



**STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA AT THE 68TH SERIES OF
MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY ORGANISATION (WIPO)**

AGENDA ITEM 4: GENERAL STATEMENTS

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GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Chair,

Director General,

Distinguished Delegates,

Uganda aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the African Group.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Uganda, I congratulate His Excellency Mr. Daren Tang on his re-election as Director General (DG) of WIPO. This renewed mandate reflects the strong confidence of Member States in your leadership and your vision of a more inclusive, efficient, and accessible global intellectual property system. Uganda further expresses its appreciation to the Director General for his official visit to Uganda on 4th – 5th December, 2025, the first of its kind, which reaffirmed WIPO's strong partnership with Uganda and support for the development of our intellectual property ecosystem.

Uganda has significantly benefited from WIPO's impactful programs, and we particularly appreciate WIPO's support in strengthening Uganda's intellectual property administration, especially through the enhancement of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms for efficient and cost-effective resolution of intellectual property disputes; and the ongoing K-12 project, which is fostering creativity, innovation and an innovation culture in schools through awareness programmes, mentorship and innovation competitions for students.

Over the past year, Uganda is pleased to report continued growth in innovation support services across the country through the Technology and Innovation Support Centre (TISC) network, which now comprises 41 centres. These TISCs play a critical role in facilitating access to technological information, research resources and innovation support services for researchers, innovators, universities and enterprises.

Uganda also made significant progress in strengthening its legal framework by enacting the Copyright and Neighbouring Rights (Amendment) Act, 2025. The amendments modernize Uganda's copyright system, enhance protection and remuneration for creators and performers, and better position the country to respond to developments in the digital environment.

As discussions continue on important matters before these Assemblies, Uganda encourages WIPO to foster an inclusive and transparent approach that wholesomely considers the views and development aspirations of all Member States. We further underscore the importance of equitable geographical

representation within the WIPO Secretariat and encourage continued efforts towards increasing African representation within WIPO staff structures.

Uganda remains committed to working closely with WIPO and all Member States to advance a balanced, inclusive, and development-oriented IP ecosystem.

We wish His Excellency Daren Tang a successful new term as DG-WIPO, and look forward to his continued leadership in strengthening the global IP ecosystem, advancing inclusive innovation, and addressing emerging challenges, particularly in frontier technologies.

I thank you.

For God and My Country.