

# ASPEC Requirements for Patent Work Sharing for Patent Examiners

Workshop on Technical Requirements to Facilitate ASPEC  
Work Sharing and ASEAN IP Portal

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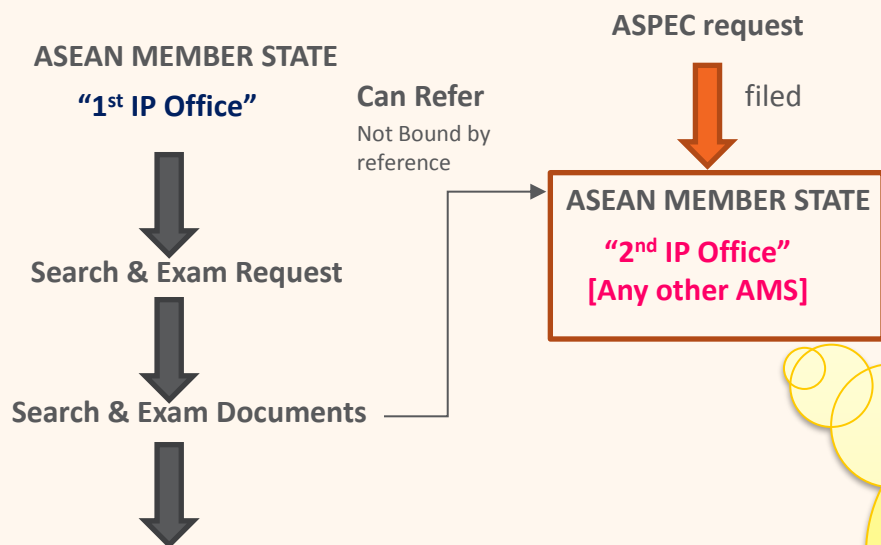
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# Suggestions to Improve Work Sharing in ASEAN

- More efficient and secure sharing of search and examination information required among ASEAN IP Offices
- Means of communication among examiners in ASEAN would be useful for the discussion of search and examination work
- Access to more patent literature outside of ASEAN useful
- High quality translation tools required

# The need for an IT Infrastructure for Work Sharing

- ASEAN IP Offices are aware of the WIPO CASE System which can facilitate work sharing and are prepared to leverage on the IT platform
- In addition to the functions and features available on the WIPO CASE System, ASEAN IP Offices have also requested for a communication platform to allow patent examiners to interact in a virtual environment so as to facilitate the communication and exchange of ideas.

# Communication Platform for Examiners

## Functionality Requirements of the Communication Platform in the WIPO CASE System

1. User registration requirements and general features
2. Posting of information onto the communication platform
3. Language and translation facilities
4. Alert services
5. Posts and Endorsements

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## Functionality Requirements of the Communication Platform in the WIPO CASE System

1. User registration requirements and general features
  - Access to the forum based on profile registration with user input such as name, office, designation, contact number, etc.
  - Auto-timeouts of user sessions after specified period of inactivity
  - Compatibility with common browser types with no loss of functionality and features
  - Other general administrative features to be provided

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### 2. Posting of information onto the communication platform

- Posts on the platform should cater to different functionalities such as general communication, private message and real time instant communication
- Users should be able to upload any type of document with no limit to the platform for the functionalities mentioned
- Posts should be displayed in separate sections under each patent family register
- Posts made by users will identify the users' names, date and timestamp, as well as presence status of the users
- Users should be able to endorse posts that other users submit, with comments.



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### 3. Language and translation facilities

- Any document attached to a post can be in English or non-English
- Translation tools allow for any non-English document attached to be translated to English
- Translation tools should also allow for any document attached in English or otherwise to be translated to any of the ASEAN language of choice of the user

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### 4. Alert services

- Notification services to alert users whenever a post is submitted for a new or existing discussion thread which the user is part of. The notification should be sent if the user is logged on to WIPO CASE, or sent to the user's specified email address accordingly
- Private messages notifications or real time instant communication notifications should likewise be sent to the user

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### 5. Posts and Endorsements

- The number of posts and the number of endorsements received by a user for his / her posts will be automatically calculated and displayed
- This information is updated after the end of each quarter and information from the previous quarter is archived accordingly.

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