

Re: Survey on Intellectual Property Data Exchange

Madam,
Sir,

At its thirteenth session in November 2025, the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) requested its IP Data Exchange Task Force to prepare a survey questionnaire to gather information on intellectual property (IP) offices' current practices and suggestions with regard to facilitating IP data exchange. Furthermore, the CWS requested the Secretariat to issue a circular inviting Offices to respond to the survey, as outlined in paragraph 91 of document [CWS/13/33](#).

The objective of this survey is to collect and analyze information on how IP offices currently exchange IP data, both providing data to others and receiving data from other Offices, in order to identify opportunities for improvement and greater international harmonization of IP data exchange practices.

The survey focuses on the following substantive areas:

- (i) collecting consistent and comprehensive information concerning current practices of IP offices in providing or collecting IP data;
- (ii) identifying challenges and barriers encountered by IP offices in both providing and collecting IP data, including those of a technical, legal, resource-related, or policy nature;
- (iii) understanding Offices' expectations and policies regarding IP data use, redistribution and reciprocity;
- (iv) understanding Offices' expectations in developing recommendations that enhance IP data exchange globally and contribute to more efficient, accessible, and interoperable IP information systems; and
- (v) gathering input on potential solutions, including the possible development of a new WIPO standard, communication platforms, and IP data exchange infrastructure.

The survey is available in English, French and Spanish at the following URL:
<https://surveys.wipo.int/s3/Survey-on-Intellectual-Property-Data-Exchange> .

When loading the survey questionnaire, the online platform will select a default language based on your web browser settings. You may change the language using the dropdown menu in the top right-hand corner of the web page. At any time, you may save your progress and return to the questionnaire later by selecting the "Save and Continue" link at the top of the page. Once your answers are finalized, please click the "Submit" button on the last page of the survey. Additional guidelines are provided within the online questionnaire.

Your Office is kindly invited to complete the survey by July 7, 2026.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Secretariat at: cws.surveys@wipo.int.

Yours sincerely,



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