

Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications

Forty-Ninth Session
Geneva, March 30 to April 2, 2026

DRAFT AGENDA

*prepared by the Secretariat**

1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the Agenda
See the present document.
3. Election of a Chair and two Vice-Chairs for SCT/50

* Note by the Secretariat:

The session will take place in hybrid mode. The following tentative work program is envisaged:

March 30, 2026: Items 1 to 5;

March 31, 2026, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Item 5 continued;

March 31, 2026, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Information Session on Geographical Indications (Inclusive Governance of Geographical Indications and Sustainability; Plant Names and Geographical Indications);

April 1 and 2, 2026: Item 6, outstanding matters and items 7 and 8.

4. Industrial Designs

- Updated Proposal by the Delegations of Canada, Israel, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the European Union and its Member States for a Joint Recommendation Concerning Industrial Design Protection for Designs for Graphical User Interfaces
See document SCT/44/6 Rev.4.
- Proposal by the African Group for a Study on the Impact of Design Protection for Graphical User Interface (GUI) Designs on Innovation
See document SCT/46/5.
- Proposal by the Delegation of the United States of America for a Study on Industrial Design Protection for New and Emerging Technologies: Approaches to Protection of New Technological Designs, Including Projected Designs, Holographic Designs, and Virtual/Augmented Reality Designs (PHVAR Designs).
See document SCT/49/5.
- Update by Member States on Digital Access Service (DAS) for Priority Documents

5. Trademarks

- Revised Proposal by the Delegations of Georgia, Iceland, Indonesia, Jamaica, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Peru, Senegal, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates Concerning Examination Guidelines for Trademarks Which Consist of or Contain Country Names or Geographical Names of National Significance
See document SCT/43/6 Rev.2.
- Second Revised Proposal by the Delegation of Jamaica for a Joint Recommendation Concerning Provisions on the Protection of Country Names
See document SCT/43/9 Rev.
- Updated Proposal by the Delegations of Brazil, Ecuador, Georgia, Iceland, Indonesia, Jamaica, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Peru, Senegal, Switzerland and United Arab Emirates Concerning the Protection of Country Names and Geographical Names of National Significance in the Domain Name System (DNS)
See document SCT/41/6 Rev.2.
- Update on Trademark-Related Aspects of the Domain Name System (DNS)
See document SCT/49/2.
- Proposal by the Delegations of Ecuador and Peru on Nation Brands
See document SCT/48/3.
- Proposal by the Delegation of the United Kingdom Regarding the Protection of Well-Known Marks
See document SCT/49/3.
- Proposal by the Delegation of the United States of America for a Questionnaire on the Legal, Administrative, and Procedural Aspects of Examination and Registration of Certification Marks.
See document SCT/49/6.

6. Geographical Indications
7. Summary by the Chair
8. Closing of the Session

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