

C. CWS 108

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Re: Establishment of CWS Task Forces: Blockchain, 3D and Digital Transformation Task Forces

Madam,
Sir,

At its Sixth Session, held from October 15 to 19, 2018, the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) agreed to create the following new tasks:

Task No. 59: Explore the possibility of using blockchain technology in the processes of providing IP rights protection, processing information about IP objects and their use; Collect information about IPO developments in use of and experience with blockchain, assess current Industry Standards on blockchain and consider merit and applicability to IPOs; Develop a model to standardize approaches of using blockchain technology in the IP field, including guiding principles, common practice and use of terminology as a framework supporting collaboration, joint projects and proofs of concept; and Prepare a proposal for a new WIPO standard applying blockchain technology in the processes of providing IP rights protection, processing information about IP objects and their use.

Task No. 61: Prepare a proposal for recommendations on three-dimensional (3D) models and images.

Task No. 62: Review WIPO Standards: ST.6, ST.8, ST.10, ST.11, ST.15, ST.17, ST.18, ST.63 and ST.81 in view of electronic publication of IP documentation; and propose revisions of those Standards if needed.

In order to administer these new Tasks, the CWS established three new Task Forces: the Blockchain Task Force for Task No. 59, the 3D Task Force for Task No. 61 and the Digital Transformation Task Force for Task No. 62.

The CWS designated IP Australia and Rospatent as co-leaders of the Blockchain Task Force, Rospatent as leader of the 3D Task Force and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as leader of the Digital Transformation Task Force.

The International Bureau hereby invites CWS Members wishing to participate in the above-mentioned Task Forces to nominate their representative(s).

The work of the said Task Forces will be conducted in English through electronic means and at face-to-face meetings. The Task Forces expect to commence their work in December 2018.

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- Should your Office/Organization wish to participate in the Task Forces, details of your representative(s) should be sent to the International Bureau at cws.mail@wipo.int by December 7, 2018. Please see the Annex to this Circular for further details. It would be appreciated if the number of this circular could be quoted as a reference in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely,



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In order to participate in the Task Force discussions on the WIPO Wiki platform, the person nominated by his/her Office/Organization as the Task Force member (representative) should have a WIPO User Center Account.

If the representative does not have an account, he or she should create one at <https://www3.wipo.int/wipoaccounts/usercenter/public/register.jsf> and then validate the account following the instructions received by e-mail.

When validating the account, the representative will be asked to create a username to be used when accessing Wiki space. It is recommended that the username be preceded by the corresponding WIPO ST.3 code separated by a dash (e.g., "ca-jsmith").

In order to ensure that the account has been successfully created, the representative should log in to the WIPO Wiki at <https://www3.wipo.int/confluence> (clicking on "Log in" at the top-right corner and entering his/her username and password).

Once the account has been successfully created, the following details should be sent to the International Bureau at cws.mail@wipo.int:

- Name of Office/Organization;
- Last name, First name (Mr./Ms.);
- Position in the Office;
- WIPO User Center ID (username created following the above instructions);
- E-mail address used when creating WIPO User Center account; and
- The Task Force(s) they wish to participate in Blockchain Task Force, 3D Task Force and/or Digital Transformation Task Force.

Once the details listed above have been processed by the International Bureau, the nominees will receive a notification that they can access the respective Task Force Wiki(s).

For further information, please contact the International Bureau at cws.mail@wipo.int.

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