Survey on Intellectual Property Data Exchange

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2. Identification page

1. Please enter the ST.3 code of the member state or inter-governmental organization you represent.

UG - Uganda

2. Please enter the name of the Office or Organization you represent. For instance, International Bureau of WIPO.
If your Organization name is the same as your ST.3 code name, you may put "n/a".

Uganda Registration Services Bureau

3. Types of IP data exchanged

5. Does your Office provide or collect IP data?

Yes, providing and collecting

6. In what context is IP data exchange performed?

Bilateral agreements
Multilateral agreements
Direct upload/download of bulk data
Standardized Open Data License

4. Types of IP data exchanged

7. Select the IP domains for which your Office provide or collect data.

	Provide	Collect	Both, provide and collect	Not applicable
Patents			X	
Trademarks			X	
Industrial designs			X	
Geographical indications			X	

Other (please specify):

8. What types of IP data does your Office provide or collect?

Patents

	Provide	Collect	Both provide and collect	Not applicable
Bibliographic data (including classification information)			X	
Full-text publication data (including, description and claims)			X	
Full-image publication data (including bibliographic data, abstract, description and claims)			X	
Drawings (2D images, 3D models or 3D images)			X	
Citation information from search and/or examination			X	
Legal status data			X	
Sequence listing data			X	
Office actions			X	
Examination reports/Search report			X	
Statistical data (Added value data)			X	

Other (please specify):

Trademarks

	Provide	Collect	Both provide and collect	Not applicable
Bibliographic data (including classification information)			X	
Full-text publication data			X	
Mark representation (2D images, 3D models, 3D images, audio or video)			X	
Legal status data			X	
Examination reports/Search reports			X	
Office actions			X	
Statistical data (Added value data)			X	

Other (please specify):

Industrial Designs

	Provide	Collect	Both provide and collect	Not applicable
Bibliographic data (including classification information)			X	
Full-text publication data			X	
Industrial design representation (2D images, 3D models, 3D images, audio or video)			X	
Legal status data			X	
Examination reports/Search reports			X	
Office actions			X	
Statistical Data (Added value data)			X	

Other (please specify):

Geographical Indications

	Provide	Collect	Both collect and provide	Not applicable
Bibliographic data (including classification information)			X	
Full-text publication data			X	
Geographical indication representation (labels or images)			X	
Legal status data			X	
Office actions			X	
Statistical Data (Added value data)			X	

Other (please specify):

5. Types of IP data exchanged

9. Which type of file formats are used when your Office provides and/or collects IP data?

Document and archive format

XML
JSON
PDF
DOCX
XLS/XLSX
CSV
ZIP

2D images

JPEG
TIFF
PNG
SVG

Audio, video and multimedia

MP3
MP4
WEBM
WAV

3D model and 3D images

Not applicable

6. Types of IP data exchanged

10. Please indicate the data format related to WIPO Standards implemented by your Office in providing or collecting IP data

WIPO Standard ST.96: Recommendation for the processing of intellectual property information using XML

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WIPO Standard ST.97: Processing of Intellectual Property information using JSON

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Trademarks
Industrial designs
Geographical indications

Other WIPO Standards

Not applicable

7. Reason for collecting IP data

11. Why does your Office collect IP data from other Offices?

For internal use

Internal reports and analytics

For public dissemination

Not applicable

For external distribution

Reports and analytics exchanged with third parties (e.g., government agencies, research institutions)

8. IP data delivery methods/means

12. Which methods and/or means does your Office currently use to provide IP data?

API
SFTP/FTP/FTPS

9. Challenges

13. What challenges does your Office face in relation to providing IP data to other Offices?

Organizational and technical challenges

IP data are digitized but have poor quality and need to be corrected first
IP data cleansing and correction is ongoing

Legal and policy challenges

IP data is shared on condition that it is used for legitimate purposes

Financial challenges

The Office views IP data a potential source of revenue for the Office, that cannot be shared free of charge

14. What challenges does your Office face in relation to collecting IP data to other Offices?

Organizational and technical challenges

Use of non-standard, incompatible or unfamiliar IP data format
Poor quality of IP data (e.g., XML tags for gazette data provided by a partner Office were being provided incorrectly)
Incomplete IP data (e.g., a partner Office provides only a subset of data rather than the full dataset)
Irregular or inconsistent data provision (e.g., bulk data provided by partner Offices on a weekly basis, is skipped without notice
Lack of experts from the partner Offices to provide support for the activities

Legal and policy challenges

Legal concerns about ownership and redistribution of the IP (e.g., a partner Office does not give the redistribution rights)
Legal concerns about IP data correction (e.g., a partner Office does not give permission to correct obvious errors on the IP data)
Legal concerns about hosting data outside the geographic area of the partner Office's jurisdiction (e.g., a partner Office cannot share IP data with my Office due to legal restrictions on hosting their IP data outside of their Office's geographic jurisdiction)
IP data collected in not in compliance with applicable personal data protection requirements
IP data is shared on condition that it is used for legitimate purposes

Financial challenges

The Office views IP data as a potential source of revenue for the partner Office, that cannot be shared free of charge

10. Proposed solutions

15. What following proposed solutions could help your Office address the challenges your Office selected above?

Develop a new WIPO standard on the recommendation for the exchange of IP data and its use
Build a global platform to be used as a hub for data exchange
Collect and share best practices for data exchange

11. Proposed solutions

16. What recommendations should be included in the new WIPO standard on the recommendation for the exchange of IP data and its use?

