



2024 IP5 Joint Statement: Building an inclusive IP system for sustainable future and innovation

On June 20, 2024, the European Patent Office (EPO), Japan Patent Office (JPO), Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), and United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), together known as the IP5 Offices, convened at the 17th Annual Meeting of the IP5 Heads of Office. The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) also attended the meeting in an observer capacity.

KIPO hosted the meeting in Seoul, city of innovation, under the theme ‘Inclusive Intellectual Property (IP) System for Sustainable Innovation’. In line with the new IP5 Vision Statement (<https://www.fiveipoffices.org/about>) adopted a year earlier, the Heads of the IP5 Offices highlighted the role of technological progress, innovation and IP to overcome global challenges and support economic growth, as well as resilient infrastructure to foster innovation. They noted the need for continued collaboration among the five Offices to promote eco-systems that facilitate the creation, utilization, and protection of IP rights by innovators around the world, including SMEs, and thus, contribute to the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Specifically, the IP5 Offices shared the initiatives and policies that would support the growth of SMEs with innovative technologies by leveraging IP, and explored how the IP5 Offices and WIPO can work together in this area. The IP5 Offices also agreed to develop ‘Guidelines for Building Sustainable Future’ as a way to set forth their medium to long-term approaches to implementing the new IP5 Vision.

In addition, the Heads of IP5 Offices endorsed the outcome of the ‘IP5 Project Review’ to determine the projects where the IP5 Offices’ resources would be more focused to generate concrete results, and better align with the new IP5 Vision Statement. The Heads agreed that this will help to ensure the efficient use of limited resources in advancing IP5 projects and enable a sustainable future for the IP5 Co-operation. The IP5 Offices also welcomed the preparation of ‘Hybrid Meeting Guidelines’ and shared the view that these Guidelines will be helpful for providing inclusiveness and sustainability within the IP5 Co-operation.

Recognizing that an IP system that can accommodate and embrace rapidly changing technologies is necessary to encourage innovation and build a sustainable future, the Heads of IP5 Office discussed IP and Artificial Intelligence (AI) at the ‘14th International IP Protection Conference’ held in Seoul on June 18, 2024, where each Office and WIPO presented their AI-related policies to stakeholders, including IP5 Industry. At the Heads of IP5 Office meeting, the Heads reviewed the status of the implementation of the New Emerging Technologies and



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Artificial Intelligence (NET/AI) Roadmap and approved the final outcomes of related IP5 projects, such as Examination practices on AI-related inventions and Inventorship of AI-generated inventions.

At their annual meeting held on June 19, the Heads of Office and IP5 Industry representatives reviewed the progress and next steps in key IP5 projects. They took stock of ongoing efforts in the IP5 jurisdictions to support the growth of innovative SMEs by leveraging IP and technical co-operation to build a user-friendly international IP landscape. Further, the IP5 Offices welcomed improvements of the IP5 Website (<https://www.fiveipoffices.org/home>), which will help to strengthen and enhance communication between IP5 Offices and stakeholders.

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