

WIPO ICT Leadership Dialogue (WILD)

Second Session
Geneva, April 14 to 16, 2026

PROGRAM AND SPEAKER PROFILES

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Tuesday, April 14, 2026

- 09.00 – 10.00 **Registration**
- 10.00 – 10.10 **Opening remarks**
- Daren Tang, Director General, WIPO
- Chair*
- Sian-Nia Davies, Chief Digital Data and Technology Officer, Intellectual Property Office, United Kingdom
- 10.10 – 10.50 **Keynote 1**
- Insightful presentation by a thought leader on the current landscape and future direction of AI in intellectual property (IP), emphasizing the strategic importance of AI transformation in IP offices.
- Speaker*
- Mordechay Sorek, Executive Director, Israel Patent Office, Ministry of Justice, Israel
- 10.50 – 11.00 **Updates from the first session of the WILD**
- Updates to the next step actions discussed at the first session of the WILD will be reported.
- 11.00 – 11.40 **Theme 1: AI transformation strategy and policy**
- Discussions on developing comprehensive AI strategies for IP offices, including the design and implementation of robust AI infrastructure to support scalable and sustainable AI solutions in the IP ecosystem.
- Moderator*
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- Sonia Pérez Díez, Principal Director, Online User Engagement and IT Cooperation, European Patent Organisation (EPO)
- Mohammad Abdel-Rahim, Director, Information Technology Directorate, Department of the National Library, Ministry of Culture, Jordan
- Enith Matías Herrera, Head, Office of Information Technologies, National Institute for the Defense of Competition and the Protection of Intellectual Property (INDECOPI), Peru
- Jaehwan Jung, Director General for Intellectual Property Information Bureau, Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP), Republic of Korea

- 11.40 – 12.00 Coffee break
- 12.00 – 12.40 **Theme 1 (cont.): AI transformation strategy and policy**
- 12.40 – 13.00 **Wrap-up of Theme 1**
- 13.00 – 15.00 Lunch break
- 15.00 – 16.10 **Theme 2: AI-powered solutions for IP businesses**
- Presentations by IP offices and industry participants on AI tools currently in use, followed by an exploration of collaborative opportunities to further enhance IP services through AI innovation.
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- Bas Elvers, Head of IT, Benelux Organization for Intellectual Property (BOIP)
- Jamile Santos, Technical Lead, Artificial Intelligence, National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI), Brazil
- Dongping Que, Director General, Automation Department, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), China
- Denis Zastavny, Director, IT Department, Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)
- Kenichi Morooka, Director General for Information Technology of the Patent Examination Departments, Japan Patent Office (JPO), Japan
- Banxa Chanhming, Deputy Director General, Department of Intellectual Property (DIP), Lao People's Democratic Republic
- Marek Gajewski, Head, Data Architecture and Management Support Systems Division, Patent Office of the Republic of Poland, Poland
- Ilya Kononenko, Deputy Director, Federal Institute of Industrial Property (FIPS), Russian Intellectual Property Office, Russian Federation
- Sidney Grey, Head, The Hague Registry: Operations Services, WIPO
- 16.10 – 16.30 Coffee break
- 16.30 – 17.30 **Theme 2 (cont.): AI-powered solutions for IP businesses**
- 17.30 – 17.50 **Wrap-up of Theme 2**

- 17.50 – 18.00 **Close of day 1**
- 18.00 **Group photo to be followed by reception, hosted by WIPO Director General Daren Tang**

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

- 10.00 – 10.40 **Keynote 2**
- Featured keynote providing perspectives on data policy, governance, and the role of data in accelerating digital transformation within IP systems.
- 10.40 – 11.40 **Theme 3: Data policy and data sharing**
- In-depth discussions regarding the formulation of data policies, mechanisms for secure and effective data sharing, and the impact of these practices on innovation and international cooperation.
- Moderator*
- Grey Njowola, Head of ICT, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)
- Speakers*
- Abdul Kaloshi, Data Analyst and Statistics, General Directorate of Industrial Property, Ministry of Economy, Culture and Innovation (DPPI), Albania
- Grey Njowola, Head of ICT, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)
- Galya Aygarova, Director, Examination and Protection of Inventions, Patent Office of Republic of Bulgaria, Bulgaria
- Samir Ghamri-Doudane, Head, Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, French Patent and Trademark Office (INPI), France
- Botagoz Zhaxelekova, Vice-minister, Ministry of Justice, Kazakhstan
- Arthur Kwesiga, Commissioner, ICT and Innovation, Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB), Uganda
- Peter Slater, Chief Data Officer, Intellectual Property Office, United Kingdom
- 11.40 – 12.00 Coffee break
- 12.00 – 12.40 **Theme 3 (cont.): Data policy and data sharing**
- 12.40 – 13.00 **Wrap-up of Theme 3**
- 13.00 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 – 16.10

Breakout sessions

Participants divide into specialized groups to focus on critical topics selected. Each group discusses challenges, best practices and actionable recommendations.

