Developing together

South-South and triangular cooperation within WIPO
Developing countries can do a lot to help each other.

Many of the countries of the Global South have developed significant cultural, creative and technological capabilities and know-how.

They have learned to harness the power of science, technology and innovation as an engine for development.

Now, they can share what they have learned with other developing countries, for their mutual benefit.

That is the basic idea behind South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation.
South-South cooperation refers to development cooperation between fellow countries – sharing knowledge, experiences, know-how, solutions and technologies.

Triangular cooperation includes a developed country partner supporting South-South initiatives.

South-South and triangular cooperation are increasingly important as a complement to North-South cooperation. Working together, developing countries can find innovative solutions to shared challenges.

The UN has recognized the value of South-South cooperation as a way to achieve development results. It is included in the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals.

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is the global forum for intellectual property (IP).

As a specialized agency of the United Nations, we aim to make the global IP system work for everyone. Development is at the heart of what we do.

WIPO provides development-oriented technical assistance in the field of IP to developing countries and least developed countries (LDCs) in Africa, Arab countries, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean.

We also act as a catalyst for South-South and triangular cooperation. This may include:
- exchanging experiences
- sharing resources
- developing complementary capacities among developing countries and LDCs
- planning a project of common interest.

All our projects are developed in response to requests from our member states.

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