

WIPO-INDIA Action Plan 2023-25

S. No.	Activities Proposed	Relevant Sector/ Office
1.	Focus Area I: Copyright and Creative Industries	
	<p>WIPO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to provide technical assistance for further development of the online filing and processing system of the Copyright Office, India. 2. to provide support in capacity building and IT solutions in support of the collective management of copyright and related rights, for instance WIPO Connect. 3. to provide assistance on legislative and policy advice based on mutually agreed objectives, with regard to the framework of Indian Copyright law vis-à-vis the related WIPO-Administered Treaties in the fields of copyright and related rights. <p>O/o. CGPDTM, India:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to explore the possibility of deployment of WIPO's IT tools in IP Office, India in the field of Copyrights and Related Rights, for instance, WIPO Connect. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIPO: Copyright and Creative Industries Sector – Copyright Management Division • WIPO: Copyright and Creative Industries Sector – Copyright Law Division • WIPO: Infrastructure and Platforms Sector – IP Office Business Solutions Division • O/o. CGPDTM: Copyright Office
2.	Focus Area II: Patents and Patent Related Support	
	<p>WIPO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to provide request based assistance in patents and the related fields. 2. to provide support in conducting an analysis of the existing legal framework of Indian Patent Laws vis-à-vis the related WIPO-Administered Treaties in the fields of patents and technology. 3. to partner, where convenient, with the O/o. CGPDTM to organize capacity building programs or awareness raising activities on the use of the PCT system for stakeholders <p>O/o. CGPDTM, India:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to explore the possibility of deployment of WIPO's tools, for instance, WIPO Translate, including their customization, where required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIPO: Patents and Technology Sector – Patent and Technology Law Division • WIPO: Patents and Technology Sector – PCT International Cooperation Division • O/o. CGPDTM: Patent Office
3.	Focus Area III: SMEs & IP Commercialization	
	<p>WIPO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to provide guidance to IP officials on various aspects of IPR protection for SMEs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIPO: IP and Innovation Ecosystem Sector –IP for

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	<p>and Startups, including building awareness of the use of various IP tools, materials and services developed by WIPO, for assisting business community use the IP system.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. to explore the possibility of the Indian IP office collaborating in WIPO's Inventor Assistance Program to provide legal assistance to inventors to secure patent protection in the participating countries. 3. to partner, where convenient, with O/o. CGPDTM to organize patent drafting workshops in India, in offline or online mode. 4. to partner, where convenient, with the O/o. CGPDTM to organize capacity building programs on IPR protection for SMEs, Startups and other relevant business entities. <p>O/o. CGPDTM, India:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to explore with WIPO's support the possibility of deployment of WIPO's tools to undertake a basic diagnostic of the intellectual property (IP) situation of SMEs and businesses, for instance, WIPO IP Diagnostics. 2. to explore the possibility of linking the programs meant for assisting inventors with the related schemes in India, such as, linkage of WIPO's Inventor Assistance Program (IAP); and WIPO's International Patent Drafting Training Program with India's Scheme for Facilitating Start-Ups Intellectual Property Protection (SIPP); and National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM). 	<p>Business Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O/o. CGPDTM
4.	Focus Area IV: Industrial Designs	
	<p>WIPO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to provide request based assistance in the field of industrial designs. 2. to provide support in conducting an analysis of the existing legal framework of India's Industrial Designs Laws vis-à-vis the related WIPO-Administered Treaties in this field. 3. to organize capacity building workshops vis-à-vis the related WIPO-Administered Treaties in this field for the O/o. CGPDTM. 4. to partner, where convenient, with the O/o. CGPDTM to organize capacity building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIPO: Brands and Designs Sector– Hague Registry • WIPO: Brands and Designs Sector – Policy and Legislative Advice Section • O/o. CGPDTM: Designs Wing

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	programs for stakeholders in the field of industrial designs.	
5.	Focus Area V: Geographical Indications (GIs)	
	<p>WIPO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to provide request based assistance in the field of geographical indications. 2. to provide support in conducting an analysis of the existing legal framework of India's Laws vis-à-vis the related WIPO-Administered Treaties in this field. 3. to organize capacity building workshops vis-à-vis the related WIPO-Administered Treaties in this field for the O/o. CGPDTM. 4. to partner, where convenient, with the O/o. CGPDTM to organize capacity building programs for stakeholders in this field. 5. to organize a workshop for the IP office on the 'Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International Registration' and the 'Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement'. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIPO: Brands and Designs Sector – Policy and Legislative Advice Section • WIPO: Brands and Designs Sector – Lisbon Registry • O/o. CGPDTM: GI Registry
6.	Focus Area VI: Trade Marks and Madrid System Related Support	
	<p>WIPO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to provide request based assistance in the field of trade marks, in general, and the Madrid System for international registration, in particular. 2. to provide support in conducting an analysis of the existing legal framework of India's Laws vis-à-vis the related WIPO-Administered Treaties in this field. 3. to organize capacity building workshops vis-à-vis the related WIPO-Administered Treaties in this field for the O/o. CGPDTM. 4. to partner, where convenient, with the O/o. CGPDTM to organize capacity building programs for stakeholders in this field, in general, and for promoting the use of the Madrid System for small entities, such as, startups and SMEs, in particular. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIPO: Brands and Designs Sector – Policy and Legislative Advice Section • WIPO: Brands and Designs Sector – Madrid Registry • WIPO: Regional and National Development Sector – Division for Asia and the Pacific • O/o. CGPDTM, Trade Marks Registry
7.	Focus Area VII: SMEs & IP Dispute Support	
	<p>WIPO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to explore with the O/o. CGPDTM the use of WIPO's Mediation services as an alternative to litigating in the O/o. CGPDTM for resolving pending trade mark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIPO: IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector – WIPO Arbitration and Mediation

