

Program and Budget Committee

Thirty-Second Session
Geneva, July 12 to 16, 2021

LIST OF DECISIONS

prepared by the Secretariat

AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

AGENDA ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

document WO/PBC/32/1.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) adopted the agenda (document WO/PBC/32/1).

AGENDA ITEM 3. ELECTION OF AN ACTING VICE-CHAIR OF THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE (PBC)

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) decided not to take action on this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 4. WIPO PERFORMANCE REPORT 2020

document WO/PBC/32/2.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC), having reviewed the WIPO Performance Report (WPR) for 2020 (document WO/PBC/32/2), and recognizing its nature as a self assessment of the Secretariat, recommended to the Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, to take note of the positive financial performance and Programs' progress towards achieving the expected results in 2020.

AGENDA ITEM 5. FINANCIAL SITUATION AS OF END 2020: PRELIMINARY RESULTS

document WO/PBC/32/INF/1.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) took note of the contents of the document (WO/PBC/32/INF/1).

AGENDA ITEM 6. MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGIC PLAN (MTSP) 2022-2026

document WO/PBC/32/3.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) recommended to the Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, to take note of the Medium-Term Strategic Plan (MTSP) 2022-2026 (document WO/PBC/32/3).

AGENDA ITEM 7. DRAFT PROPOSED PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR 2022/23

document WO/PBC/32/4.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC), having completed a comprehensive first review by Sector, as well as Annexes and Appendices, of the draft proposed Program of Work and Budget for the 2022/23 biennium (document WO/PBC/32/4):

- (i) Welcomed the streamlining of the Draft Proposed Program of Work and Budget for 2022/23 facilitating readability, transparency and accountability;*
- (ii) Emphasized the importance of WIPO prioritizing its COVID-19 response in the biennium 2022/23, including the initiatives outlined in the P&B document and as further clarified by the Director General in his opening statement, ensuring adequate resources to assist Member States in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences and in laying the foundations for post COVID-19 economic recovery efforts;*
- (iii) Underlined the importance of promoting diversity and inclusivity in the field of intellectual property, including gender balance and geographical diversity, through WIPO's initiatives, programs and within its own organization;*
- (iv) Agreed to the following modifications proposed by Member States:*
 - addition of SDGs by Strategic Pillar to the Results Framework Chart (page 8);*
 - change of document reference for the definition of development expenditure (A/55/4) in the footnote (page 8);*
 - update of Table 6 and the Resources by Cost Category table for Brands and Designs (page 29) to reflect the correction in the "Publishing" and "Contractual Services" cost-categories related to the promotion of the Hague System;*
 - addition of a cross-organizational KPI: "No. of national, sub-regional, and regional projects, including those implemented through partnership*

frameworks, that have achieved their expected benefits or completed important milestones” for ER 4.1 in the PT and CCI Sectors;

- addition of two cross-organizational KPIs: (i) No. of matches between green technology seekers and providers via the WIPO GREEN platform and through Acceleration Projects; and (ii) No. of WIPO Re:Search R&D collaborations advancing through clinical R&D phases for ER 3.3. in the RND Sector;
 - update of insert on WIPO’s response to COVID-19 and implementation strategies of the Global Challenges and Partnerships Sector and in collaboration with other Sectors to include additional initiative(s) to utilize the Organization’s know-how and its partnerships towards WIPO’s COVID-19 response, and strengthen resources allocated to Expected Results 2.2, 2.4, 3.3 and 4.4 accordingly;
 - the inclusion of KPI: (i) percentage of WIPO Flagship Publications for which the Executive Summary is translated into all official UN languages, target 100 %, (ii) percentage of WIPO global publications on substantive IP topics published in 2022/2023 and translated into all official UN languages, target 100 %, (iii) implementation of pilots within the framework of the Revised Language Policy roadmap, Phase 1 for ER 1.1 in the AFM Sector;
 - Provide a breakdown of the resources associated with ER 3.1 for promotion of the Global IP Systems; and
 - Include a comparison of development expenditure by Sector 2022/23 versus 2020/21 and a breakdown of the development expenditure by ER and Sector.
- (v) Requested the Secretariat to issue a revised version of the draft proposed Program of Work and Budget for the 2022/23 biennium based on (iv).

AGENDA ITEM 8. UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GROUP (UNSDG) MEMBERSHIP

document WO/PBC/32/5.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC):

- (i) requested the Secretariat to continue to engage with the Development Coordination Office to obtain additional clarifications on the impact of UNSDG membership on WIPO’s work; and
- (ii) requested the Secretariat to submit a report of the Secretariat’s further consultations referred to in paragraph (i) above in order to facilitate the discussion on the decision on UNSDG membership at the 33rd session of the Program and Budget Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 9. REVISED POLICY ON LANGUAGES AT WIPO

document WO/PBC/32/6.

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC);

- (i) took note of the contents of the present document; and*
- (ii) recommended to the Assemblies of WIPO, each as far as it is concerned, the adoption of the proposed Revised Language Policy set out in Sections III, IV, V and VI, above.*

AGENDA ITEM 10. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE 2021 EVALUATION OF WIPO EXTERNAL OFFICES

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) took note of the interventions and with the aim to develop the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Evaluation of WIPO External Offices, requested the Secretariat:

- To invite all interested Member States to send their views in writing on the preparations of the ToR; and*
- To provide an update on the status and progress of submissions by Member States at the 33rd session of the PBC for further discussion and consideration.*

AGENDA ITEM 11. METHODOLOGY FOR ALLOCATION OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE BY UNION

The Program and Budget Committee (PBC) took note of the interventions and decided to continue the discussion on the methodology for allocation of income and expenditure by Union at the 33rd session of the PBC.