

ROSTER OF TOPICS ON “INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT”

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

by the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP)

- IP and the Creative Economy: Protecting Creative Works in the Digital Age, including the impact of AI (negotiated by Member States) – to be discussed at the 36th session of the CDIP.
 - The Role of Intellectual Property in Advancing Socio Economic Development (based on the proposal by the African Group) – to be discussed at the 37th session of the CDIP.
 - IP Education and Cultivating IP Talent: National Experiences (negotiated by Member States) – to be discussed at the 38th session of the CDIP.
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TOPICS ALREADY DISCUSSED (UP TO CDIP/35)

- ✓ Reinforcing and Modernizing IP Offices for Resilience, Efficiency, Accessibilities and Crisis Preparedness in the Digital Era (negotiated by Member States) – discussed at the 35th session of the CDIP

The presentation by the Secretariat is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=652992

- ✓ IP and the Judiciary: Building Capacities and Expertise (negotiated by Member States) – discussed at the 34th session of the CDIP

The presentation by the Secretariat is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=644929

- ✓ Revision of the topic “Women and IP”¹ – discussed at the 34th session of the CDIP

The following are the Reports on Women and IP considered by the Committee:

- Compilation and Sharing of Data ([CDIP/34/6](#))
- Internal and External Activities, Strategic Direction ([CDIP/34/7](#)).

- ✓ AI Impacts for IP and Development (based on the proposal by Brazil) – discussed at the 33rd session of the CDIP

The presentation by the Secretariat is available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=639845

- ✓ Building the Capacity of Universities to Manage and Commercialise IP: Transferring IP and Technology (based on the proposal by the African Group) – discussed at the 32nd session of the CDIP

The presentation by the Secretariat is available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=630523

- ✓ Revision of the topic “Women and IP”² – discussed at the 32nd session of the CDIP

The Committee considered the Report on Women and IP: Internal and External Activities, Strategic Direction ([CDIP/32/9](#)).

The presentation by the Secretariat is available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=630524

- ✓ Addressing Climate Change: IP Helps Achieve the Goals of Carbon Peaking and Carbon Neutrality (based on the proposal by China) – discussed at the 31st session of the CDIP

The presentation by the Secretariat is available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=625143

¹ Following the approval of the Follow-up Proposal by Mexico on “Women and Intellectual Property” (document [CDIP/26/10 Rev.](#)) by the CDIP/26

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- ✓ IP and youth: investing in the future (based on the proposal by Group B) – discussed at the 30th session of the CDIP

The presentation by the Secretariat is available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=607593

- ✓ Revision of the topic “Women and IP”³ – discussed at the 30th session of the CDIP

The following are the Reports on Women and IP considered by the Committee:

- Internal and External Activities, Strategic Direction ([CDIP/30/12](#)), and
- Compilation and Sharing of Data ([CDIP/30/13](#)).

- ✓ IP Commercialization and Technology Transfer (negotiated by Member States) – discussed at the 29th session of the CDIP

The presentation by the Secretariat is available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=589492

- ✓ IP and Innovation: Trademarks and Design Strategies for Entrepreneurs (negotiated by Member States) – discussed at the 28th session of the CDIP

The presentation by the Secretariat is available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=576651

- ✓ The Role of Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) as a catalyst for Technology Transfer: Opportunities and Challenges (negotiated by Member States) – discussed at the 27th session of the CDIP

The presentation by the Secretariat is available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=557171

- ✓ IP and Creative Economy (based on the proposal by the United Arab Emirates and Indonesia) – discussed at the 26th session of the CDIP

The presentation by the Secretariat is available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=549482

³ Following the approval of the Follow-up Proposal by Mexico on “Women and Intellectual Property” (document [CDIP/26/10 Rev.](#)) by the CDIP/26.

- ✓ Revision of the topic “Women and IP” – discussed at the 26th session of the CDIP

The following are the Reports on Women and IP considered by the Committee:

- Compilation and Sharing of Data ([CDIP/26/7](#)), and
- Gender Mainstreaming, Capacity Building and Assistance to Member States ([CDIP/26/8](#)).

- ✓ MSMEs, Innovation and IP (based on the proposal by Group B) – discussed at the 24th session of the CDIP.

