



World Intellectual Property Organization

Delivery of WIPO's Information Technology Program



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Background to WIPO's IT Program

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The Global Backdrop

Research and Development = 1.5% of Gross Domestic Product in Developed Countries

Needs - rapid access to accurate and up-to-date information

Shifts - knowledge driven economy

- Increasing commercial value of Intellectual Property (IP)

- Digital divide is a restrictive factor in economic development



Challenges

Most of WIPO's business processes rely heavily on paper

In 2001 WIPO expects approximately:

- [105,000 PCT applications](#)

- 25,000 Trademark applications

- 4,500 Industrial Design deposits

Major factors - Continual growth in both number, size and complexity of applications



Challenges

- Existing systems are aging and can no longer respond to emerging needs for e.g. electronic information dissemination

- Adding value to the data and information received on paper is a costly and time consuming process

- Changing the way we work



WIPO's IT Vision

Ensure that technological solutions meet the objectives of the Organization by providing global access to information and services in an integrated, secure and flexible environment

WIPO's IT Program

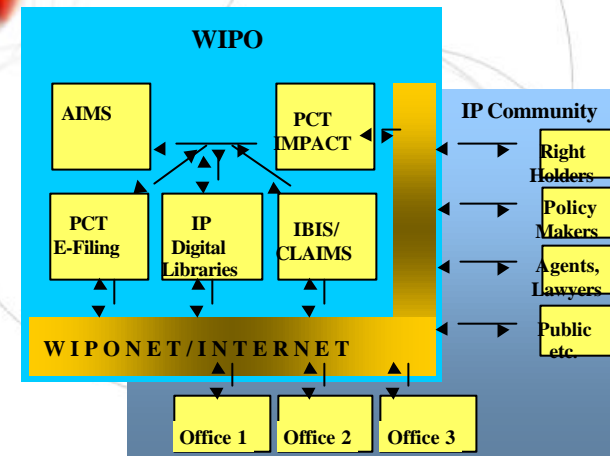
WIPO is building an IT capacity that can meet the challenges by:

focusing on business and member State needs and requirements

capitalizing on Internet based technologies and open standards

recognizing the importance of system inter-operability and electronic data exchange with Member State Offices

IT Strategic Overview





Combined Benefits

Provision of access to information & services

Reductions in the costs of IP protection

Encourages innovation at the national level

Assists in the harmonization of technical and legal aspects of IP protection through systems integration

Built-in flexibility and scalability that can respond to emerging needs

Helping to close the digital divide in the Global IP community



Thank You

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