

Program and Budget Committee

Thirty-Ninth Session
Geneva, June 16 to 20, 2025

LIST OF DECISIONS

prepared by the Secretariat

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE SESSION

AGENDA ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

document WO/PBC/39/1 Prov.4.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) adopted the agenda (document WO/PBC/39/1 Prov.4).

AGENDA ITEM 3: REPORT BY THE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (IAOC)

document WO/PBC/39/2.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) recommended to the WIPO General Assembly to take note of the “Report by the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC)” (document WO/PBC/39/2).

AGENDA ITEM 4: REPORT OF THE WIPO INDEPENDENT ADVISORY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (IAOC) SELECTION PANEL

document WO/PBC/39/3.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) approved the recommendations of the Selection Panel for selection of two new members of the WIPO Independent Advisory Oversight Committee (IAOC), which appear in paragraph 30 of the Selection Panel's Report (Annex to document WO/PBC/39/3).

AGENDA ITEM 5: REPORT BY THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

document WO/PBC/39/4.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) recommended to the Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, to take note of the "Report by the External Auditor" (document WO/PBC/39/4).

AGENDA ITEM 6: ANNUAL REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNAL OVERSIGHT DIVISION (IOD)

document WO/PBC/39/5.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) recommended to the WIPO General Assembly to take note of the "Annual Report by the Director of the Internal Oversight Division (IOD)" (document WO/PBC/39/5).

AGENDA ITEM 7: ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2024; UPDATE ON THE MULTI-EMPLOYER PLAN FOR THE FINANCING OF EMPLOYEE BENEFIT LIABILITIES; UPDATE ON INVESTMENTS; STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT APRIL 30, 2025;

(a) ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2024

document WO/PBC/39/6.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) recommended to the Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, to approve the "Annual Financial Report and Financial Statements 2024" (document WO/PBC/39/6).

(b) UPDATE ON THE MULTI-EMPLOYER PLAN FOR THE FINANCING OF EMPLOYEE BENEFIT LIABILITIES

document WO/PBC/39/7.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) took note of the update on the establishment of a multi-employer plan meeting the requirements of IPSAS 39 with responsibility for the funds set aside by the WIPO Assemblies and the UPOV Council for the financing of employee benefit liabilities outlined in document WO/PBC/39/7.

(c) UPDATE ON INVESTMENTS

(d) STATUS OF THE PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT APRIL 30, 2025

document WO/PBC/39/INF/1 Rev.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) took note of the "Status of the Payment of Contributions as at April 30, 2025" (document WO/PBC/39/INF/1).

AGENDA ITEM 8: ANNUAL REPORT ON HUMAN RESOURCES

document WO/PBC/39/INF/2.

AGENDA ITEM 9: PROPOSED PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR 2026/27

document WO/PBC/39/8.

1. *The Program and Budget Committee (PBC), having completed its comprehensive review of the Proposed Program of Work and Budget for 2026/27 (document WO/PBC/39/8), agreed to the following modification as reflected in Annex I:*
 - i. *Reflection of multilingualism in the BDS implementation strategies.*
2. *The PBC requested the Secretariat to revise the Proposed Program of Work and Budget (document WO/PBC/39/8), to reflect the modification listed in paragraph 1 above to be submitted to the 66th series of meetings of the WIPO Assemblies.*
3. *The PBC further decided to refer the following outstanding items discussed during PBC 39, to the 66th series of meetings of the WIPO Assemblies:*
 - i. *Removal of all references to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs from the Proposed Program of Work and Budget for 2026/27;*
 - ii. *Adjusting estimated applications and income for the Lisbon System and budget for the Lisbon Union;*
 - iii. *Removal of the Development Acceleration Fund and associated references and budget.*

AGENDA ITEM 10: FINANCING PLAN TO RESTORE THE COVERAGE OF LONG-TERM EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AT WIPO

document WO/PBC/39/9.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) recommended to the Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, to approve a transfer of 50 million Swiss francs to the Strategic Investment Portfolio, which is earmarked for covering the long-term employee benefits liabilities at WIPO.

AGENDA ITEM 11: ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIRS OF THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE (PBC)

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) elected, for its sessions to be held in 2026 and 2027: H.E. Ambassador Alaa Hegazy, Permanent Representative of Egypt in Geneva as the Chair of the PBC; Mr. Christian Schernitzky, First Counsellor at the German Mission to the UN in Geneva and Ms. Alison Urquizo, First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Peru to the UN and WTO in Geneva as the Vice-Chairs of the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 12: CLOSING OF THE SESSION

[Annex follows]

different methodologies for the protection of heritage products, such as through a *sui generis* system or the trademark system, thereby contributing to the development of a balanced and effective IP ecosystem in Member States (ER 4.3).

- Broaden the geographical coverage of the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks, to further develop the international legal framework for the simplification of trademark registration procedures (ER 2.1).
- [Continue to support the ongoing discussions on possible introduction of new languages in the international registration systems, without prejudice to the outcome.](#)

In the area of protection of State emblems and names and emblems of international intergovernmental organizations, the Sector will continue ensuring the efficient administration of the Article 6ter Paris Convention communication procedures and actively develop the front- and back-office capabilities of the Article 6ter Express database to improve productivity and service quality (ER 3.1).

Madrid System

Over the next biennium, we will continue to support the needs of enterprises and entrepreneurs through a convenient and cost-effective Madrid System. In particular, we will:

- Expand the global adoption of the Madrid System through an enhanced marketing approach. This will involve closer collaboration with the PCT and Hague Systems, tailoring outreach to different customer segments based on detailed market research and data analysis, and delivering targeted campaigns and activities, including digital initiatives (ER 3.1).
- Leverage new technologies, including AI, across all facets of the Madrid Registry's work to change existing business processes and maximize efficiency, particularly in the second phase of the New Madrid IT Platform Project (ER 3.2).
- Enhance the Madrid customer experience at the IB as part of a broader organizational strategy (ERs 3.1 and 3.2) by:
 - Shifting the ethos of the Madrid Registry towards greater customer centricity by improving key account management, enhancing the clarity of notifications and optimizing customer support helplines.
 - Assisting users in the transition to the new integrated eMadrid online platform, scheduled for deployment in 2025.
 - Streamlining classification practices in close cooperation with member offices.

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