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ARIPO realized that most SMEs do not make good use of Intellectual Property Rights mainly because they don't have enough understanding of the importance of Intellectual Property yet this has a huge negative impact on their business competitiveness.

It is for this reason that ARIPO offered in the past and continues to offer training to SMEs through its Academy in collaboration with Member States and other Partners to ensure that they fully understand the importance of using IP in their business strategies. The training sessions also offer an opportunity to explain to SMEs the advantages of using the ARIPO IP system as a single filing facility which allows the designation of any of (or all) the 20 Member States. SMEs can also take advantage of the online filing facility that is cheaper in many aspects.

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