

CWS WORK PROGRAM OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

The Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS), at its sixth session, reviewed and approved the Tasks described below (see documents [CWS/6/32](#) and [CWS/6/34](#)). In order to deal with certain Tasks, the CWS also established corresponding Task Forces. All Task Forces are listed on WIPO web site at: <http://www.wipo.int/cws/en/taskforce/index.html>.

Each Task Force has its own electronic forum (Wiki) for carrying out corresponding Task(s); further information on the Wikis is available [here](#).

ACTIVE CWS TASKS

Following is the list of active Tasks after the sixth session of the CWS.

Task No. 18

Description: Identify areas for standardization relevant to the exchange of machine-readable data on the basis of projects envisaged by such bodies as the Five IP Offices (IP5), the Five Trademark Offices (TM5), the Industrial Design 5 Forum (ID5), ISO, IEC and other well-known industry standard-setting bodies.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau.

Scheduled actions: The International Bureau should coordinate reporting on developments relating to standardization and/or the presentation of proposals to the CWS as necessary.

Task No. 23

Description: Monitor the inclusion, in databases, of information about the entry, and, where applicable, the non-entry into the national (regional) phase of published PCT international applications.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau.

Scheduled actions:

The International Bureau is requested to report at meetings of the CWS every second year on the progress of the Task. The eighth session of the CWS will be the last session to receive the report.

Task No. 24

Description: Collect and publish Annual Technical Reports (ATRs) on Patent, Trademark and Industrial Design Information Activities of the CWS Members (ATR/PI, ATR/TM, ATR/ID).

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau.

Scheduled actions:

- (a) The International Bureau should collect the information prepared by industrial property offices on their information activities in the patent, trademark and industrial design areas on an annual basis, and then proceed to publish the ATRs in the [ATR Wiki](#).
- (b) The International Bureau should collect statistics on submitted ATRs and report to the CWS at the seventh session accordingly.
- (c) IPOs are encouraged to provide data for their Offices, even if they only provide a link to their websites where such data is available.

Task No. 33

Description: Ongoing revision of WIPO Standards.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau. The CWS will further consider the appointment of Task Leaders upon specific requests for the revision of standards.

Scheduled actions: The revision of standards is considered an ongoing activity. As a means of expediting the standards revision process, the Secretariat may pass requests received for the revision of standards directly to an existing Task Force Leader, or present the request beforehand for consideration by the CWS at its next session. In the latter case, the CWS will be able to decide either on the adoption of the requested revision, or the creation of a new task, or whatever it considers appropriate. The Secretariat will inform the CWS of any revision request passed directly to a task force at its next session. If a specific request to revise a particular standard should be sent directly to an existing Task Force Leader, as long as it is possible, the Task Force would start work on it immediately; otherwise, the Task Force Leader would refer the request to the next session of the CWS for consideration. (See document [CWS/1/9](#) and paragraph 53 of [CWS/1/10](#).)

Task No. 33/3

Description: Ongoing revision of WIPO Standard ST.3.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau.

Scheduled actions:

- (a) The revision of WIPO Standards ST.3 is considered an ongoing activity. As a means of expediting the revision process, the International Bureau should follow the specific procedure adopted at the eleventh session of the SDWG. (See paragraph 35 of document [SCIT/SDWG/11/14.](#))
- (b) The International Bureau will prepare and circulate a draft amendment of WIPO Standard ST.3 in which the two letter code "EU" will be incorporated for consultation following the established procedure for revision.
- (c) The International Bureau will make a proposal to bring WIPO Standard ST.3 in line with the UN Terminology Database (UNTERM), with a few exceptions based on the established practice by the International Bureau. The International Bureau will also submit a proposal to modify the streamlined procedure for revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 for consideration at the seventh session of the CWS.

Task No. 38

Description: Ensure continuous revision and updating of WIPO Standard ST.36.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau / ST.36 Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

- (a) The task is of a continuous nature (see paragraph 191 of document [CWS/6/34](#)).
- (b) The Task Force Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.36 adopted by the Task Force at the following session of the CWS.

Task No. 39

Description: Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.66.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau, which will work in collaboration with the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), is designated as the Task Leader / ST.66 Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

- (a) The Task is of a continuous nature (see paragraph 191 of document [CWS/6/34](#)).
- (b) The Task Force Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.66 adopted by the Task Force at the next session of the CWS.

