



# **Inventor Assistance Program (IAP)**

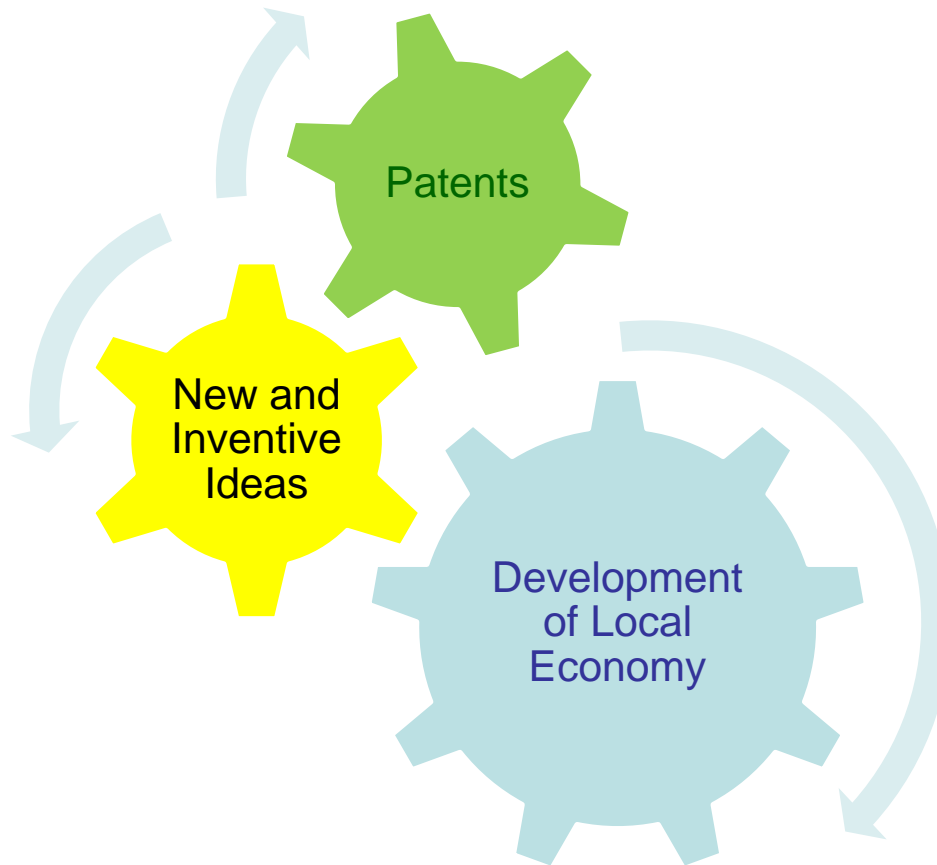
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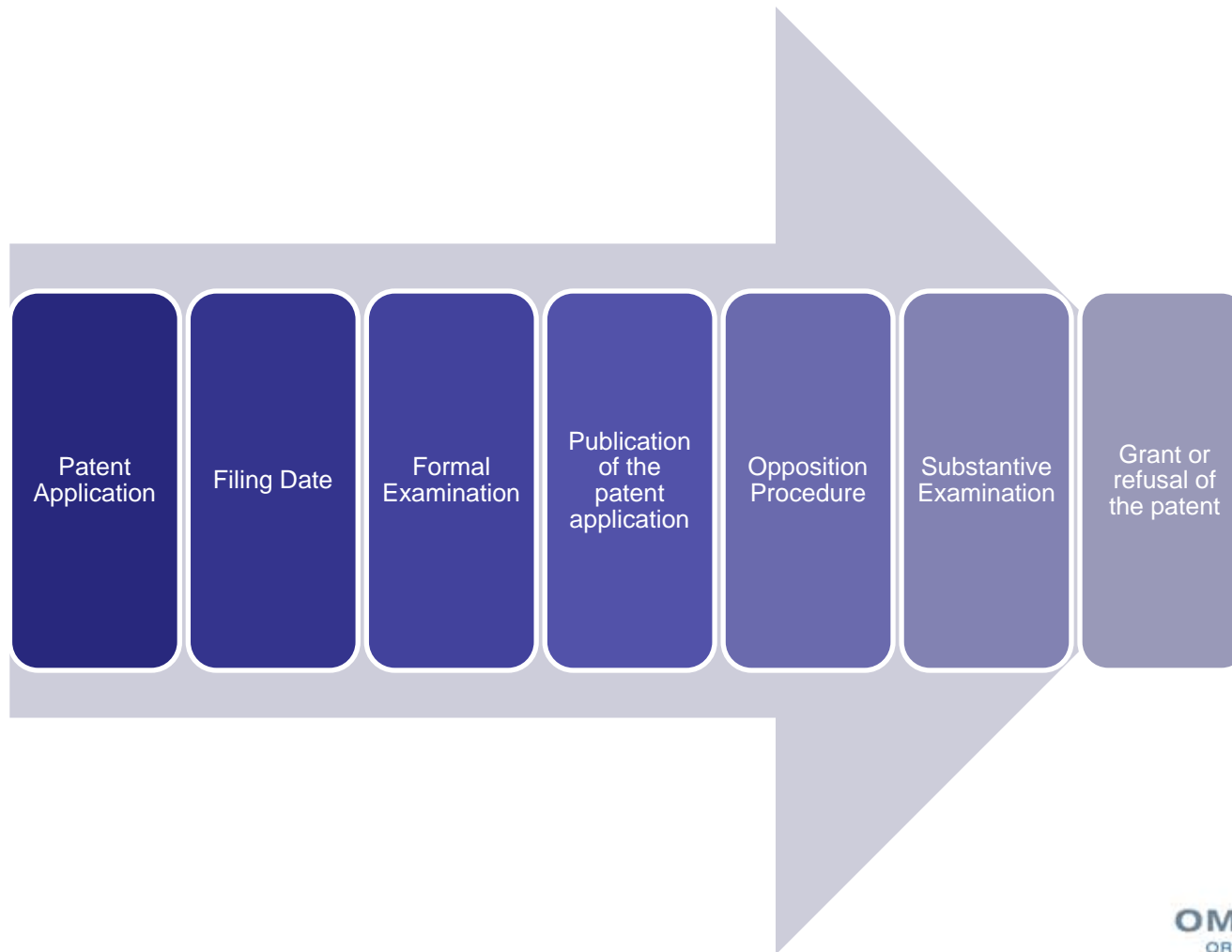
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# IPRs and Development



