:

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| Strategic Goal I: | Balanced Evolution of the International Normative Framework for IP |
| Strategic Goal II: | Provision of Premier Global IP Services |
| Strategic Goal III: | Facilitating the Use of IP for Development |
| Strategic Goal IV: | Coordination and Development of Global IP Infrastructure |
| Strategic Goal V: | World Reference Source for IP Information and Analysis |
| Strategic Goal VI: | International Cooperation on Building Respect for IP |
| Strategic Goal VII: | Addressing IP in Relation to Global Policy Issues |
| Strategic Goal VIII: | A Responsive Communications Interface between WIPO, its Member States and All Stakeholders |
| Strategic Goal IX: | An Efficient Administrative and Financial Support Structure to Enable WIPO to Deliver its Programs |

II. COMMENTS

Please provide, in the right-hand column, your Government's comments on the strategic issues and priorities which you would like to see addressed in the context of the preparation of the next draft Program and Budget of the Organization.

| Strategic Goals | Comments |
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| I. Balanced Evolution of the International Normative Framework for IP | <i>WIPO should assist developing countries strengthen their IP laws. More work should be done in Traditional Knowledge, Traditional and Cultural expressions, and Genetic resources so that a consensus is found in the protection of these resources. As regards patents, there should be more assistance to the developing nations to support innovation infrastructure (i.e. R&D institutions). Patents should be developed in line with science and technology. R&D institutions should be assisted to come up with institutional patent policies. There should be more awareness on the Singapore Treaty so that member states are aware of the benefits of this treaty.</i> |
| II. Provision of Premier Global IP Services | <i>WIPO should provide more training especially in the PCT and Madrid Systems in the developing and Least Developed Countries. The budget for the WIPO Academy should be raised from CHF 8,859 in the 2010/11, as the Academy will be the key organ to facilitate the use of IP for development through training. There should be simplification of administrative procedures in the PCT system to assist them deal with international applications.</i> |
| III. Facilitating the Use of IP for Development | <i>WIPO should create a conducive environment in the member states so that IP is used for development.</i> |
| IV. Coordination and Development of Global IP Infrastructure | <i>More emphasis should be placed on IP office modernization which will in turn improve their operation. This will help them in the understanding of TMs and Patents classifications. There should be more short term courses in classification of patents to streamline the classification system.</i> |
| V. World Reference Source for IP Information and Analysis | <i>WIPO should assist member states develop or improve their libraries so as to provide up to date information to various IP stakeholders. This should be done through Technical Assistance.</i> |

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| VI. International Cooperation on Building Respect for IP | <i>There should be more workshops and seminars in IP to reduce Piracy and Counterfeiting. This should focus more on the development and promotion of IP rather focusing on enforcement only. The budget seems to be on the lower side. In the 2010/11, the budget should be improved.</i> |
| VII. Addressing IP in Relation to Global Policy Issues | <i>There should be help to developing and LDCs come up with sound IP policies and strategies so that they are cross-cutting and include a variety of issues ranging from climate change, food security to the promotion of biodiversity and the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)</i> |
| VIII. A Responsive Communications Interface Between WIPO, its Member States and all Stakeholders | <i>More awareness on how IP operates. This should be done through provision of public awareness tools for information dissemination to cover all levels of stakeholders including industry, R&D institutions, the academia, SMEs and the civil society.</i> |
| IX. An Efficient Administrative and Financial Support Structure to Enable WIPO to Deliver its Programs | <i>Communication between WIPO and the member states should be enhanced. All member states should be actively involved in the development agenda.</i> |

III. GENERAL COMMENTS

Any comments of general nature may be provided in the box below.

| General Comments |
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| <p><i>In the 2010/11 budget, there should be emphasis on the development of IP Offices especially for the Developing and LDCs. There should also be more funding for automation of processes in these offices to make them more efficient in their operations. This will also entail more training especially in dealing with international registrations.</i></p> |

IV. PROCEDURES FOR REPLY

It would be appreciated if the completed questionnaire could be returned to the International Bureau, preferably by email to <controller.mail@wipo.int>, before Thursday, March 19, 2009. A confirmation copy may be sent by post. The questionnaire is also available in the electronic form on the Organization's Website at <<http://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/pb/>>.

List of Annexes:

- Annex I Implementation of the New Mechanism
- Annex II The Strategic Framework, the program structure and the summary of the nine Strategic Goals

[Annexes follow]