

## **Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO**

### **Sixty-Seventh Series of Meetings Geneva, April 21, 2026**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

##### *Memorandum of the Chair of the WIPO Coordination Committee*

1. Article 6(2)(i) of the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO Convention) provides that the WIPO General Assembly shall “appoint the Director General upon nomination by the Coordination Committee”.
2. Article 9(3) of the WIPO Convention provides that the “Director General shall be appointed for a fixed term, which shall be not less than six years. He shall be eligible for reappointment for fixed terms. The periods of the initial appointment and possible subsequent appointments, as well as all other conditions of the appointment, shall be fixed by the WIPO General Assembly”.
3. In its session held on February 12, 2026, the WIPO Coordination Committee nominated Mr. Daren Tang as the candidate for appointment to the post of Director General of WIPO (document WO/CC/85/4, paragraph 5). The curriculum vitae of the nominee, Mr. Daren Tang, is annexed to the present document.

4. In accordance with Article 9(3) of the WIPO Convention, it is proposed that Mr. Daren Tang be appointed the Director General of WIPO for a period of six years. The term of appointment of Mr. Daren Tang would commence on October 1, 2026 and would expire on September 30, 2032.

*5. The WIPO General Assembly and the Assemblies of the Paris and Berne Unions, each as far as it is concerned, are invited to:*

*(i) consider the nomination of the WIPO Coordination Committee referred to in paragraph 3; and*

*(ii) appoint Mr. Daren Tang as Director General for a term from October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2032.*

[Annex follows]

## Curriculum Vitae of Mr Daren Tang

### *Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization*

Year of Birth: 1972

Nationality: Singaporean



#### **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

- 2013**            **Advanced Management Program**  
Harvard Business School, USA
- 2006**            **Master of Laws (LL.M) with Distinction**  
Georgetown University Law Centre, USA  
Fellow, Institute of International Economic Law
- 1997**            **Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) with Honours**  
National University of Singapore

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2020 – present**            **Director General**  
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- Secretary-General**  
International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)
- Board Member**  
UN System Chief Executives Board for Coordination
- 2015 – 2020**            **Chief Executive**  
Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS)  
Ministry of Law, Singapore
- 2012 – 2015**            **Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Legal Counsel**  
Intellectual Property Office of Singapore  
Ministry of Law, Singapore
- 2003 – 2012**            **Senior State Counsel**  
International Affairs Division  
Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore
- 2001 – 2003**            **Legal Consultant**  
Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore

**1997 – 2001 State Counsel/Deputy Public Prosecutor**

**PAST APPOINTMENTS**

**Chairperson, Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR),  
WIPO, 2017 – 2020**

**Member, Singapore-Guangdong Collaboration Council (SGCC)**

**Member, Manufacturing Sub-Committee of the Future Economy Council, Singapore**

**Member, Modern Services Sub-Committee of the Future Economy Council, Singapore**

**Member, Research, Innovation and Enterprise Strategy Committee (RIE SC),  
Prime Minister's Office, Singapore**

**Member, Research, Innovation and Enterprise Executive Committee (RIE Exco),  
Prime Minister's Office, Singapore**

**Co-Chair, National IP Working Group, Prime Minister's Office, Singapore**

**Advisory Board Member, Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)**

**Member, Group of Experts on IP Office of the Future Project, International  
Trademark Association (INTA)**

**Board Chairman, IPOS International**

**Board Member, EW Barker Centre for Law & Business, National University of Singapore**

**Board Director, Fraunhofer Singapore**

**Coordinator and Principal Examiner, Intellectual Property Law Course for the  
Singapore Bar Exam run by the Singapore Institute of Legal Education**

**HONOURS**

**2016**            **Public Administration Medal (Silver)**  
Prime Minister's Office, Singapore

**2006**            **Fellow**  
Institute of International Economic Law, Georgetown University, USA

**LANGUAGES**

English, Mandarin Chinese, understanding of French, Cantonese

**PUBLICATIONS**

The Tea Bone Zen Mind Manual of Tea

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