

WIPO Global Symposium for IP Authorities
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Topics to be discussed

1. From paper to digital; what challenges are facing small IP offices and how have you responded to them?
2. Technical infrastructure for improved international collaboration on search and examination; what business and technical requirements would be considered as essential to developing a common platform for international collaboration?
3. Voluntary recordation of copyrighted works: How are they contributing to creative works transactions and what are the recent challenges?
4. How small IP offices can efficiently and effectively search and examine patent applications? Would it be possible to exploit search and examination work done by other IP offices and if so how? What experience do some IP Offices have in contracting out search work to other IP Offices?
5. IP5 Foundation projects; why are they necessary for work sharing and what challenges are IP5 taking on?
6. Increasing number of trademark applications and globalization of branding goods and services; how are these challenges influencing trademark offices administration, and what practices have you recently reengineered?
7. Overcoming language barriers in patent information search; the potential of tools for cross language information retrieval and machine translation.

Concluding Session:

Facilitating local innovation by patent information and additional tools that may boost local innovation; what practices and services have your IP offices recently adopted? What experience do you have in creating strategic partnerships with academia, industry and government agencies?