

Framework for the Artificial Intelligence Infrastructure Interchange (AIII) Technical Exchange Network (TEN)

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1. Introduction

The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Infrastructure Interchange (AIII) is a WIPO initiative that facilitates global dialogue on the technical and operational aspects of the intellectual property (IP) system in the context of AI.

As AI systems operate across sectors and borders, existing infrastructure — often developed for specific uses in different industries — faces new challenges. But effectively deployed infrastructure also presents an opportunity to chart a path forward through those challenges, as it has for prior disruptions of the IP system. AIII provides a neutral forum for creators, rights-holders, developers, and other experts to exchange ideas and explore practical solutions.

AIII does not set policy or legal standards. Instead, it focuses on fostering discussion on how technical systems and tools can effectively support creators, copyright owners, and innovators while also promoting AI technology in a rapidly evolving environment. AIII was initiated by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) with the aim of facilitating dialogue *via* a network of skilled technical experts (the Technical Exchange Network or “TEN”), to discuss areas of common interest, including technical solutions that can advance AI technologies while protecting creators. While solutions discussed within the TEN may inform or inspire subsequent work undertaken by individuals or organizations outside of the Network, the TEN itself is not tasked with designing, developing or engineering technical solutions.

This framework sets forth the operational elements of the TEN.

2. Objectives, scope, and initial project

The TEN shall have the following strategic objectives:

- Prioritize identification of potential technical solutions to challenges and opportunities arising for the IP system from the development and deployment of generative AI;
- Share and disseminate state-of-the-art approaches, methodologies and practices, including *via* the compilation of a repository of papers and other reports on technical elements of AI and IP infrastructure;
- Facilitate mutual learning and peer support among technical experts;
- Develop a common lexicon of relevant terminology to provide consistency across discussions;
- Foster cross-sectoral, interindustry, and international cooperation on key technical challenges and opportunities at the intersection of AI and IP.

The TEN is cross-sectoral and interindustry and shall operate on a global scale, recognizing regional differences and priorities.

In pursuing the strategic objectives, the TEN may cover a wide range of relevant topics, including for example:

- Identification and labeling of AI-generated works and other material;
- Authenticity and provenance of original content;
- The use of AI tools to assist in IP enforcement efforts;

- The use of AI tools to assist in creating new works.

An initial range of potential topics will be identified during a mapping exercise undertaken by the Network to identify both (1) existing infrastructure tools, systems and processes that have been or are being developed across the full spectrum of creative industries and (2) a detailed listing of the challenges and opportunities for creative industries raised by AI development and deployment, to identify those areas that may allow for non-policy-based, technical discussions.

3. Values

All members of the Technical Exchange Network shall adhere to the following values:

- Openness and inclusivity: Participation shall be open to all eligible technical experts;
- Voluntary engagement: Members shall contribute on a voluntary basis, according to their interests and resources;
- Transparency: Activities, processes and decisions shall be communicated openly and clearly within the Network, with due regard to potential business sensitivities;
- Respect for confidentiality: Members-only meetings of the Network will be held under the Chatham House Rule to facilitate productive dialogue. In addition, members must maintain the confidentiality of any information shared within the Network that is designated or marked as confidential;
- Knowledge sharing and mutual learning: Members shall share experiences, lessons and resources to foster collective progress;
- Good-faith focus on technical and operational issues: Members shall commit to good-faith discussions of technical issues and shall refrain from engaging in policy advocacy or commercial or other promotion of a particular standard, tool, system or product in which the member has a direct financial interest;
- Respect for diversity: Cultural, regional and institutional diversity shall be acknowledged and valued.

4. Membership in the Technical Exchange Network

4.1 Eligibility to become a member

Due to the nature of the detailed, technical-level discussions undertaken by the TEN, membership shall comprise technical experts from the private sector – such as tech companies, AI developers, rightsholders, individual creators – academia, and civil society.

Candidates shall request membership of the TEN through a publicly available Application Form hosted on WIPO's website. Members of the TEN can either be individuals or legal entities, as specified below.

To ensure a minimum level of expertise and operational capacity, all candidates shall meet the following requirements:

4.1.1 Commitment to the TEN objectives and values

Via the Application Form, each candidate shall provide a formal written commitment confirming the candidate's intention to uphold the objectives and values of the TEN and actively participate in and contribute to the TEN's activities (e.g. meetings, collaborative initiatives, knowledge sharing).