- Information security: Discuss governance, risk and resilience measures to safeguard IP data and services, including organizational readiness for cyber-incidents and supply-chain dependencies.

Moderator

Dongping Que, Director General, Automation Department, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), China

- Digital solution architecture: Explore high-level architectural principles and policies that support scalable, interoperable and future-ready IP services.

Moderator

TBD

- Application Programming Interfaces (APIs): Review organizational experiences with API adoption, including implementation challenges, organizational impact and role of internal and external APIs in service delivery.

Moderator

Otto Scharff, Director, Digital Services Department, Norwegian Industrial Property Office (NIPO), Norway

- Data quality management: Discuss strategic approaches to improving data quality, including governance, validation practices and transitioning from unstructured to structured data.

Moderator

Botagoz Zhaxelekova, Vice-minister, Ministry of Justice, Kazakhstan

16.10 – 16.30

Coffee break

16.30 – 17.50

Panel discussion 1: Outcomes of breakout sessions

Breakout groups share findings and suggestions, facilitating knowledge exchange and identifying cross-cutting issues for collective action.

Moderator

Sian-Nia Davies, Chief Digital Data and Technology Officer, Intellectual Property Office, United Kingdom

Panelists

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17.50 – 18.00 **Close of day 2**

Thursday, April 16, 2026

10.00 – 10.40 **Keynote 3**

10.40 – 11.20 **Theme 4: ICT maturity index for IP offices**

Exploration of ICT maturity index models for IP offices, including practical approaches for applying the index in strategic planning and capacity building to advance digital readiness.

Moderator

TBD

Speakers

Sanan Tapdigov, Member of the Board, Intellectual Property Agency, Azerbaijan

Daniel Lavecchia, Head, Department of Substantive Information Systems Management, National Directorate of Industrial Property (DNPI), Uruguay

Amanda Harrison, Executive Counselor, Info-Tech Research Group

11.20 – 11.40 **Wrap-up of Theme 4**

11.40 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 12.40 **Theme 5: Digital harmonization and collaboration**

Discussions on the importance of digital harmonization and collaboration among IP offices to ensure seamless exchange of information and efficient operations, and the strategic value of WIPO Standards for interoperability that IP offices' digital systems can work together effectively and maximize the benefits of harmonized processes.

Moderator

Nelson Yang, Senior Advisor and Director, International Patent Business Solutions, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), United States of America

Speakers

Sudeep Acharya, Director General, Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada, Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO), Canada

Jens Petter Sollie, Business Architect, Digital Services Department, Norwegian Industrial Property Office (NIPO), Norway

Nelson Yang, Senior Advisor and Director, International Patent Business Solutions, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), United States of America

Young-Woo Yun, Secretary of WILD, WIPO

12.40 – 13.00

Wrap-up of Theme 5

13.00 – 15.00

Lunch break

15.00 – 15.50

Theme 6: Digital talent and capability building for AI

Presentations and discussions on initiatives to upskill IT and IP professionals in AI, data management and cybersecurity, as well as collaborative programs coordinated by WIPO to build digital capacity across member states.

Moderator

Ana María Arredondo, Director, IT Division, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (OEPM), Spain

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Aleksej Perić, Head, Information System Division, Intellectual Property Office, Serbia

Nalinda Atapattu, Director, Information and Examination National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka (NIPO), Sri Lanka

15.50 – 16.10

Wrap-up of Theme 6

16.10 – 16.30

Coffee break

16.30 – 17.50

Panel discussion 2: Strengthening digital collaborations and key actions to be taken by IP offices and WIPO

A strategic discussion on how IP offices and WIPO can deepen digital collaboration, share practical insights and consolidate conference outcomes into clear, actionable commitments. The session will focus on priority areas for joint action, mechanisms to sustain cooperation, and the key steps required to advance collective digital transformation across the global IP community.

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Closing remarks

Ken-Ichiro Natsume, Assistant Director General, Infrastructure and Platforms Sector, WIPO

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