



IP5 Global Dossier Task Force Meeting & Industry Consultation Group Meeting

Meeting Summary

The 2022 IP5 Global Dossier Task Force (GDTF) and Industry Consultation Group (ICG) Meetings were held virtually by the CNIPA on 4 March 2022. Representatives from IP5 offices, IP5 Industry and WIPO attended the online videoconference and shared views and opinions openly.

Feedback from IP5 Industry on the One Portal Dossier (OPD) system and Global Dossier (GD) priorities, the NET/AI Roadmap implementation, PHEP topics, IP5 Collaborative Search & Examination (CS&E) pilot and IP5 website improvements were collected. Reducing the procedural burden in the post pandemic era and arrangements for the 2022 IP5 high-level meetings were also discussed.

The IP5 offices expressed their appreciation for the continued dialogue with IP5 Industry via GDTF and ICG, and said they would take the feedback collected into consideration for future work in all IP5 working groups and keep active communication with IP5 Industry.

Main outcomes:

1. Feedback on OPD system and GD priorities:

- IP5 Industry provides their comments on the existing OPD system. Industry suggests OPD system should be referred to as the Global Dossier (GD) system to avoid confusion and stresses the importance of further improvements on timeliness, completeness and availability.
- Industry suggests that the remaining goals on documents in text format, appeal and trial decisions and enriched citations should be further pursued.
- For the GD five priorities, industry requests to see main outcomes and a timeline, and hopes that the use of paper communications, certificates, etc

could be reduced or eliminated by improving the GD systems.

- Among the GD five priorities, industry believes XMLization should be given priority and prefers email for alerting. Regarding the inter-office document sharing, industry reiterated the expectation that the burden of the IDS requirement would be eased and the ultimate goal of achieving the “active component” would be maintained. Applicant name standardization should be considered in the context of the global assignment project.

- In response to the industry feedback, the IP5 offices report on the progress and next steps of the OPD and GD system developments, and express their commitment to work on the projects. Progress will be made available to industry when possible.

2. Implementation of IP5 NET/AI Roadmap:

- Industry considers the NET/AI issue to be very important and thanks the offices for their efforts in producing the Roadmap. An Industry AI Task Force (IAITF) has been established by IP5 Industry and will continue to contribute to the implementation of the Roadmap from the user side. Industry believes that the adoption of a uniform, clear set of category definitions for NET/AI related inventions will benefit all stakeholders. Machine translations and comparative studies & guidelines relating to standards of AI-related inventions are seen by industry as most promising cooperation opportunities. Potential areas of work by the working groups in the area of statistics, forecasting and classification are also suggested.

- The offices thank the industry for establishing the IAITF and state that the IP5 have started detailed discussions on specific project proposals for the implementation of the Roadmap. The offices will maintain close collaboration and share the latest developments with industry.

3. PHEP-Global Assignment and Allowable features in drawings:

- The industry thanks the offices for their continued work on this project and looks forward to seeing the progress and further cooperating with the offices. For global assignment, industry suggests that technical work on the global assignment database might be pursued in parallel. For “Allowable Features in Drawings”, following the presentation of a mock-up by the EPO, industry looks forward to publication of the "IP5-Safe Format" on the IP5 website as a great outcome of phase 1 and hopes that alignment will steadily move forward.

- The offices thank the industry for the suggestions provided and will take a stepwise approach for the two projects to ensure efficient implementation.

4. Reducing the procedural burden in the post-pandemic era:

- The industry thanks the IP5 offices for the work that they have done on reducing procedural burdens during the pandemic and would appreciate the continuation of these efforts beyond the COVID-19 crisis. The industry suggests the offices looking into improving their “electronification”, such as

patent certificates and signed documents, and considering harmonization of form requirements. Machine translation is also an important issue for industry.

- The offices take note of the requests of users for e-signature and will continue their efforts in reducing the procedural burden in post pandemic era.

5. IP5 Collaborative Search & Examination Pilot – extension of the evaluation phase:

- The industry supports a one-year extension of the CS&E evaluation phase and expects detailed evaluation report or data for review on users' benefits. The industry also notes that cost would be a key factor in the willingness to participate in CS&E.

- The offices thank the inputs from the industry and will provide an intermediary report of the CS&E indicators at the IP5 high-level meetings in June.

6. IP5 Website improvements:

- The industry commends the high quality of the IP5 website and appreciates the efforts on improving the IP5 website. Suggestions on structure and content of the website to improve its readability for users are highlighted. Detailed feedback from the industry was provided in written form.
- The offices appreciate the industry's exhaustive feedback to the IP5 website and will make further efforts to enhance its user-friendliness.

7. 2022 IP5 high-level meeting:

- IP5 Industry agrees that virtual meetings would be preferable. Industry believes that Intellectual Property (IP) and the promotion of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is a suitable strategic topic and suggests focusing the discussion on a few specific SDGs that have a close relationship with IP. The 10th Anniversary of IP5 industry should be celebrated and focus on the accomplishments of the IP5 and showcase the link between innovation and IP.

- The EPO, as the co-host of 2022 IP5 high-level meeting, confirms the IP5 high-level meeting will be held in the week of 7 to 10 June in virtual format and proposes energy, circular economy and health as the themes for narrowing down the strategic topic discussion. The offices are looking forward to jointly celebrating the 10th anniversary of working together with industry.