4.1.2 Eligibility for individuals: fulfillment of technical and operational criteria

Individual candidates (wishing to serve in their personal capacity) shall be selected based on demonstration of the fulfillment of at least one of the criteria below. The candidates may either be currently working in this space, or have worked in the space in the past. The candidates may be self-employed, part of an organization or retired.

1. Technical contribution to relevant infrastructure

The candidate has performed technical work on technical solutions and/or standards relating to infrastructure for AI and IP or other infrastructure for IP that may provide learnings for AI infrastructure.

2. A technical role at an AI developer or an organization working on infrastructure for AI and IP

The candidate has worked at an AI developer or an organization working on infrastructure for AI and IP and has a technical role relating to architecture, engineering, innovation, science, technology or similar technical areas.

3. A senior leader with technical background at a start-up or small or medium enterprise (SME) AI developer or organization working on infrastructure for AI and IP

The candidate has worked at a start-up or SME AI developer or organization working on infrastructure for AI and IP and may have a non-technical job title, such as Founder or CEO, but has a technical background such as PhD in AI, engineering or machine learning.

4. A rightsholder or individual creator who can engage with a relevant technical topic

The candidate is a rightsholder or individual creator, such as an artist, author, musician or photographer, and may not be a technical expert but demonstrates engagement with technical aspects of potential technical solutions and/or standards relating to infrastructure for AI and IP. Potential examples include rightsholders who have collaborated with AI developers or organizations working on infrastructure for AI and IP to test the practical viability of AI tools and/or infrastructure in their working practices.

Candidates shall be rejected where their roles focus on non-technical activities, unless they have provided a compelling basis to conclude that they can contribute substantively to technical discussions. Such non-technical activities include sales, marketing, policy, lobbying, public relations, law, regulation, compliance or similar areas.

4.1.3 Eligibility for legal entities: demonstration of legitimate interest and institutional expertise

Candidates that are legal entities shall be selected based on demonstration of the fulfillment of the criteria below.

1. Legitimate interest in issues related to AI and IP infrastructure

The candidate is a legal entity with a legitimate interest in issues related to AI and IP infrastructure, as demonstrated by: (a) ownership or administration of a catalog of IP rights, (b) development of AI tools, systems, or software, (c) development of tools,

systems, or software to address issues at the intersection of IP and AI, or (d) development of standards or other technical infrastructure relevant to IP or AI issues.

2. Demonstrated institutional expertise in relevant topics

The candidate is a legal entity with demonstrated institutional expertise in relevant topics, as demonstrated by: (a) performing or contributing directly to technical solutions and/or standards relating to infrastructure for AI and IP or other infrastructure for IP that may provide learnings for AI infrastructure; or (b) membership or other direct affiliation in relevant standard-setting bodies.

In addition, the candidate legal entity shall designate in the Application Form the name(s) of its representative(s) who will participate in the TEN. A legal entity may have no more than 2 designated representatives at any given time. At least one designated representative must fulfill the technical and operational criteria set forth in Section 4.1.2 above and must not hold roles primarily focused on public policy, regulation, government engagement or diplomatic representation, to preserve the purely technical nature of the TEN.

New representatives fulfilling these conditions may be nominated by the legal entity subsequently to its membership, in accordance with Section 4.4.

4.1.4 Further guidance regarding selection determinations

Evidence of performing technical work may include:

- hands-on experience building, implementing, or maintaining technical solutions;
- direct involvement in technical development (not just project management); and
- understanding of underlying technical architecture.

Examples of potential infrastructure for AI and IP include:

- content identification and fingerprinting;
- watermarking (visible and invisible);
- provenance identification;
- bot management, including detection, identification and blocking;
- expression of rightsholder preferences;
- provision of information on content used in training;
- attribution of inputs used to generate model output;
- content moderation and guardrails;
- unlearning (removing the influence of training examples on models);
- detection and/or labelling of AI outputs;
- guardrails against unwanted inputs and/or outputs;
- a content marketplace, such as the storage and delivery of content for AI training or inference; and
- the use of AI tools or systems in managing IP rights.

