



C. N 4223

The Chair of the Coordination Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents his compliments and has the honor to refer to Circular Note 4222, dated July 24, 2025, inviting candidates for nomination to the post of Director General of WIPO.

./. A copy of the letter from His Excellency Mr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore, received on July 24, 2025, proposing the candidacy of Mr. Daren Tang for the above-mentioned post is enclosed.

July 25, 2025

Enclosure: Letter of His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Singapore



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SINGAPORE

MINISTER

24 July 2025

His Excellency Mr James Baxter
Chair, WIPO Coordination Committee
34 Chemin des Colombettes
CH 1211 Geneva 20
SWITZERLAND

Your Excellency,

I am writing to formally nominate Mr Daren Tang as Singapore's candidate for the position of Director General (DG) of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at the elections to be held in February 2026.

The Singapore Government fully supports Mr Tang's candidature for a second term (2026 - 2032). Since his appointment as WIPO DG in 2020, Mr Tang has transformed WIPO and strengthened the global IP ecosystem by leveraging IP as a catalyst for innovation, creativity, economic growth, and social development for every Member State.

Under his leadership, WIPO also successfully organised two Diplomatic Conferences in 2024, which concluded the WIPO Treaty on IP, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge (GRATK), and the Riyadh Design Law Treaty (RDLT). This is an unprecedented achievement as it marked the first time in more than a decade that WIPO has been able to conclude a multilateral treaty.

Singapore is confident that Mr Tang will continue to deliver on his transformative agenda if he is entrusted with a second term as WIPO DG.

In line with WIPO Note C. N 4222 of 24 July 2025, we enclose Mr Tang's curriculum vitae. On behalf of the Singapore Government, I sincerely commend his candidature to all WIPO Member States.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vivian Balakrishnan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DR VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN

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Curriculum Vitae of Mr Daren Tang
Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization

Year of Birth: 1972

Nationality: Singaporean



ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 2013 Advanced Management Program**
Harvard Business School, USA
- 2006 Master of Laws (LL.M) with Distinction**
Georgetown University Law Centre, USA
Fellow, Institute of International Economic Law
- 1997 Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) with Honours**
National University of Singapore

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020 – Director General**
present World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- Secretary-General**
International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants
(UPOV)
- Board Member**
UN System Chief Executives Board for Coordination
- 2015 – Chief Executive**
2020 Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS)
Ministry of Law, Singapore

2012 – 2015 Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Legal Counsel

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
Ministry of Law, Singapore

2003 – 2012 Senior State Counsel

International Affairs Division
Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore

2001 – 2003 Legal Consultant

Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore

1997 – 2001 State Counsel/Deputy Public Prosecutor

PAST APPOINTMENTS

**Chairperson, Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR),
WIPO, 2017 – 2020**

Member, Singapore-Guangdong Collaboration Council (SGCC)

**Member, Manufacturing Sub-Committee of the Future Economy Council,
Singapore**

**Member, Modern Services Sub-Committee of the Future Economy Council,
Singapore**

**Member, Research, Innovation and Enterprise Strategy Committee (RIE SC),
Prime Minister's Office, Singapore**

**Member, Research, Innovation and Enterprise Executive Committee (RIE Exco),
Prime Minister's Office, Singapore**

Co-Chair, National IP Working Group, Prime Minister's Office, Singapore

Advisory Board Member, Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)

Member, Group of Experts on IP Office of the Future Project, International Trademark Association (INTA)

Board Chairman, IPOS International

Board Member, EW Barker Centre for Law & Business, National University of Singapore

Board Director, Fraunhofer Singapore

Coordinator and Principal Examiner, Intellectual Property Law Course for the Singapore Bar Exam run by the Singapore Institute of Legal Education

HONOURS

2016 Public Administration Medal (Silver)
Prime Minister's Office, Singapore

2006 Fellow
Institute of International Economic Law, Georgetown University, USA

LANGUAGES

English, Mandarin Chinese, understanding of French, Cantonese

PUBLICATIONS

The Tea Bone Zen Mind Manual of Tea