

Re: Establishment of the ICT Strategy for Standards Task Force

Madam,
Sir,

At its Sixth Session, held from October 15 to 19, 2018, the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) agreed to create the following new task:

Task No. 59: Prepare a proposal for a roadmap of future development and enhancement of WIPO standards, including policy recommendations, in view of more effective production, sharing, and utilization of data by IPOs and other interested parties, taking the following activities:

- to review the Recommendations in Group 1 indicated in the Annex of document CWS/6/3, in collaboration with other relevant CWS Task Forces;
- to review the Recommendations in Group 2 and Group 3 indicated in the Annex of document CWS/6/3;
- to prioritize Recommendations and suggest a timeline; and
- to explore the impact of disruptive technologies on IP administration and IP data in view of harmonization and collaboration.

In order to administer this new Task, the CWS established the ICT Strategy for Standards Task Force. The CWS designated the International Bureau as one co-leader of the Task Force. The CWS requested the International Bureau to issue a circular inviting Offices to nominate business manager(s) and/or ICT policy maker(s) for the new Task Force, and for volunteers to serve as a co-leader with the International Bureau.

The International Bureau hereby invites CWS Members wishing to participate in the Task Force to nominate their business manager(s) and/or ICT policy maker(s) and to volunteer to act as a co-leader with the International Bureau.

The work of the said Task Force will be conducted in English through electronic means and at face-to-face meetings. The Task Force expects to commence its work in December 2018.

./ Should your Office/Organization wish to participate in this Task Force, details of your representative(s) should be sent to the International Bureau at cws.mail@wipo.int by December 7, 2018. Please see the Annex to this Circular for further details. It would be appreciated if the number of this circular could be quoted as a reference in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely,



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In order to participate in the Task Force discussions on the WIPO Wiki platform, the person nominated by his/her Office/Organization as the Task Force member (representative) should have a WIPO User Center Account.

If the representative does not have an account, he or she should create one at <https://www3.wipo.int/wipoaccounts/usercenter/public/register.jsf> and then validate the account following the instructions received by e-mail.

When validating the account, the representative will be asked to create a username to be used when accessing the Wiki space. It is recommended that the username be preceded by the corresponding WIPO ST.3 code separated by a dash (e.g., "ca-jsmith").

In order to ensure that the account has been successfully created, the representative should log in to the WIPO Wiki at <https://www3.wipo.int/confluence> (clicking on "Log in" at the top-right corner and entering username and password).

Once the account has been successfully created, the following details should be sent to the International Bureau at cws.mail@wipo.int:

- Name of Office/Organization;
- Last name, First name (Mr./Ms.);
- Position in the Office;
- WIPO User Center ID (username created following the above instructions); and
- E-mail address used when creating WIPO User Center account.

Once the details listed above have been processed by the International Bureau, the nominees will receive a notification that they can access the Task Force Wiki.

For further information, please contact the International Bureau at cws.mail@wipo.int.

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