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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. Jean-Victor Harvel Jean-Baptiste, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Religious Affairs of the Republic of Haiti, received on October 16, 2025, proposing the candidacy of Mr. Johanny Stanley Joseph for the above-mentioned post, is enclosed.

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October 17, 2025



Enclosure: Letter of His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Religious Affairs of the Republic of Haiti

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Haiti

Ref. No.: **IIC/1590**

Port-au-Prince, October 14, 2025

Chair,

I am pleased to present, in accordance with Circular Note 4222, dated July 24, 2025, the candidacy of Dr. Johanny Stanley Joseph for the position of Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), to be nominated by the WIPO Coordination Committee at its extraordinary session on February 12 and 13, 2026, and appointed by the WIPO General Assembly at its extraordinary session on April 21, 2026.

Mr. Joseph is a Haitian lawyer who holds a doctorate in private law with a specialization in intellectual property (IP). His career is distinguished by strong technical expertise, developed over many years of experience, particularly in the public administration of Haiti.

In submitting this nomination, my country remains convinced of the transformative potential of IP as an essential driver of sustainable development and wishes to make a significant contribution to the global governance of IP.

You will find attached Mr. Joseph's curriculum vitae.

Please accept, Chair, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Jean-Victor Harvel **Jean-Baptiste**

Minister

His Excellency Mr. James Baxter

Chair of the Coordination Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

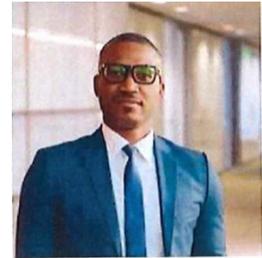
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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Doctor of Laws (private law) with a specialization in Intellectual property and a sub-specialization in geographical indications/appellations of origin. With expertise in interdisciplinary research, I combine a solid understanding of legal and economic frameworks with strategic analytical skills oriented toward sustainable economic development.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025 Attorney, Cabinet Salès, Haiti

- Field: Business Law, Intellectual Property Law

2025 Director, OPEN ECONOMIC LAW (REVIEW), Haiti

- Field: Academic Journal in Economic Law

2020 - 2022 Director of Industrial Property and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI), Port-au-Prince-Haiti

- Field: Industrial Property Law (trademarks, patents, trade names, opposition and), corporate law (public limited companies, partnerships companies, partnerships limited by shares, general partnerships, limited partnerships).
- Field: Administrative conflict management in trademark law: opposition
- Field: Study and analysis of international conventions and agreements.
- Field: Study and analysis of contracts and protocols.

2021 - 2022 Special Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI), Port- au-Prince-Haiti

- Advice: Industrial property management.
- Advice: Drafting of administrative instructions.

2020 - 2021 Coordinator, Project for the Modernization of the Business Law Framework, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI), Port-au-Prince-Haiti

- Field: Project management, drafting legislative calendar, awareness-raising and dissemination of industrial property law and business formalization.

2017 - 2020 Deputy Director of Industrial property and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI), Port-au-Prince-Haiti.

- Field: Industrial property law (trademarks, patents, trade names, opposition and invalidity proceedings), corporate law.

2012 - 2017 Head of the Commercial Companies Section, Directorate of Industrial Property and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI), Port-au-Prince-Haiti.

- Field: Corporate law (public limited companies, partnerships limited by shares, general partnerships, limited partnerships).

June-Sept 2012 Intern, Directorate of Industrial Property and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI), Port-au-Prince-Haiti

- Field: Corporate law

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

2025 Professor, Master's Program in Business Law, State University of Haiti (UEH)

- Field: Intellectual property law

Jan-July 2022 Lecturer, Port-au-Prince Bar School (ECB)

- Field: Industrial property law

AFFILIATIONS

2025 Arbitrator, Haitian Chamber of Conciliation and Arbitration (CAHA)

2017 Attorney, Port-au-Prince Bar Association

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

2022 - 2024 Doctorate in Private Law, University of Bordeaux (France)

- Field: Private law/intellectual property law
- Thesis: The Legal Protection of Geographical Indications and Its Advantage for Haiti's Development.

Aug 2024 - Jan 2025 Specialization in Patent Law and Public Health, Harvard University

- Field: Intellectual property law

2019 - 2020 Master II in Intellectual Property Law, University of Yaoundé 2 SOA (Cameroon)

- Field: Intellectual property law
- Dissertation: Intellectual Property Litigation under Haitian Law

2008 - 2012 Bachelor of Legal Sciences, Quisqueya University (Haiti)

- Field: Law
- Dissertation: Opposition Proceeding in Haitian Trademark Law.

OTHER TRAINING

2025 WIPO Academy

- Field: Arbitration and Mediation Procedures under WIPO Rules.

2020 WIPO Academy

- Field: Advanced Course on Collective Management of Copyright and Related Rights for Collective Management Organizations.

2020 WIPO Academy

- Field: Introduction to the UPOV System of plant variety protection under the UPOV Convention.

2019 WIPO Academy

- Field: Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

2019 WIPO Academy

- Field: Intellectual property management.

2018 Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC), Morocco

- Field: Trademarks and industrial designs.

2016 WIPO Academy

- Field: General introduction to intellectual property.

PUBLICATIONS

- Top 10 Images of Strong and Positive Brands in Haiti, *The Light Magazine*, Ad Justitiam Intellectual Property, April 26, 2022.
- Private Copying "Lawful": The Three-Step Test in the Digital Age in Haiti, *Le Nouvelliste*, April 26, 2023.
- The Potential of Protecting Haitian Rum as a Geographical Indication, *Open Economic Law*, October 2, 2025 (forthcoming).
- The Economic Importance of the Legal Protection of Cayes Vetiver as an Appellation of Origin, *Open Economic Law*, October 2, 2025 (forthcoming).
- The Challenges at the Intersection of Artificial Intelligence, Ethics and Intellectual Property Law, *Open Economic Law*, October 2, 2025 (forthcoming).

SKILLS

- Expertise in geographical indications/appellations of origin: development of public policies and strategies to enhance local products.
- Research and strategic analysis: ability to analyze legal and economic frameworks for in-depth studies.
- Languages: French (fluent), English (professional).

INTERESTS

- Enhancing local resources through intellectual property tools.
- Research on intersections between law, economics and finance.