# Patent Grant Procedure



# Pro Bono Legal Services in the area of patents



## Pro Bono Legal Services

- Pro bono: Latin expression “*pro bono publico*”
- Provide a solution to the essential need of legal services



## Rules

- Lack of remuneration or reduced fee of the service: should not influence the quality of the work
- Rules and guidelines on professional conduct

# History



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The World Economic Forum (WEF) in the framework of the initiatives of the Global Agenda Council on the IP System 2012 - 2014



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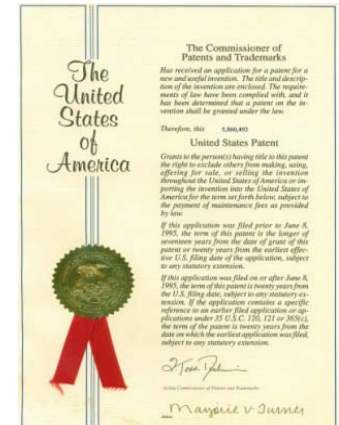
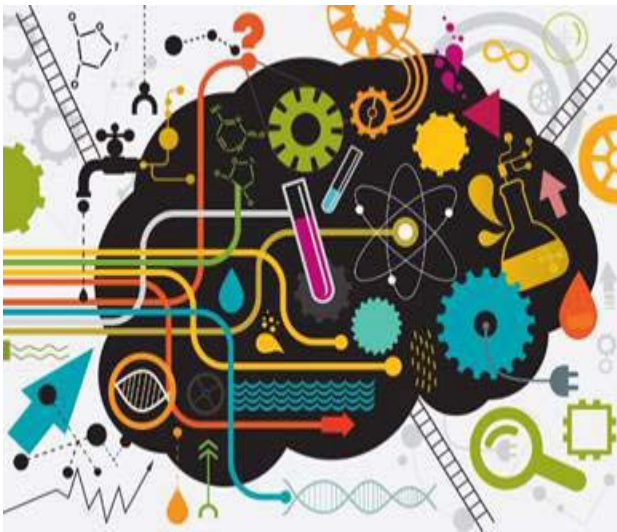