Task No. 41

Description: Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.96.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau / XML4IP Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

- (a) The Task is of a continuous nature (see paragraph 191 of document [CWS/6/34](#)).
- (b) The Task Force Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.96 adopted by the Task Force at the seventh session of the CWS.
- (c) Revisions to ST.96 will be released on fixed dates of April 1 and/or October 1 as needed, except for bug fixes or emergency releases.
- (d) The Republic of Korea will host the XML4IP Task Force meeting in person in Seoul, Republic of Korea in 2019.
- (e) The Task Force will develop and incorporate the necessary XML schema components for copyright orphan works in WIPO Standard ST.96 taking into account the proposed documentation provided as the Annexes to document CWS/6/10.

Task No. 42

Description: Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.86.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau / ST.86 Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

- (a) The Task is of a continuous nature (see paragraph 191 of document [CWS/6/34](#)).
- (b) The Task Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.86 adopted by the Task Force at the next session of the CWS.

Task No. 44

Description: Support the International Bureau by providing users' requirements and feedback on the ST.26 authoring and validation software tool; support the International Bureau in the consequential revision of the PCT Administrative Instructions; and prepare necessary revisions of WIPO Standard ST.26.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the European Patent Office (EPO) / Sequence Listing Task Force.

Scheduled actions: A report on the progress of the Task will be presented for consideration at the seventh session of the CWS.

IP Offices are encouraged to provide their plans for implementing ST.26 with the International Bureau, taking into account the potential modification of their regulations and the upgrade of their IT systems.

Task No. 47

Description: Prepare a final proposal for the detailed events and a final proposal for the guidance document with regard to patent legal status data; prepare a final proposal for the guidance document with respect to industrial design legal status data; prepare a recommendation for the exchange of legal status data on trademarks by industrial property offices.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau / Legal Status Task Force and XML4IP Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

(a) For the Legal Status Task Force:

- i. Prepare a final proposal for the list of detailed events and the guidance document for patent legal status data in WIPO ST.27.
- ii. Finalize the list of detailed events and prepare the guidance document for industrial design legal status data in WIPO ST.87 and present them for consideration at the seventh session of the CWS.

(b) For the XML4IP Task Force:

- i. Present the final draft of Patent Legal Status Data XML for consideration at the seventh session of the CWS.

(c) The Secretariat will publish the provisional consolidated mapping tables submitted by IP Offices on the WIPO website, with updated versions continuing to be produced as Offices submit or revise their own mapping data.

(d) Offices that have not responded to Circular C.CWS 92 are requested to share their implementation plan for WIPO ST.27.

(e) The Secretariat will issue a circular inviting IPOs to assess their business practices and IT systems and review the provisional detailed events of WIPO Standard ST.87.

Task No. 50

Description: Ensure the necessary maintenance and update of surveys published in Part 7 of the *WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation*.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau / Part 7 Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

- (a) The Secretariat will issue a circular inviting IPOs to respond to the survey on the use of WIPO Standards if they have not already done so.
- (b) The Secretariat will issue a circular inviting IPOs to participate in the survey on the grant and publication of SPCs and PTEs. The International Bureau will prepare and publish the results in updated Part 7.2.4 of the WIPO Handbook.
- (c) The Part 7 Task Force will prepare a proposal for the questionnaire on numbering of published documents and registered rights and present the proposal for consideration at the seventh session of the CWS.

Task No. 51

Description: Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.37.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the European Patent Office (EPO) / Authority File Task Force

Scheduled actions:

- (a) The Task is of a continuous nature (see paragraph 191 of document [CWS/6/34](#)).
- (b) The Task Leader will inform the CWS of any revision of WIPO Standard ST.37 adopted by the Task Force at the seventh session of the CWS.
- (c) The Task Force will further explore the issue of the large size of authority files, which may make it difficult for users to open on their desktops.
- (d) The Secretariat will issue a circular encouraging Offices to share their practices, including data format, and plan regarding disseminating their Authority File.
- (e) The Secretariat will publish Authority File information submitted by Offices through the Authority File Portal on the WIPO website.

Task No. 52

Description: Survey on content and functionalities of systems for providing access to publicly available patent information of industrial property offices, as well as future plans with respect to their publication practices; prepare recommendations for systems for providing access to publicly available patent information of industrial property offices.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau / Public Access to Patent Information (PAPI) Task Force

Scheduled actions:

The PAPI Task Force will present a proposal for a questionnaire on content and functionalities of systems for providing access to publicly available patent information of industrial property offices for consideration at the seventh session of the CWS.

Task No. 53

Description: Develop XML schema components for geographical indications.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau / XML4IP Task Force

Scheduled actions:

The XML4IP Task Force will present the final draft XML schema of geographical indications for consideration at the seventh session of the CWS.

