

WIPO



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WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION GENEVA

QUESTIONNAIRE

ON THE

DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE 2010/11 BIENNIUM

I. BACKGROUND

The present questionnaire is being issued pursuant to the mechanism for the preparation and the follow-up of the Program and Budget (see Annex I) and the decision taken by the forty-sixth session of the WIPO Assemblies held in December 2008 (document A/46/12, paragraph 54).

Member States' replies to the questionnaire will be published on the WIPO website in their original language. These replies will assist the Secretariat in the preparation of the draft Program and Budget for the 2010/11 biennium, which will be reviewed by the Program and Budget Committee at its June 2009 session.

Strategic Goals

The Program and Budget for the 2010/11 biennium is prepared on the basis of the same nine strategic goals approved by the Member States under the revised Program and Budget for the 2008/09 Biennium (document WO/PBC/13/4 and A/46/12), and in parallel with the Medium-Term Strategic Plan 2010-15 (MTSP). The Strategic Framework, the program structure and the summary of the nine Strategic Goals are attached as Annex II. For reference, the nine Strategic Goals are:

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| Strategic Goal I: | Balanced Evolution of the International Normative Framework for IP |
| Strategic Goal II: | Provision of Premier Global IP Services |
| Strategic Goal III: | Facilitating the Use of IP for Development |
| Strategic Goal IV: | Coordination and Development of Global IP Infrastructure |
| Strategic Goal V: | World Reference Source for IP Information and Analysis |
| Strategic Goal VI: | International Cooperation on Building Respect for IP |
| Strategic Goal VII: | Addressing IP in Relation to Global Policy Issues |
| Strategic Goal VIII: | A Responsive Communications Interface between WIPO, its Member States and All Stakeholders |
| Strategic Goal IX: | An Efficient Administrative and Financial Support Structure to Enable WIPO to Deliver its Programs |

II. COMMENTS

Please provide, in the right-hand column, your Government's comments on the strategic issues and priorities which you would like to see addressed in the context of the preparation of the next draft Program and Budget of the Organization.

Strategic Goals	Comments
I. Balanced Evolution of the International Normative Framework for IP	(See Section III. General Comments)
II. Provision of Premier Global IP Services	(See Section III. General Comments)
III. Facilitating the Use of IP for Development	(See Section III. General Comments)
IV. Coordination and Development of Global IP Infrastructure	(See Section III. General Comments)
V. World Reference Source for IP Information and Analysis	(See Section III. General Comments)

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VI. International Cooperation on Building Respect for IP	(See Section III. General Comments)
VII. Addressing IP in Relation to Global Policy Issues	(See Section III. General Comments)
VIII. A Responsive Communications Interface Between WIPO, its Member States and all Stakeholders	(See Section III. General Comments)
IX. An Efficient Administrative and Financial Support Structure to Enable WIPO to Deliver its Programs	(See Section III. General Comments)

III. GENERAL COMMENTS

Any comments of general nature may be provided in the box below.

General Comments
<p data-bbox="204 376 614 407">Canada's General Comments</p> <p data-bbox="204 477 1358 607">Canada greatly appreciates the opportunity to participate in the preparation of the draft Program and Budget for the 2010/2011. Last December, Canada expressed its views on the Revised Program and Budget (2008/2009). We welcomed it as a good exercise of transparency and an important step in the WIPO realignment process.</p> <p data-bbox="204 645 1342 775">Canada continues to support discussions on ways to ensure that WIPO promotes a balanced IP system and realize its development potential, strengthens IP infrastructure, institutions and human resources, develop international IP norms and deliver quality services in global IP protection systems.</p> <p data-bbox="204 813 1342 943">Canada values the multilateral approach to global issues. WIPO Member States contribute and determine WIPO's policies and programs, while taking into consideration the myriad of challenges that they face. As such, we must ensure accountability and good governance of the international IP system.</p> <p data-bbox="204 981 1366 1111">The improvement of the international IP system includes discussing new innovative ways to reach our goals. IPOs need to seize every opportunity to share experiences, offer best practices and to work more closely together to improve the effectiveness of the global IP system, while making it more responsive to our clients needs.</p> <p data-bbox="204 1149 1374 1444">WIPO's efforts are vital and essential to the future of IP globally. In times of economic uncertainties, WIPO's and Member States' work to promote innovation is most important. Many steps taken by WIPO in the Revised Program and Budget 2008/2009 will contribute in achieving our common goals. To meet the challenges of decreasing revenues resulting from the global economic downturn, Canada believes Member States must be prudent in the choices they make when prioritizing WIPO activities during the preparation of the next program and budget. The Program and Budget Committee will have to use its good judgment, common sense and foresight in recommending a plan to make the international IP system more efficient and more result oriented.</p> <p data-bbox="204 1482 1366 1612">Canada believes that WIPO will be able to reinforce its premier global IP role by developing a clear strategic vision aligned with Member States' interests. Canada believes IP can drive innovation and development leading to greater economic and social benefits around the world.</p> <p data-bbox="204 1650 1366 1917">Canada will continue to emphasize financial transparency and consistent management practices at WIPO similar to other specialized UN agencies. Canada greatly values the importance of developing key indicators to allow monitoring of changes in expenditure for each WIPO program. Canada will continue to support the principles of accountability, result oriented activities, efficiency, transparency and integrity thought out WIPO. We encourage WIPO to continue in implementing performance measurement processes necessary for Member States to make informed choices when reviewing WIPO's Programs.</p> <p data-bbox="204 1955 1366 2018">Canada welcomes the establishment of the Development Agenda Coordination area of program activity and believes it will be necessary in assisting Members to implement in a</p>

step-by-step manner the 45 recommendations of the Development Agenda. The work program currently being developed at CDIP, in our view, will help ensure the complementary and supportive roles of IP and development. Canada believes further coordination, reporting and monitoring processes need to be developed and adopted by Members States.

Canada will continue to encourage WIPO to reduce the costs for users of the international IP system (particularly the PCT) and improve services. Canada supports the substantive harmonization of patent laws within the SCP. Canada will continue to emphasize the importance of high quality patent rights in providing legal certainty to applicants and increasing public confidence in the patent system.

Canada supports WIPO's decision to address IP in relation to global policy issues by establishing a new area of program activity, and much needed initiatives to address the interconnection of IP with other global challenges. Canada believes this will further position WIPO as the leading forum to address IP issues.

IV. PROCEDURES FOR REPLY

It would be appreciated if the completed questionnaire could be returned to the International Bureau, preferably by email to <controller.mail@wipo.int>, before Thursday, March 19, 2009. A confirmation copy may be sent by post. The questionnaire is also available in the electronic form on the Organization's Website at <<http://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/pb/>>.

List of Annexes:

- Annex I Implementation of the New Mechanism
- Annex II The Strategic Framework, the program structure and the summary of the nine Strategic Goals

[Annexes follow]