Technical recommendation

Recommendations on data formats (e.g., XML, JSON, and other unified formats)
Recommendations on means and methods of IP data exchange
Recommendations on the frequency of IP data exchange
Recommendations on IP data quality

Legal and policy recommendations on IP data use

Recommendations on authorization for internal use of exchanged IP data
Recommendations on authorization for external use of exchanged IP data
Recommendation regarding the practice when IP data of the providing Office can be redistributed by the receiving Office to third parties
Recommendations on reciprocity principles between Offices exchanging IP data
Recommendations on the scope and authority of IP data distribution and its use to be mutually agreed upon by the two Offices involved in the IP data exchange, based on practical circumstances and the reciprocity principle, and clearly recorded in the formal data exchange agreement

Procedural and operational guidance

Recommendations on the consultation process for IP data exchange cooperation
Recommendations on templates or examples of IP data exchange agreements and/or Memorandums of Understanding (MoU)/Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC)/Terms of Use (ToU)

12. Legal and contractual framework for data exchange

17. Does your Office or your country have any national and/or regional laws or regulations that govern the transfer by your Office of IP data (including hosting or redistribution) outside of your jurisdiction?

No

18. Does your Office have formal written agreements (such as contracts/MoU/MoC/ToU/License Agreement) for data exchange with other IP Offices?

Yes, either bilateral contract/MoU/MoC/ToU is required

19. If possible, please provide template(s) of bilateral contract/MoU/MoC/ToU/License Agreement that your Office uses

20. Does your Office have formal written agreements for the provision of data to third parties? *(such as: MoU, MoC, ToU, contract, license agreement)*

Yes, required for any third parties

13. Conditions for provision, use and dissemination of IP data

21. How does your Office currently authorize the use and dissemination of exchanged IP data?

Determined by two Offices involved in the data exchange cooperation through consultation

22. How does your Office implement the reciprocity principle in practicing IP data exchange with other IP offices?

Bilaterally agreed by two sides

23. What reciprocity policy re-distribution would your Office support?

Exchange with no re-distribution rights (please provide details):

24. Would your Office support a recommendation that Offices provide their IP data free of charge or at marginal cost to the general public and any third party?

Yes, our Office supports providing IP data free of charge

14. Conditions for provision, use and dissemination of IP data

If your Office does not support free or marginal cost data provision, what barriers exist to implementing such recommendation?

15. Conditions for provision, use and dissemination of IP data

25. What level of internal use does your Office permit when sharing IP data with partner Offices?

Restricted internal use, permissible only for specific applications or uses

16. Conditions for provision, use and dissemination of IP data

26. If permissible for certain applications or uses, which of the following internal uses are permitted?

Examination and search activities
Publication in the partner Office's online search tools or databases
Research and development

17. Conditions for provision, use and dissemination of IP data

27. Does your Office permit partner Offices to provide IP data shared with them (including in bulk form) to third parties?

Permissible only under certain conditions

18. Conditions for provision, use and dissemination of IP data

28. Under what conditions would the provision of such data to third parties be permissible?

When the partner Office provides prior notification before sharing data with third parties (please describe the required content of such notification):
When the partner Office complies with our data protection requirements (please specify the legal basis and relevant principles):
When the partner Office complies with our related laws and regulations (please specify the legal basis and relevant articles):
When the partner Office demonstrates a legitimate purpose for sharing data with a third party (please provide examples of legitimate uses):

Please provide reasons why your Office does not permit the provision of such data to third parties

19. Data quality and error correction

29. Does your Office have mechanisms for checking data for assuring the quality of IP data before sharing them?

Yes

30. Which methods do you use on mechanisms for checking data for assuring the quality of IP data?

Automated validation checks (please provide details, tool name, set of business rules, if possible):

20. Data quality and error correction

31. Would your Office agree to partner Offices using their quality assurance mechanisms to detect errors in your IP data and providing them to your Office, for corrections at the source?

Yes

32. Would your Office permit partner Offices to correct errors in your IP data before they use internally, publish or share it?

Not permitted: Partner Offices must not alter our IP data in any way and must report errors and await corrected data from my Office

Please provide details of permissible corrections

33. What would be the timeframe to make the corrections?

34. Is your Office able to make the corrections, or does the applicant need to be part of this process?

Yes, our Office can make corrections directly (please explain):

35. How will these corrections be tracked and managed?

We have a tool that we use o check the quality of data

21. Data quality and error correction

36. Does your Office apply any quality assurance mechanisms to the datacollected from other Offices?

No

22. Update frequency

37. What update frequency can your Office as providing Office realistically support?

	Real-time	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Not applicable
Patents		X					
Trademarks		X					
Industrial designs		X					
Geographical indication		X					

Other (please specify):

38. Please provide any additional information or comments.

we have an automated tool that can update on scheduled times