

WIPO Coordination Committee

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NOMINATION TO THE POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL

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1. The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Coordination Committee met on February 12, 2026, to nominate a candidate to the post of Director General of WIPO.

2. The following Member States of the WIPO Coordination Committee were represented at the meeting:

Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, Somalia (*ad hoc*), South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland (*ex officio*), Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Zambia (83).

3. The following States were represented in an observer capacity:

Albania, Angola, Barbados, Belarus, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Georgia, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iraq, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Mauritius, Monaco, Mozambique, Nauru, Nicaragua, Niger, North Macedonia, Oman, Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Togo, Viet Nam [41].

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4. On the basis of document WO/CC/85/2 (Proposed Candidates for Nomination to the Post of Director General of WIPO), and in accordance with the procedures set out in document WO/CC/85/3 (“Nomination Process”) for the nomination by the WIPO Coordination Committee of a candidate to the post of Director General, a vote was conducted, the result of which was as follows: 81 votes cast in favor of Mr. Daren Tang and two votes cast in favor of Mr. Johanny Stanley Joseph. In light of these results,

5. The WIPO Coordination Committee nominated Mr. Daren Tang as the candidate for appointment to the post of Director General of WIPO.

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