



## **Round Table 3: Priorities for applicant name standardization**

Workshop on Applicant name Standardization

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# Identified at RT1 and RT2

- Statistics, handling large data sets – 10 – development of a standard, additional fields for data exchange (XML standards?)
- No guidance from IPOs that companies should file under the same name (“1<sup>st</sup> level”, raw data should be cleaned up by IPOs ) – 10 – development of a standard; changes in legislation
  - Company names containing personal name
- Reports about the changes of the ownership – 2 - development of a standard (confirmation of the current owner when paying fees) – IP5(?); enforcement at the national level
- Transliteration of “not accepted” characters in names – 1 - development of a standard, DB, PCT requirements, common identifier (worldwide unique numerical ID)
- Different name structure in different countries - development of a standard (see ST.96), guidance to applicants in PCT, library rules

# Priorities

- Standard for assignee names
- Double check that one applicant has only one identifier – Register them: use existing ones or create a new international registry?
- Study on how useful the identifiers can be and what might be the problems, whether the IPOs are using a “dictionary”
- Validation of the front page by the applicant before publication (already with the corrected data)
- Enforcing data quality policies (applicants and inventors)
- Focus on companies first
- Administrative steps (changes to application forms) – request orchid identifier (by several IPOs)
- Working Group among IPOs (Task Force)