The presentations by the Secretariat are available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=461049

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=461068

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=461069

- ✓ IP and Development in the Digital Environment (based on the proposals by the Russian Federation and Brazil) – discussed at the 23rd session of the CDIP

The presentation by the Secretariat is available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=438533

- ✓ Women and Intellectual Property (based on the proposals by Mexico and Group B) – discussed at the 22nd session of the CDIP

The presentation by the Secretariat is available at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/doc_details.jsp?doc_id=421813

TOPICS PROPOSED BY MEMBER STATES⁴

Topic	Proposing Country/Group & Date of submission	Explanatory Notes ⁵
1. The Intangible Economy: How IP commercialization and IP-backed financing can help innovative startups and SMEs to scale and grow	United Kingdom May 2025	Not discussed/ addressed yet
2. Intellectual Property and AI: Good or Evil	Jamaica May 2025	Not discussed/ addressed yet
3. Youth in IP	Jamaica May 2025	Addressed at the CDIP/30, in the context of the topic “IP and youth: investing in the future”.
4. Intellectual Property and the blind, the visually impaired and the print disabled community	Jamaica May 2025	Not discussed/ addressed yet
5. Reducing digital barriers and strengthening IP systems in the developing countries	Lebanon May 2025	Not discussed/ addressed yet
6. Reinforcing IP Offices’ resilience and crisis preparedness	Lebanon May 2025	Addressed at CDIP/35 in the context of the topic “Reinforcing and Modernizing IP Offices for Resilience, Efficiency, Accessibilities and Crisis Preparedness in the Digital Era”.

⁴ Member State proposals that have been submitted to the Secretariat are contained in documents [CDIP/21/8 Rev.](#), [CDIP/22/17](#), [CDIP/28/COMPILATION 1](#), [CDIP/31/11 Rev.](#), and [CDIP/34/9](#).

⁵ The “explanatory notes” are based on the Secretariat’s knowledge of Member State discussions in the process of negotiating and agreeing on topics to be addressed under this agenda item.

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7. Modernizing IP systems for inclusive and sustainable development	Lebanon May 2025	Not discussed/ addressed yet
8. Enhancing IP Offices efficiency and accessibility in the digital era	Lebanon May 2025	Not discussed/ addressed yet
9. The role of IP in empowering innovation and entrepreneurship	Lebanon May 2025	Partially addressed at the CDIP/24, in the context of the topic “MSMEs, Innovation and IP”.
10. IP and Creative Economy - explore the relationship between intellectual property and the creative economy, including the impact on various creative industries	Latvia May 2025	Addressed at the CDIP/26, in the context of the topic “IP and Creative Economy”.
11. IP and the Creator Economy - explore the unique IP challenges faced by content creators in the digital age, including issues of copyright infringement, platform liability, and the monetization of online content	Latvia May 2025	Addressed at the CDIP/26, in the context of the topic “IP and Creative Economy”.
12. IP and Innovation - Trademarks and Design Strategies for Entrepreneurs	Latvia May 2025	Partially addressed at the CDIP/28, in the context of the topic “IP and Innovation: Trademarks and Design Strategies for Entrepreneurs”
13. IP and Youth - Investing in the Future	Latvia May 2025	Addressed at the CDIP/30, in the context of the topic “IP and youth: investing in the future”.
14. Addressing Climate Change - IP Helps Achieve the Goals of Carbon Peaking and Carbon Neutrality	Latvia May 2025	Addressed at the CDIP/31, in the context of the topic “Addressing

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		Climate Change: IP Helps Achieve the Goals of Carbon Peaking and Carbon Neutrality”
15. AI Impacts for IP and Development - explore how artificial intelligence is influencing intellectual property and development, including the challenges and opportunities it presents	Latvia May 2025	Addressed at the CDIP/34, in the context of the topic “AI Impacts for IP and Development”.
16. IP and Data Governance - in the age of big data, how do we balance the need for data sharing and innovation with protecting IP rights and personal privacy? This could include discussions on data ownership, trade secrets in the digital age, and the use of data analytics in IP management	Latvia May 2025	Not discussed/ addressed yet
17. Harnessing the Creative Economy for Sustainable Development	Indonesia May 2025	Partially addressed at the CDIP/26, in the context of the topic “IP and Creative Economy”.
18. IP and the Creative Economy: Protecting Creative Works in the Digital Age	Indonesia May 2025	To be addressed at CDIP/36 in the context of the topic “IP and the Creative Economy: Protecting Creative Works in the Digital Age, including the impact of AI”.
19. Cultural Heritage and IP: Protecting Traditional Knowledge Cultural Expressions	Indonesia May 2025	Not discussed/ addressed yet
20. Strategic Branding for SME Empowerment: Driving Innovation and Global Competitiveness	China May 2025	Partially addressed at the CDIP/28, in the context of the topic “IP and Innovation:

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		Trademarks and Design Strategies for Entrepreneurs”
21. Cultivating IP Talent: National Experiences	China May 2025	Not discussed/ addressed yet
22. The AI impact on the IP system and development	Chile May 2025	Partially addressed at the CDIP/33, in the context of the topic “AI Impacts for IP and Development”.
23. Building Innovation Ecosystems: The Role of IP in Supporting Startups and SMEs	Asia and Pacific Group May 2025	Partially addressed at the CDIP/24, in the context of the topic “MSMEs, Innovation and IP”.
24. Balancing IP Protection and Public Health: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic	Asia and Pacific Group May 2025	Partially addressed in the context of the International Conference on IP and Development – The Role of IP and Innovation in Addressing Global Public Health Challenges: Fostering Technological Transfer and Collaborations , held in 2025.
25. The Role of Intellectual Property in Advancing Social Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPRs' role in fostering social development • WIPO's contribution to the international community's efforts to enhance social development and the outcomes of the Second World Summit for Social Development 	African Group May 2025	To be addressed in CDIP/37 in the context of the topic “The Role of Intellectual Property in Advancing Socio Economic Development”.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leveraging IP flexibilities for supporting social development. IP and Tourism 		
<p>26. Cultural Heritage and IP: Protecting Traditional Crafts, Cuisine, and Art in Tourism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How copyright, trademarks, and GIs can be used to preserve and monetize traditional cultural expressions in tourism 	African Group May 2025	Not discussed/ addressed yet
<p>27. IP and Smart Tourism: Leveraging Technology for Destination Branding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of IP in the digital transformation of tourism, including AI-driven travel experiences and virtual tourism 	African Group May 2025	Not discussed/ addressed yet
<p>28. Trademarking Tourist Destinations: Best Practices and Global Case Studies</p>	African Group May 2025	Not discussed/ addressed yet
<p>29. The potential and challenges of using trademarks to brand and protect tourist destinations.</p>	African Group May 2025	Not discussed/ addressed yet
<p>30. IP, Technology Transfer and Sustainability</p>	Brazil May 2025	Partially addressed at the CDIP/29, in the context of the topic “IP Commercialization and Technology Transfer”.
<p>31. Mainstreaming IP in development cooperation programs</p>	Group B September 2023	Not discussed/ addressed yet
<p>32. Creativity - society - development: how to solve aging societies’ dilemma by delivering opportunities for youth – IP in use in fixing challenges of today’s world</p>	Poland September 2023	Not discussed/ addressed yet

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33. Intellectual property and innovation in the event of natural disasters	Slovenia September 2023	Not discussed/ addressed yet
34. Intellectual property and education	Slovenia September 2023	Not discussed/ addressed yet
35. Intellectual property in the digital world	Slovenia September 2023	Not discussed/ addressed yet
36. Digital transformation for IP offices: strengthening capacity-building programmes and services	African Group October 2023	Not discussed/ addressed yet
37. Bolstering IP infrastructures to address the developmental needs of countries	African Group October 2023	Not discussed/ addressed yet
38. Leveraging IP for achieving the SDGs: Strengthening Global Partnerships, South-South and triangular cooperation	African Group October 2023	Not discussed/ addressed yet
39. IP education: building capacity and raising awareness of IP among future innovators, creators, entrepreneurs, and legal professionals	Group B March 2022	Not discussed/ addressed yet
40. The use of IP for building businesses: Case studies from (1) developing countries and (2) women run/owned businesses	Group B March 2022	Not discussed/ addressed yet
41. Stimulating innovation through IP award competition programs: national experiences	Group B March 2022	Not discussed/ addressed yet
42. Creating an enabling environment for sustainable development at grassroots	Asia and the Pacific Group (APG) November 2019	Not discussed/ addressed yet

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43. IP and Multi-stakeholder Collaboration: Open Innovation for Inclusive Development	APG November 2019	Not discussed/ addressed yet
44. IP and innovation	Group B February 2018	Addressed at the CDIP/24, in the context of the topic “MSMEs, Innovation and IP”, and at the CDIP/28, in the context of the topic “IP and Innovation: Trademarks and Design Strategies for Entrepreneurs”.
45. The role technology commercialization plays in promoting development	Group B February 2018	Partially addressed at the CDIP/29, in the context of the topic “IP Commercialization and Technology Transfer”.
46. “How to benefit from the system”, a discussion of the key elements of an effective IP system that are beneficial for the economic, cultural and social development	Group B February 2018	Addressed in the context of the International Conference on IP and Development – How to Benefit from the System , held in 2019
47. How national and local governments can incentivize and facilitate innovative activities	Group B February 2018	Not discussed/ addressed yet
48. IP policies and the role of the Judiciary	Brazil March 2018	Partially addressed at the CDIP/34, in the context of the topic “IP and the Judiciary: Building Capacities and Expertise”.

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49. IP case studies in developing countries	Brazil March 2018	Not discussed/ addressed yet
50. Sharing of WIPO findings and works related to IP and Development	Brazil March 2018	Not discussed/ addressed yet
51. Economic development, innovation and the role of IP: the relationship between IP and innovation and, consequently, economic development	Brazil March 2018	Not discussed/ addressed yet
52. Technological changes and their IP implications	Brazil March 2018	Addressed at the CDIP/23, in the context of the topic “IP and Development in the Digital Environment”.
53. Strategies for making trademarks more accessible and efficient for small and medium companies (SMEs): trademarks are in many ways the face of businesses	Brazil March 2018	Addressed at the CDIP/28, in the context of the topic “IP and Innovation: Trademarks and Design Strategies for Entrepreneurs”.

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