Examples of other infrastructure for IP that may provide learnings for AI infrastructure include:

- Coalition for Content Provenance and Authenticity (C2PA),
- content management systems, including proprietary systems;

- Digital Data Exchange (DDEX);
- Digital rights management (DRM); and
- metadata standards.

4.2 Initial TEN membership selection: Evaluation and admission process

Candidates shall indicate in the Application Form whether they are interested in joining the TEN as individuals or as a legal entity, and how they meet the technical and operational eligibility criteria. Supporting evidence should reflect either (i) the skills of an individual candidate, or (ii) in the case of a legal entity, the work conducted by that entity and the skills of the designated representative(s). Outsourced or third-party technical skills will not be considered valid for eligibility purposes.

The Secretariat shall review each request for membership and assess the candidate's eligibility.

The selection process will seek to maximize diversity of

- geography;
- gender;
- industry and sector expertise;
- organization types, such as AI developers, collective management organizations (CMOs), rightsholders, individual creators and academics;
- industry sectors; and
- company size.

An initial call for Expressions of Interest, inviting individuals and legal entities to apply for membership, will be made in early 2026, and will remain open for at least 30 days to allow candidates to complete the form. After this deadline, the Secretariat will consider all requests based on the selection criteria.

To the extent the Secretariat has further questions about potential eligibility or determines that additional information may be needed, such requests will be made in writing to the candidate.

TEN membership decisions will be made by the Secretariat promptly after the close of the initial call for Expressions of Interest and selected members will be informed in writing. On accepting the selection, TEN members will be required to complete the Member Directory section of the TEN online platform, including the designation of relevant organizational or personal details to support networking and collaboration within the Network.

4.3. Subsequent membership of the TEN

The Application Form to request membership of the TEN will remain available at all times on WIPO's website. Following the closure of the initial Call for Expressions of Interest, as referred to above, additional candidates may submit their application to the Secretariat at any time. Decisions on new members will be made by the Secretariat on a periodic basis, but no less frequently than every 6 months.

Upon admission to the TEN, all new members shall commit to completing the Member Directory section of the TEN online platform, including the designation of relevant organizational or personal details to support networking and collaboration within the Network.

4.4 Ongoing participation, updates and withdrawal

A list of the TEN members will be published on WIPO's AIII website and updated regularly by the Secretariat.

Each TEN member will be responsible for completing, and keeping up to date, the Member Directory section of the TEN online platform.

TEN members that are legal entities shall also be responsible for maintaining an up-to-date list of its designated representatives engaged in the Network. This shall include:

- Informing the Secretariat in writing when their representatives step down from AIII activities, change roles or leave the member, so that access and records can be updated accordingly;
- Replacing departing representatives by nominating new individuals who can actively contribute to the Technical Exchange Network;
- Ensuring that the Member Directory on the TEN online platform remains current, with accurate contact and role information for all organizational representatives.

Members are encouraged to communicate such changes promptly to support continuity, access management and effective community coordination.

Any member – individual or legal entity – may withdraw at any time from the TEN by giving written notice to the Secretariat.

The Secretariat reserves the right to terminate the membership of a legal entity if it considers that the new representative nominated by that entity does not fulfill the required eligibility conditions, as set out in Section 4.1.2.

In addition, the Secretariat reserves the right to terminate the membership of any member in the event of non-compliance with any provision of this Framework or any form of conduct inconsistent with the objectives and values of WIPO.

5. Member commitments and benefits

5.1 Member responsibilities

- Adhere to the TEN values, set out above.
- Active participation in the TEN activities and meetings;
- Active and engaged cooperation between meetings using the TEN online platform;
- Sharing experiences, practices and, where possible, reports, methodologies, data or tools;
- Contributing to the development of collective knowledge products and resources;
- Upholding the principles outlined in this Framework;
- Respect and equality for all Network members;

5.2 Member benefits

- Access to shared insights and information;
- Information sharing across different industries and geographies;
- Network building;

- Reporting to Member States and interaction with Member State input *via* the public All meeting;
- Opportunities for capacity building and skills development by learning from other experts in the field on a global, cross-sectoral and interindustry scale;
- Participation in collaborative projects and peer learning;
- Contribution to global AI and IP infrastructure development;
- Increased opportunities for cooperation on challenging technical issues that arise irrespective of policy or legal outcomes.

