

CWS WORK PROGRAM OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

The Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS), at its fifth session, reviewed and approved its Tasks described below (see documents [CWS/5/20](#) and [CWS/5/22](#)). In order to deal with Tasks, the CWS also established corresponding Task Forces. All Task Forces are listed on WIPO web site at: <http://www.wipo.int/cws/en/taskforce/index.html>.

Each Task Force has its own electronic forum (Wiki) for carrying out corresponding Task(s); further information on the Wikis is available [here](#).

ACTIVE CWS TASKS

Following is the list of active CWS Tasks after the fifth session of the CWS.

Task No. 18

Description: Identify areas for standardization relevant to the exchange of machine-readable data on the basis of projects envisaged by such bodies as the Five IP Offices (IP5), the Five Trademark Offices (TM5), the Industrial Design 5 Forum (ID5), ISO, IEC and other well-known industry standard-setting bodies.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau.

Scheduled actions: The International Bureau should coordinate reporting on developments relating to standardization and/or the presentation of proposals to the CWS as necessary.

Task No. 23

Description: Monitor the inclusion, in databases, of information about the entry, and, where applicable, the non-entry into the national (regional) phase of published PCT international applications.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau.

Scheduled actions:

- (a) The International Bureau is requested to report at meetings of the CWS every second year on the progress of the Task.
- (b) A new report will be presented at the sixth session of the CWS (see paragraph 113 of document [CWS/4BIS/16](#)).

Task No. 24

Description: Collect and publish Annual Technical Reports (ATRs) on Patent, Trademark and Industrial Design Information Activities of the CWS Members (ATR/PI, ATR/TM, ATR/ID).

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau.

Scheduled actions:

- (a) The International Bureau should collect the information prepared by industrial property offices on their information activities in the patent, trademark and industrial design areas on an annual basis, and then proceed to publish the ATRs in the [ATR Wiki](#).
- (b) The International Bureau should collect statistics on submitted ATRs and report to the CWS at its sixth session accordingly.

Task No. 33

Description: Ongoing revision of WIPO Standards.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau. The CWS will further consider the appointment of Task Leaders upon specific requests for the revision of standards.

Scheduled actions: The revision of standards is considered an ongoing activity. As a means of expediting the standards revision process, the Secretariat may pass requests received for the revision of standards directly to an existing Task Force Leader, or present the request beforehand for consideration by the CWS at its next session. In the latter case, the CWS will be able to decide either on the adoption of the requested revision, or the creation of a new task, or whatever it considers appropriate. The Secretariat will inform the CWS of any revision request passed directly to a task force at its next session. If a specific request to revise a particular standard should be sent directly to an existing Task Force Leader, as long as it is possible, the Task Force would start work on it immediately; otherwise, the Task Force Leader would refer the request to the next session of the CWS for consideration. (See document [CWS/1/9](#) and paragraph 53 of [CWS/1/10](#).)

The Secretariat will review the recommended date format(s) in WIPO Standards and report the outcome to the CWS at its sixth session (see paragraphs 56 and 57 of document [CWS/5/22](#)).

Task No. 33/3

Description: Ongoing revision of WIPO Standard ST.3.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau.

Scheduled actions: The revision of WIPO Standards ST.3 is considered an ongoing activity. As a means of expediting the revision process, the International Bureau should follow the specific procedure adopted at the eleventh session of the SDWG. (See paragraph 35 of document [SCIT/SDWG/11/14](#).)

Task No. 38

Description: Ensure continuous revision and updating of WIPO Standard ST.36.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau / ST.36 Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

- (a) The task is of a continuous nature (see paragraph 116 of document [CWS/5/22](#)).
- (b) The Task Force Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.36 adopted by the Task Force at the next session of the CWS.

Task No. 39

Description: Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.66.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau, which will work in collaboration with the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), is designated as the Task Leader / ST.66 Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

- (a) The Task is of a continuous nature (see paragraph 116 of document [CWS/5/22](#)).
- (b) The Task Force Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.66 adopted by the Task Force at the next session of the CWS.

Task No. 41

Description: Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.96.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau / XML4IP Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

- (a) The Task is of a continuous nature (see paragraph 116 of document [CWS/5/22](#)).
- (b) The Task Force Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.96 adopted by the Task Force at the next session of the CWS.

Task No. 42

Description: Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.86.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau / ST.86 Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

- (a) The Task is of a continuous nature (see paragraph 116 of document [CWS/5/22](#)).
- (b) The Task Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.86 adopted by the Task Force at the next session of the CWS.

