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Inter-Office Document Sharing

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Progress in 2017

- **Investigated identified challenges with Document Sharing Proof of Concept**
 - Harmonization of forms
 - Addressing legal issues
 - Resolving IT/security concerns
- **Met with US Industry to discuss challenges and potential options for next steps**

Current Status

- **Identified Limitations**
 - Image-based documents
 - Differences in forms and documents
 - Language requirements
 - Authentication
 - Legal considerations
- **Identification of feasible path forward**
 - Pre-population of forms

Pre-population using XML

- Common data (in XML) from applications can be shared within Global Dossier
- Office-specific forms can be pre-populated with common data such as:
 - Inventor Name
 - Assignee Name
 - Priority Data
- Applicants can download pre-populated forms for local editing and submission to patent offices

Benefits of Data Sharing

- Reduce manual/typographical errors
- Provide consistency across multiple applications in family
- Reduced cost potential for Applicants

Next Steps

- Identify potential forms at each IP5 Office for pre-population
- Increased XML Document Provision Collaboration
 - Determine information needed for pre-population
 - Determine information available in XML from each office
- Work with partner IP5 Offices/WIPO and stakeholders to identify and address potential issues
 - Language requirements
 - Data that is missing or not available in XML

Thank you!

