Next stage of five short-term priorities

Inter-Office Document Sharing

The next stage to the Inter-Office Document Sharing involves utilizing the data currently available in the Global Dossier to help complete Office specific forms and documents. To accomplish this, functionality would be provided in Global Dossier allowing applicants to generate such forms and documents, which would be prepopulated with data available in Global Dossier, and could be further modified and submitted by applicants. Some examples of a Global Dossier generated form could include the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and the PPH form for the USPTO. The USPTO encourages the Offices to further discuss how the applicants could submit generated documents to the Office directly. This phase will rely heavily on XMLization project.

XMLization

The next stage to the XMLization includes the following three directions.
(1) All the IP5 offices will try to develop their own system towards the full XMLization.
(2) Sets of common or corresponding XML tags for major outgoing and incoming documents will be agreed among the IP5 offices, which potentially enables both the offices and users to fully utilize the XMLized information without any barriers between offices.
(3) In order to maximize the benefit of XML and to improve the convenience for users, the comparative study on e-filing format and procedures of the IP5 offices will be conducted. Users feedback will be welcomed when assessing the convenience of each format and procedure.

Legal Status

The IP5 offices will engage in providing standardized legal status if it is not available now in order to start regularly exchanging legal status data in bulk format or web services between the IP5 offices. IP5 Offices could develop their own system to make legal status available to their users based on their own preference following WIPO ST.27. At the same time, IP5 Offices will have more discussion on detailed events mapping of ST.27 and real time exchange through web services, such as GD, as well as discuss the standard issue.

Alert Functionality

Each IP5 Office will continue to strive towards developing its own Alerting service based on RSS pending further analysis and according to the requirements of its users .

IP5 Offices using RSS feeds are encouraged to work together with EPO to ensure that the individual RSS feeds can be either used alone, or incorporated into a family RSS feed to provide notification on a family of dossiers.   Those RSS feeds shall cover the same file wrapper data as available under GD in English and be available as a service opened to the public.

Standardized Applicant Name

The IP5 offices will consider various approaches including the following two approaches in parallel, provided that no changes on applicants name would be made without applicants' approval. IP5 offices will analyze the feasibility and the user needs for each approach. Once the IP5 offices reach a consensus on either or both of approaches to adopt, they will cooperate preferentially with the approach(es).

[Approach 1]
(1) IP5 offices will share their standardized applicant name DB   (if available), and their experiences and information related to applicant name standardization.
(2) Each IP5 office could conduct its own intra-standardization by making best use of the shared DB and information, or by collaborating with external stakeholders which are interested in applicant name standardization.
(3) IP5 offices could conduct the inter-standardization by mapping each office's standardized applicant names which represent all the various expressions of certain company names, and could update the mapping table of the inter-standardization periodically.

[Approach 2]
The IP5 Offices collaboratively establish the mapping table of applicant names with the cooperation from the IP5 Industry. And applicants and their representative attorneys are encouraged to use the standardized applicant names, or possibly the common relevant ID in the future, which are defined and listed on the table by the applicants.