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	<p>disputes..</p> <p>2. to provide awareness raising workshop on use of ADR to litigants in the Office of CGPDTM.</p> <p>O/o. CGPDTM, India:</p> <p>1. to explore with WIPO's support the potential establishment of an ADR process or unit in India for increasing the capacity and awareness of ADR in India.</p>	<p>Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O/o. CGPDTM
8.	<p>Focus Area VIII: Traditional Knowledge, Genetic Resources & Cultural Expressions</p>	
	<p>WIPO:</p> <p>1. to provide request based assistance in the field of traditional knowledge, genetic resources and traditional cultural expressions, in general.</p> <p>2. to organize capacity building workshops in this field for the O/o. CGPDTM, including providing information on the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on IP and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) and the related Diplomatic Conference.</p> <p>3. to partner, where convenient, with the O/o. CGPDTM, to organize capacity building programs for stakeholders in this field, in general, and to promote the use of IP system in this field, in particular.</p> <p>O/o. CGPDTM, India:</p> <p>1. to engage with WIPO for promoting protection of traditional knowledge, genetic resources and traditional cultural expressions against misappropriation, and promoting equitable sharing of benefits from their commercialization.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIPO: Global Challenges and Partnerships Sector–Traditional Knowledge Division • O/o. CGPDTM
9.	<p>Focus Area IX: IP Education and Training</p>	

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	<p>WIPO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to partner with the O/o. CGPDTM in improving awareness and knowledge on IP, in particular to support the development of an IP Training Institute (IPTI) in New Delhi and the further development of RGNIIPM, Nagpur. 2. to explore providing further incentives to expand participation in WIPO Distance Learning (DL) courses. 3. to explore in collaboration with RGNIIPM & MNLU, Nagpur, an expanded program for the WIPO-India Summer School on IP. 4. to provide assistance and support in conducting IPR related events for benefit of Judges. <p>O/o. CGPDTM, India:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to engage with WIPO for the purpose of conducting a “hackathon” focusing on South Asia and South East Asia, in partnership with the O/o. CGPDTM 2. to engage with WIPO to explore the development and running of additional WIPO-India Summer Schools. 3. to engage with WIPO and explore the development of new courses in IP, collaboratively with Indian Universities and WIPO Academy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIPO: Regional and National Development Sector – WIPO Academy • WIPO: IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector – WIPO Judicial Institute • O/o. CGPDTM, RGNIIPM and International Affairs Divisions
10.	Focus Area X: Frontier Technology & Use of AI Tools	
	<p>WIPO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to provide information and assistance regarding developments in the use of technologies such as artificial intelligence to enhance the IT system in the IP office. 2. to exchange information and provide support in accessing various WIPO databases, tools and platforms for the purpose of strengthening the IT division in the O/o. CGPDTM. 3. to partner, where convenient with the O/o CGPDTM, to undertake initiatives on upcoming technologies in the field of patents such as Artificial Intelligence, IoT etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIPO: Infrastructure and Platforms Sector • O/o. CGPDTM
11.	Focus Area XI: IP Office Support and Administration	
	<p>WIPO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to provide, where convenient, request based assistance in this field. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIPO: Infrastructure and Platforms Sector

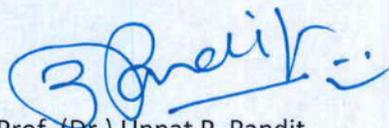
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	2. to undertake a regional activity on approaches to IP office administration and financing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIPO: Regional and National Development Sector – Division for Asia and the Pacific • O/o. CGPDTM
12.	Focus Area XII: SDGs and Related Initiatives	
	WIPO to provide guidance and support to the O/o. CGPDTM on how to promote SDGs and SDG based innovations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIPO: Global Challenges and Partnerships Sector • O/o. CGPDTM

Each Party agrees that:

1. the cooperation activities are not limited to those mentioned in this Work Plan and parties may agree to conduct further activities in accordance with the MoU with mutual consent of the Parties.
2. implementation of each activity shall be subject to the availability of the necessary means and resources, both human and financial, in the Party's respective budgets.
3. this Work Plan does not mandate the Parties to execute all the activities that have been mentioned herein and the same would be dependent on mutual convenience and availability of sufficient resources.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized thereto, have signed this Letter of Intent in four original copies, in English.

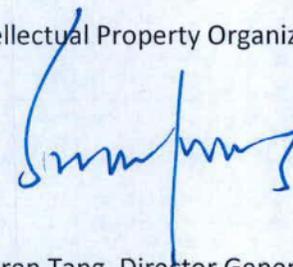
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For the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)



Mr. Daren Tang, Director General

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