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ASPI



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Through the Access to Specialized Patent Information (ASPI) program, patent offices and academic and research institutions in developing countries can receive free or low-cost access to sophisticated tools and services for retrieving and analyzing patent data.

The ASPI program is made possible by a public-private partnership between the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and leading patent information providers. The aim of this partnership is to support developing countries in more fully exploiting their innovative potential by leveraging the valuable information contained in patent documents to develop new solutions to technical problems faced at the local and international levels.

The ASPI program will also complement the activities being carried out within the framework of the Access to Research for Development and Innovation (ARDI) program as well as the patent search and analysis tools provided by the PATENTSCOPE search service.

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▶▶ Group 1 (free access)

Afghanistan	Gambia	Niger
Angola	Guinea	Rwanda
Bangladesh	Guinea-Bissau	Samoa
Benin	Haiti	Sao Tome and Principe
Bhutan	Kiribati	Senegal
Burkina Faso	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Sierra Leone
Burundi	Lesotho	Solomon Islands
Cambodia	Liberia	Somalia
Central African Republic	Madagascar	Timor-Leste
Chad	Malawi	Togo
Comoros	Maldives	Tuvalu
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mali	Uganda
Djibouti	Mauritania	United Republic of Tanzania
Equatorial Guinea	Mozambique	Vanuatu
Eritrea	Myanmar	Yemen
Ethiopia	Nepal	Zambia

▶▶ Group 2 (low cost access)

Albania	Honduras	Peru
Armenia	Jamaica	Republic of Moldova
Azerbaijan	Kazakhstan	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
Belarus	Kenya	Suriname
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Kosovo (in accordance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999))	Swaziland
Cameroon	Kyrgyzstan	Tajikistan
Cape Verde	Marshall Islands	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Colombia	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Tokelau
Congo	Mongolia	Tonga
Côte d'Ivoire	Montenegro	Tunisia
Dominican Republic	Namibia	Turkmenistan
El Salvador	Nicaragua	Uzbekistan
Fiji	Nigeria	West Bank and Gaza Strip
Georgia	Papua New Guinea	Zimbabwe
Ghana	Paraguay	
Guatemala		
Guyana		

▶▶ Group 3 (low cost access)

American Samoa	Gabon	Panama
Antigua and Barbuda	Grenada	Romania
Bahrain	Lithuania	Seychelles
Barbados	Libya	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belize	Mauritius	Saint Lucia
Botswana	Mayotte	Trinidad and Tobago
Costa Rica	Oman	
Dominica	Palau	

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ARDI

Research for Innovation

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PATENTSCOPE search service

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- Lexis Nexis
- Minesoft
- Questel
- Thomson Reuters
- WIPS
- Gridlogics

▶▶ Eligibility

The Access to Specialized Patent Information (ASPI) program enables patent offices as well as academic and research institutions in numerous developing countries to benefit from access to flagship products offered by the participating patent information providers for free or a sharply reduced cost:

- In least developed countries, as defined by the United Nations, patent offices and academic and research institutions can receive access to all products at no cost (Group 1).
- In selected middle income countries, as defined by the World Bank, patent offices and academic and research institutions receive access at a nominal cost of 1000 Swiss francs per year per institution for each product selected (Group 2).
- In certain developing countries, patent offices (only) receive access at a nominal cost of 3000 Swiss francs per year per institution for each product selected (Group 3).

For a list of eligible countries, please refer to the tables of Groups 1, 2 and 3 in this brochure.

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