Task No. 44

Description: Support the International Bureau by providing users' requirements and feedback on the ST.26 authoring and validation software tool; support the International Bureau in the consequential revision of the PCT Administrative Instructions; and prepare necessary revisions of WIPO Standard ST.26 upon request by the CWS.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the European Patent Office (EPO) / SEQL Task Force.

Scheduled actions: A report on the progress of the Task will be presented for consideration by the CWS at its sixth session.

Task No. 47

Description: Prepare a final proposal for the detailed events and a guidance document with regard to patent legal status data; prepare a recommendation for the exchange of legal status data on trademarks and industrial designs by industrial property offices.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau / Legal Status Task Force and XML4IP Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

(a) For the Legal Status Task Force:

A proposal for the list of detailed events and the guidance document for patent legal status will be presented for consideration and approval by the CWS at its sixth session along with the report on the progress of the preparation of recommendation for the exchange of legal status data on trademarks and industrial designs.

(b) For the XML4IP Task Force (in consultation with the Legal Status Task Force):

A report on the development of XML schema components for patent legal status data based on the new WIPO Standard ST.27 will be presented for consideration by the CWS at its sixth session (see paragraph 54 of document [CWS/5/22](#)).

Task No. 50

Description: Ensure the necessary maintenance and update of surveys published in Part 7 of the *WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation*.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau / Part 7 Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

A proposal for the questionnaire on industrial property protection extensions (IPPEs) and a progress report on the work carried out by the International Bureau will be presented for consideration by the CWS at its sixth session.

Task No. 51

Description: Prepare and present for consideration at the sixth session of the CWS to be held in 2018, Annex III “XML schema (XSD)” and Annex IV “Data Type Definition (DTD)” to WIPO Standard ST.37 “Recommendation for an authority file of published patent documents”.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the European Patent Office (EPO) / Authority File Task Force

Scheduled actions:

A proposal for Annexes III and IV to WIPO Standard ST.37 will be presented for consideration and approval by the CWS at its sixth session.

Task No. 52

Description: Survey on content and functionalities of systems for providing access to publicly available patent information of industrial property offices, as well as future plans with respect to their publication practices; prepare recommendations for systems for providing access to publicly available patent information of industrial property offices.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau / Public Access to Patent Information Task Force

Scheduled actions:

A proposal for a questionnaire on content and functionalities of systems for providing access to publicly available patent information of industrial property offices will be presented for consideration and approval by the CWS at its six session.

Task No. 53

Description: Develop XML schema components for geographical indications.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau / XML4IP Task Force

Scheduled actions:

A report on the progress of the Task will be presented for consideration by the CWS at its sixth session.

Task No. 54

Description: Study the copyright orphan works data elements and naming conventions and compare them in view of the proposal to extend WIPO Standard ST.96; report the outcome of the study; and present a proposal for consideration by the CWS to develop a data dictionary and XML schemas for inclusion of copyright orphan works in WIPO Standard ST.96.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the Intellectual Property Office of the United Kingdom (UK IPO) and the International Bureau

Scheduled actions:

A report on the outcome of the study and a proposal on a data dictionary and XML schemas for inclusion of copyright orphan works in WIPO Standard ST.96 will be presented for consideration by the CWS at its six session.

Task No. 55

Description: Envisaging developing a WIPO standard assisting Industrial Property Offices (IPOs) in providing better “quality at source” in relation to applicant names,

- i. conduct a survey on the use of the identifiers for applicants by IPOs and on the problems, which might be associated with it; and
- ii. prepare a proposal for future actions aimed at the standardization of applicant names in IP documents and present it for consideration by the CWS.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) and the International Bureau / Name Standardization Task Force

Scheduled actions:

- (a) A questionnaire to carry out the survey on the use of the identifiers for applicants by IPOs will be presented for consideration by the CWS at its sixth session; and
- (b) On the basis of the survey results, a proposal for further actions will be presented for consideration by the CWS at its seventh session.

Task No. 56

Description: Prepare recommendations for data exchange supporting machine to machine communications focusing on:

- i. message format, data structure and data dictionary in JSON and/or XML
- ii. naming conventions for Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) of resources.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau / XML4IP Task Force

Scheduled actions:

A report on the progress of the Task will be presented for consideration by the CWS at its sixth session.

Task No. 57

Description: Collect information about the requirements from IP offices and customers; and prepare recommendations for electronic visual representations of designs.

Leader of Task / Task Force: IP Australia and the International Bureau / Design Representation Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

A report on the progress of the Task will be presented for consideration by the CWS at its sixth session.

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