

Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS)

Tenth Session
Geneva, November 21 to 25, 2022

SUMMARY BY THE CHAIR

INTRODUCTION

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the session

1. The tenth session was opened by the Director of International Classifications and Standards Division, Mr. Kunihiko Fushimi.

Agenda Item 2: Election of the Chair and two Vice-Chairs

2. Under the revised WIPO General Rules of Procedure adopted by the WIPO Assemblies, Chairs and Vice-Chairs should be elected at the end of a committee session to begin their term for the following session. As a transition to this new practice, the CWS agreed to elect a Chair and Vice-Chairs for the tenth session whose term of office would extend through the eleventh session and be terminated by the closure of the eleventh session. At the end of the eleventh session, the CWS will elect officers for the twelfth session in accordance with the new practice.

3. The CWS unanimously elected Ms. Åsa Viken (Sweden) as Chair and Ms. Nourah Alamari (Saudi Arabia) as Vice-Chair for its tenth and eleventh sessions.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the agenda

4. The CWS unanimously adopted the agenda as proposed in document CWS/10/1 Prov.3.

Agenda Item 4: Organizational matters and special rules of procedures

5. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/2.

6. The CWS noted the content of the document.

7. The CWS adopted the organizational matters and special rules of procedure with amendments agreed during the session as reproduced in document CWS/10/Item 4.

Agenda Item 5: Consideration of the Work Program and Tasks List of the CWS

8. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/3.
9. The CWS noted the content of the document.
10. The CWS agreed to create new Task No. 65 with the description: "To prepare a proposal for recommendations on the data package format for the electronic exchange of priority documents and certified copies for patents, marks and industrial designs". The CWS assigned this Task to the Digital Transformation Task Force.
11. The CWS requested the Digital Transformation Task Force to prioritize work on Task No. 65 and to present a proposal for a new WIPO standard at the next session of the CWS. The CWS also requested the Secretariat to issue a circular inviting IPOs to nominate relevant experts to join the Digital Transformation Task Force.
12. The CWS requested Intellectual Property Offices (IPOs) to provide comments on how the CWS should determine the priority of Tasks as presented in paragraphs 11 to 14 of document CWS/10/3. The CWS requested the Secretariat to work with the Leaders of its Task Forces to prepare a survey questionnaire for presentation at the next session of the CWS for determining the preferences of IPOs in prioritizing Tasks.
13. The CWS agreed that each Task Force identify objectives for the year and measure progress against those objectives at its annual meeting. The CWS requested the Secretariat to provide a common template for Task Force reporting. The CWS also agreed that quarterly meetings of its Task Forces be held to review and update those objectives of Task Forces. The Secretariat agreed to work with the Task Force Leaders to prepare the common template and organize the quarterly Task Force update meetings.
14. The CWS approved the Secretariat to incorporate the agreements reached at this session in the CWS Work Program and CWS Work Program Overview and publish them on the WIPO website.

Agenda Item 6: Revision of WIPO Standard ST.3

15. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/4.
16. The CWS noted the content of the document, in particular the proposed revision to ST.3.
17. The CWS approved the revisions to WIPO Standard ST.3 as reproduced in the Annex to document CWS/10/4.

Agenda Item 7: IP Data Management using XML or JSON

Agenda Item 7 (a): Report by the XML4IP Task Force (Task No.41, Task No. 47 and Task No.64)

18. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/5.
19. The CWS noted the content of the document, in particular the release of ST.96 version 6.0 and the work plan of the XML4IP Task Force.

Agenda Item 7 (b): Proposal for a new WIPO standard on JSON

20. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/6 Rev.
21. The CWS noted the content of the document, in particular the final draft JSON standard presented in the Annex to document CWS/10/6 Rev.

22. The CWS adopted new WIPO Standard ST.97 with the name “Recommendation for processing of intellectual property data using JSON”, as reproduced in the Annex to document CWS/10/6 Rev.

23. The CWS approved the revision of Task No. 64 with the description: “Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standard ST.97”. The CWS designated the API Task Force to carry out revised Task No. 64.

24. The CWS approved the fast track procedure to revise WIPO Standard ST.97 as proposed.

25. The CWS approved editorial amendments to WIPO Standard ST.90 to refer to the adopted Standard ST.97 and requested the Secretariat to introduce other necessary editorial amendments to ST.90 as needed. The revised ST.90 will be published on the WIPO website after the tenth session.

Agenda Item 8: Orphan Works

Agenda Item 8 (a): Proposals for improvement of copyright orphan work metadata in WIPO Standard ST.96

26. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/7.