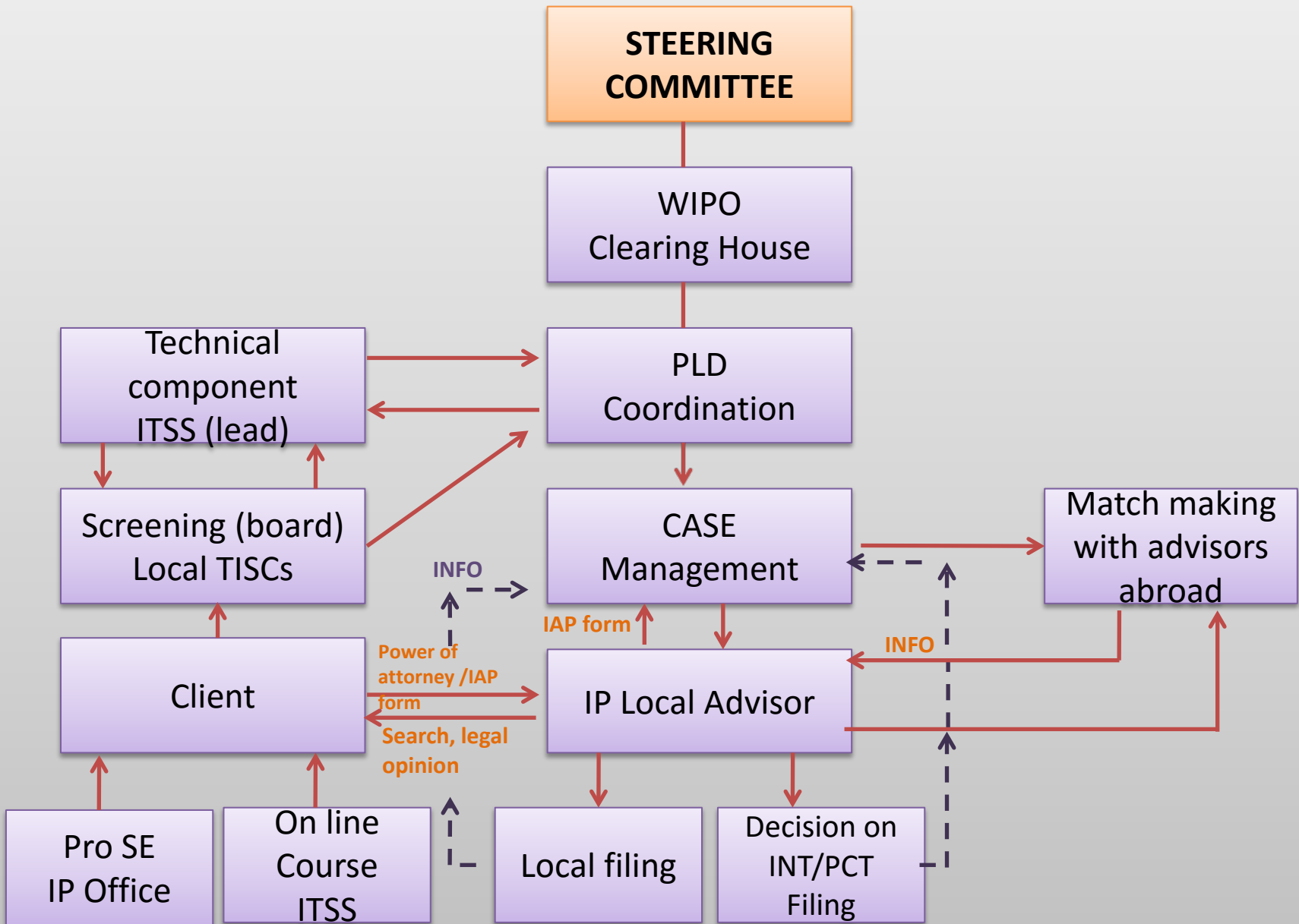
The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) undertook the role of clearing house in 2014



# IAP: How it works

WIPO





# The IAP benefits to...



## Inventors

- Help level the playing field for inventors.
- Everybody has the opportunity to see their invention examined in the substance by the Patent Office



## Society in general

- Exploiting opportunities offered by new inventions
- Technological progress



## Patent Offices

- More possibilities of interaction with the patent applicant
- Less effort in processing well presented patent applications



## Patent Attorneys

- Opportunity to acquire experience in very complex areas
- Future opportunities of contracts



# Thank you for your attention.

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