Task No. 55

Description: Envisaging developing a WIPO standard assisting Industrial Property Offices (IPOs) in providing better “quality at source” in relation to applicant names,

- i. conduct a survey on the use of the identifiers for applicants by IPOs and on the problems, which might be associated with it; and
- ii. prepare a proposal for future actions aimed at the standardization of applicant names in IP documents and present it for consideration by the CWS.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) and the International Bureau / Name Standardization Task Force

Scheduled actions:

- (a) The Task Force will carry out the survey on the use of identifiers for applicants by IPOs and will report the outcome at the seventh session of the CWS.
- (b) A Workshop on Name Standardization will be hosted by the International Bureau in 2019 to further explore issues with name standardization and use of identifiers.
- (c) On the basis of the survey results, a proposal for further actions will be presented for consideration at the seventh session of the CWS.

Task No. 56

Description: Prepare recommendations for data exchange supporting machine to machine communications focusing on:

- i. message format, data structure and data dictionary in JSON and/or XML
- ii. naming conventions for Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) of resources.

Leader of Task / Task Force: the International Bureau / XML4IP Task Force

Scheduled actions:

- (a) The XML4IP Task Force will develop two candidates for a Web API proof of concept: sharing of search and examination results among IPOs following the example of One Portal Dossier, and exchange of patent legal status data according to WIPO Standard ST.27.
- (b) The XML4IP Task Force will present a final proposal for the new standard on Web API for consideration at the seventh session of the CWS.

Task No. 57

Description: Collect information about the requirements from IP offices and customers; and prepare recommendations for electronic visual representations of designs.

Leader of Task / Task Force: IP Australia and the International Bureau / Design Representation Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

The Task Force will conduct the survey on visual representations of designs and report the outcome at the seventh session of the CWS.

Task No. 58

Description: 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:

- i. to review the Recommendations in Group 1 indicated in the Annex of document CWS/6/3, in collaboration with other relevant CWS Task Forces;
- ii. to review the Recommendations in Group 2 and Group 3 indicated in the Annex of document CWS/6/3;
- iii. to prioritize Recommendations and suggest a timeline; and
- iv. to explore the impact of disruptive technologies on IP administration and IP data in view of harmonization and collaboration. Collect information about the requirements from IP offices and customers; and prepare recommendations for electronic visual representations of designs.

Leader of Task / Task Force: The International Bureau / ICT Strategy for Standards Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

- (a) Coordinate with existing Task Forces on the priority of work in relation to the Recommendations of Group 1.
- (b) Prepare a report on the new Task for the seventh session of CWS, including a prioritization of the work items in relation to the 40 Recommendations listed in the Annex of document CWS/6/3.

Task No. 59

Description:

- (a) Explore the possibility of using blockchain technology in the processes of providing IP rights protection, processing information about IP objects and their use;
- (b) Collect information about IPO developments in use of and experience with blockchain, assess current Industry Standards on blockchain and consider merit and applicability to IPOs;
- (c) Develop a model to standardize approaches of using blockchain technology in the IP field, including guiding principles, common practice and use of terminology as a framework supporting collaboration, joint projects and proofs of concept; and
- (d) Prepare a proposal for a new WIPO standard applying blockchain technology in the processes of providing IP rights protection, processing information about IP objects and their use.

Leader of Task / Task Force: IP Australia and Rospatent / Blockchain Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

- (a) A report on the progress of the Task will be presented for consideration at the seventh session of the CWS.
- (b) The International Bureau will organize an event on blockchain in 2019, inviting CWS Members and any interested parties.
- (c) The Blockchain Task Force will organize a meeting in person before the seventh session of the CWS.

Task No. 60

Description: Prepare a proposal for the numbering of INID codes regarding word marks and figurative marks, on splitting INID code (551), and a potential INID code for combined marks.

Leader of Task / Task Force: The International Bureau / Trademark Standardization Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

Prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO ST.60 for consideration by the seventh session of the CWS.

Task No. 61

Description: Prepare a proposal for recommendations on three-dimensional (3D) models and images.

Leader of Task / Task Force: Rospatent / 3D Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

Present a report on the progress of the Task for consideration at the seventh session of the CWS.

Task No. 62

Description: Review WIPO Standards: ST.6, ST.8, ST.10, ST.11, ST.15, ST.17, ST.18, ST.63 and ST.81 in view of electronic publication of IP documentation; and propose revisions of those Standards if needed.

Leader of Task / Task Force: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) / Digital Transformation Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

Present a report on the progress of the Task for consideration at the seventh session of the CWS.

Task No. 63

Description: Develop visual representation(s) of XML data, based on WIPO XML Standards, for electronic publication.

Leader of Task / Task Force: The International Bureau / XML4IP Task Force.

Scheduled actions:

Present a report on the progress of the Task for consideration at the seventh session of the CWS.

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