27. The CWS noted the content of the document, in particular the revised working draft for copyright orphan work metadata.

28. The CWS invited members to comment on the revised working draft for copyright orphan work metadata presented in the Annex to document CWS/10/7.

Agenda Item 8 (b): Proposals for the next step in relation to copyright orphan works metadata

29. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/8.

30. The CWS noted the content of the document.

31. The CWS agreed to perform another round of consultation to solicit input from copyright offices and industry. The CWS requested the Secretariat to issue a circular inviting its Members and Observers, with explicit reference to Copyright Offices, and institutions as well as international Non-Governmental Organizations representing creative industry stakeholders, to review the revised working draft included in document CWS/10/7 and submit their comments. The CWS requested the Secretariat to present, at its next session, a final proposal reflecting the results of the consultation for consideration and approval by the CWS, or a proposal for next steps, depending on the comments received in the consultation.

Agenda Item 9: Blockchain for IP ecosystem

Agenda Item 9 (a): Report by the Blockchain Task Force (Task No. 59)

32. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/9.

33. The CWS noted the content of the document, in particular the whitepaper published by the International Bureau on blockchain for IP ecosystems.

Agenda Item 9 (b): Blockchain related activities by Offices

34. Discussions were based on presentations by the Delegations of Russian Federation, European Union Intellectual Property Office, International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), International Trademark Association (INTA), and the International Bureau.

35. The CWS noted the content of the presentations.

Agenda Item 10: Proposal for establishing an international database to standardize applicant names

36. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/10 and a presentation by the Delegation of Saudi Arabia.

37. The CWS noted the content of the document and the presentation. Several delegations expressed interest in the proposal, while pointing out possible overlap with the work of the Name Standardization Task Force, the Blockchain Task Force, and work in other forums. Some delegations noted that implementing the proposal would present not just technical issues, but also legal and policy issues. Because of the large potential impact on applicants and other stakeholders, those groups should also be involved in the process of developing a solution. Some delegations suggested that a feasibility study would be needed before they can decide whether to support the proposal.

38. The International Bureau suggested using the global digital identifier pilot, which was presented under the Agenda Item 9(b), as a proof of concept to assess feasibility and document potential issues with adopting global identifiers. The Delegation of Saudi Arabia agreed on the suggestion by the International Bureau and expressed its interest in the pilot. The CWS requested the International Bureau to collaborate with some interested offices on the pilot and report the results at the next session of the CWS.

Agenda Item 11: Legal Status Data

Agenda Item 11 (a): Report by the Legal Status Task Force (Task No. 47)

39. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/11.

40. The CWS noted the content of the document, in particular the progress of the Task Force on Task No. 47 and the International Bureau's plans to develop training materials in collaboration with the Task Force.

41. The CWS approved the revisions to ST.87 in the Annex of document CWS/10/11.

42. The CWS approved the revision of Task No. 47 which now reads: "Ensure the necessary revisions and updates of WIPO Standards ST.27, ST.87, and ST.61; prepare supporting materials to assist the use of those Standards in IP community; and support the XML4IP Task Force to develop XML components for legal status event data."

Agenda Item 11 (b): Implementation of WIPO Standards ST.27, ST.61 and ST.87 by Offices

43. Discussions were based on presentations by Delegations of Australia, Germany, and United Kingdom.

44. The CWS noted the content of the presentations.

Agenda Item 12: Sequence Listings

Agenda Item 12 (a): Report by the Sequence Listings Task Force (Task No. 44)

45. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/12.

46. The CWS noted the content of the document, in particular the work plan of the Sequence Listings Task Force. Nine delegations shared their experiences of implementation of WIPO Standard ST.26 and use of WIPO Sequence Suite, and appreciated the International Bureau support.

47. The CWS requested IPOs to continue supporting use of the WIPO Sequence Suite for preparing sequence listings compliant with ST.26.

Agenda Item 12 (b): Proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.26

48. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/13 Rev. 2.

49. The CWS noted the content of the document, in particular the proposed revisions to ST.26.

50. Several delegations suggested changes to the proposed revision based on their understandings of agreements reached by the Sequence Listings Task Force.

51. The CWS approved the revision to WIPO Standard ST. 26 shown in document CWS/10/13 Rev. 2. The CWS decided to set July 1, 2023 as the effective date of the revised Standard ST.26.

Agenda Item 12 (c): WIPO Sequence Suite development and support

52. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/14.