6. Activities and outputs

6.1 Meetings of Technical Exchange Network

The TEN shall meet regularly each year, primarily *via* online meetings. No fewer than 4 meetings shall occur during a calendar year.

Online meetings shall provide a platform for sharing updates, presenting case studies, discussing methodologies and agreeing on collective actions.

A member that is a legal entity with two designated representatives can participate in TEN meetings provided that the designated representative who fulfills the technical and operational criteria set forth in Section 4.1.2 is in attendance.

6.2 Outputs

The TEN's outputs will include

- A depository of technical papers and information; and
- Knowledge products (e.g. guidelines, case studies, reports) to support its strategic objectives.

Other outputs that align with the objectives set out in this Framework can be decided by the TEN.

All outputs shall reflect the range of views and perspectives of Network members and shall be issued publicly.

Any decisions or recommendations made by the Network shall be taken by consensus.

6.3 Technical Exchange Network online platform

The Technical Exchange Network online platform, hosted on a dedicated WIPO external site, serves as the central digital space for collaboration, communication and knowledge sharing among the TEN members. It shall support both day-to-day exchanges and longer-term collaboration. Use of the platform shall be governed by the TEN Platform Terms of Use, which set out rules for accessing, sharing, and using information and documents on the platform.

6.4 Annual Meeting of All

In addition to the regular meetings of the Technical Exchange Network, there shall be an Annual Meeting of All). The Annual Meeting shall be held in hybrid mode. During the Annual Meeting, the results and ongoing work of the Technical Exchange Network meetings will be shared during a

one-day annual public meeting, which will provide space for Member States and other stakeholders to stay informed and give input through interventions, which could include submission of questions and suggestions for areas of investigation and discussion for the Technical Exchange Network.

7. Structure

7.1 Overall governance

The TEN will be led and managed by the WIPO Secretariat pursuant to Section 7.2. As work of the TEN proceeds, and as the need arises, consideration will be given to the establishment of potential focus groups and/or Committees to examine, develop or support work on specific issues.

7.2 Secretariat

The TEN's Secretariat shall be provided by WIPO and have the following responsibilities:

- Lead and coordinate the day-to-day management of the TEN's activities and work program, including organizing meetings, managing records, and supporting knowledge transfer and follow-up actions;
- Update the list of Technical Exchange Network members on WIPO's AIII website upon the admission of any new member to the Network or the withdrawal of an existing member;
- Facilitate consensus-building within the Technical Exchange Network;
- Coordinate the implementation of agreed initiatives and support capacity building among members;
- Provide operational consistency while supporting broad, active member engagement.

8. Communication and engagement

- Internal communication: Managed *via* the Secretariat-coordinated channels (e.g. dedicated mailing lists, virtual platforms, document repositories);
- External communication: Select outputs and announcements may be made public *via* the Secretariat's communication channels with Technical Exchange Network member consent;
- Accessibility: Efforts shall be made to accommodate time zone differences to ensure global participation.

9. Resources and Budgetary Provisions

- The decisions and/or recommendations of the Technical Exchange Network shall not prejudice or modify WIPO's Program of Work and Budget as approved by the Member States. The implementation of such decisions and/or recommendations shall be subject to the availability of resources and to the applicable financial regulations and rules.
- All costs and expenses related to WIPO's activities as the AIII Secretariat shall be borne by WIPO from its regular budget in accordance with its approved Program of Work and Budget.

10. Monitoring, evaluation and improvement

- Performance indicators: The Technical Exchange Network may track indicators such as participation rates, number of outputs and member feedback to assess effectiveness;
- Feedback mechanisms: Members shall have opportunities to provide feedback on Technical Exchange Network activities and priorities during meetings or *via* surveys;
- Framework review: The Framework will be reviewed periodically as necessary, to ensure its relevance.

11. IP and data rights

Ownership and use of Technical Exchange Network outputs shall belong to the member or members who contributed to their development. This determination shall be discussed and agreed upon by the members concerned on a case-by-case basis, as appropriate.

12. Amendment procedure

The Secretariat may amend this Framework following consultation with the TEN, upon proposal by a TEN member or by the Secretariat.

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