



Accompanying local innovators on the journey from research to product

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Foreword

The global Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) program enables innovators in developing countries, least developed countries and transition countries to access and use technological information from more than 130 million published patent documents and scores of scientific and technical publications, to help them reach their innovative potential. TISCs are typically located in patent offices, universities, research centers or science and technology parks, and they provide assistance to innovators where they need it most.

The journey from research to product is challenging, and getting economic outcomes from research investments requires technical knowledge, deep expertise and close connections between researchers, businesses and government. TISCs help ease this journey by providing powerful tools and local knowledge, which allows them to be better connected, and in that connection the magic happens.

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The TISC program is administered by the IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector, IP for Innovators Department, in the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). The program supports WIPO's mission to help member states develop their intellectual property (IP) and innovation ecosystems to drive enterprise and economic growth, and to support researchers and innovators in using IP for technology transfer and business growth.

The vision of the TISC program is to evolve continuously and to be inclusive, adapting to the needs and challenges of innovators. With the addition of the new technology transfer section to the department in 2021, the program also hopes to provide a greater variety of technology transfer and innovation services. Examples of such services include the development of Institutional IP Policies, IP rights management, IP marketing, IP valuation and development of negotiation skills, while also expanding the types of services and users, and incorporating technology transfer structures such as technology transfer offices (TTOs), techno parks or IP hubs into the TISC program.

The technology transfer section strengthens the program by expanding the types of users it targets, and encouraging interactions between innovators within technology transfer structures so they can share their knowledge, platforms, experiences and best practice with the global innovation community worldwide.