53. The CWS noted the content of the document.

54. The CWS requested IPOs to encourage applicants to subscribe to the WIPO Sequence mailing list and refer to the WIPO Sequence and ST.26 knowledge base. The CWS also encouraged IPOs to report any new bugs or proposals for improvement through the 3-tier support model described in paragraph 13 of document CWS/10/14.

Agenda Item 12 (d): Implementation of WIPO Standard ST.26 by Offices

55. Discussions were based on presentations by Delegations of Germany, Republic of Korea, United States of America, and the European Patent Organization.

56. The CWS noted the content of the presentations.

Agenda Item 13: Patent Authority File

Agenda Item 13 (a): Updates of the WIPO Authority File Portal

57. Discussions were based on a presentation by the International Bureau.

58. The CWS noted the content of the presentation, in particular the inclusion of data from 29 IP Offices in the WIPO Authority File portal.

Agenda Item 13 (b): Implementation of WIPO Standard ST.37 by Offices

59. Discussions were based on presentations by Delegations of United Kingdom, the European Patent Organization, and the International Bureau.

60. The CWS noted the content of the presentations.

Agenda Item 14: Digital Transformation

Agenda Item 14 (a): Report by the Digital Transformation Task Force (Task No. 62)

61. Discussions were based on a presentation by the Digital Transformation Task Force.

62. The CWS noted the content of the presentation, in particular the progress made by the Task Force.

Agenda Item 14 (b): Analysis of survey results on Office practices for Digital Transformation

63. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/15.
64. The CWS noted the content of the document, in particular the results of the Digital Transformation survey.
65. The CWS approved the survey analysis in paragraphs 3 to 9 of document CWS/10/15 for publication in the *WIPO Handbook on Intellectual Property Information and Documentation*.
66. The CWS approved the work items for the Task Force described in paragraphs 10 to 12 of document CWS/10/15.

Agenda Item 15: Report by the Part 7 Task Force (Task No. 50)

67. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/16.
68. The CWS noted the content of the document, in particular the revised work plan in paragraph 5 of document CWS/10/16.

Agenda Item 16: Report by the Name Standardization Task Force (Task No. 55)

69. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/17.
70. The CWS noted the content of the document, in particular the progress made on draft recommendations for clean data in support of name standardization.
71. The CWS invited IPOs to comment on the draft recommendations on name standardization in the Annex of document CWS/10/17.

Agenda Item 17: ICT Strategy for Standards Task Force (Task No. 58)

72. Discussions were based on a presentation by the International Bureau.
73. The CWS noted the content of the presentation, in particular the progress made by the Task Force.
74. The Digital Transformation Task Force Leader proposed assigning work on DOCX converters to the Digital Transformation Task Force.

Agenda Item 18: Report by the 3D Task Force (Task No. 61)

75. Discussions were based on a presentation by the Delegation of Russian Federation.
76. The CWS noted the content of the presentation, in particular the progress made by the Task Force.

Agenda Item 19: Analysis of survey results on calendar dates

77. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/18.
78. The CWS noted the content of the document, in particular the results of the calendar dates survey.
79. The Delegation of Russian Federation informed the CWS that it recently responded to the survey. The CWS noted that the Secretariat would include the new entry from the Delegation into the published survey and agreed on reflecting the response to the survey analysis. The CWS requested the Secretariat to adapt the survey, as needed, with regard to the new entry, for the publication.

80. The CWS approved the survey analysis in paragraphs 3 to 11 of document CWS/10/18 with the amendments by the Secretariat as needed for publication in the *WIPO Handbook*.

Agenda Item 20: Report on 2021 Annual Technical Reports (ATRs)

81. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/19.

82. The CWS noted the content of the document, in particular the responses by IPOs to circulars C.CWS.158-160 requesting submission of ATR information for 2021.

Agenda Item 21: Update of the WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation

83. Discussions were based on a presentation by the International Bureau.

84. The CWS noted the content of the presentation, in particular the updates made to the *WIPO Handbook* in 2022 and plans for further revisions in 2023.

Agenda Item 22: Report by the International Bureau on the provision of technical advice and assistance for capacity building to industrial property offices in connection with the mandate of the CWS

85. Discussions were based on document CWS/10/20.

86. The CWS noted the content of the document, in particular the 2021 activities of the International Bureau related to providing technical advice and assistance for capacity building to IPOs regarding dissemination of IP standards information.

Agenda Item 23: Exchange of information on digitalization activities

87. Discussions were based on presentations by Delegations of Australia, Norway, Spain and Russian Federation.

88. The CWS noted the content of the presentations.

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