

WIPO



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WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION GENEVA

QUESTIONNAIRE

ON THE

DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR THE 2010/11 BIENNIUM

I. BACKGROUND

The present questionnaire is being issued pursuant to the mechanism for the preparation and the follow-up of the Program and Budget (see Annex I) and the decision taken by the forty-sixth session of the WIPO Assemblies held in December 2008 (document A/46/12, paragraph 54).

Member States' replies to the questionnaire will be published on the WIPO website in their original language. These replies will assist the Secretariat in the preparation of the draft Program and Budget for the 2010/11 biennium, which will be reviewed by the Program and Budget Committee at its June 2009 session.

Strategic Goals

The Program and Budget for the 2010/11 biennium is prepared on the basis of the same nine strategic goals approved by the Member States under the revised Program and Budget for the 2008/09 Biennium (document WO/PBC/13/4 and A/46/12), and in parallel with the Medium-Term Strategic Plan 2010-15 (MTSP). The Strategic Framework, the program structure and the summary of the nine Strategic Goals are attached as Annex II. For reference, the nine Strategic Goals are:

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| Strategic Goal I: | Balanced Evolution of the International Normative Framework for IP |
| Strategic Goal II: | Provision of Premier Global IP Services |
| Strategic Goal III: | Facilitating the Use of IP for Development |
| Strategic Goal IV: | Coordination and Development of Global IP Infrastructure |
| Strategic Goal V: | World Reference Source for IP Information and Analysis |
| Strategic Goal VI: | International Cooperation on Building Respect for IP |
| Strategic Goal VII: | Addressing IP in Relation to Global Policy Issues |
| Strategic Goal VIII: | A Responsive Communications Interface between WIPO, its Member States and All Stakeholders |
| Strategic Goal IX: | An Efficient Administrative and Financial Support Structure to Enable WIPO to Deliver its Programs |

II. COMMENTS

Please provide, in the right-hand column, your Government's comments on the strategic issues and priorities which you would like to see addressed in the context of the preparation of the next draft Program and Budget of the Organization.

Strategic Goals	Comments
I. Balanced Evolution of the International Normative Framework for IP	
II. Provision of Premier Global IP Services	
III. Facilitating the Use of IP for Development	
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VI. International Cooperation on Building Respect for IP	
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III. GENERAL COMMENTS

Any comments of general nature may be provided in the box below.

General Comments
<p>While Ireland is not a member of the Program and Budget Committee, the following general comments are offered in relation to the strategic goals for the Program and Budget for the 2010/2011 biennium.</p> <p>Ireland strongly supports the DG in his efforts to restore WIPO as the primary and central organisation in the development and standardisation of an international framework for Intellectual Property.</p> <p>We attach particular importance to renewed efforts at improving such strategic goals as the International Normative Framework for IP, and progress on the harmonisation of intellectual property systems in such areas as trade marks, patents and copyright.</p> <p>Clearly, it is also important in that context that WIPO should have an efficient administrative and financial management structure, to ensure programme delivery.</p> <p>Again, in the present economic circumstances, particular caution is essential in terms of committing to new discretionary expenditures and in the Organisation's ability to best relate ongoing outlays to income.</p>

IV. PROCEDURES FOR REPLY

It would be appreciated if the completed questionnaire could be returned to the International Bureau, preferably by email to <controller.mail@wipo.int>, before Thursday, March 19, 2009. A confirmation copy may be sent by post. The questionnaire is also available in the electronic form on the Organization's Website at <<http://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/pb/>>.

List of Annexes:

- Annex I Implementation of the New Mechanism
- Annex II The Strategic Framework, the program structure and the summary of the nine Strategic Goals

[Annexes follow]