



Working Together Toward A Sustainable Patent System

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Environment

- Innovation is top issue for CEOs
- Economic challenges create a new IP marketplace
- Increased competition for ideas
- Strong patent systems required to enable collaboration

The past:

- Proprietary
- Controlled
- Unique



The future:

- Open
- Collaborative
- Shared
- Integrated

Challenges faced by patent offices



Workflow



Globalization



Product cycle



Quality

Advances in patent office collaboration

Five IP collaborative framework announced

- Elimination of unnecessary duplication of work among the offices
- Enhancement of patent examination efficiency and quality
- Guarantee of the stability of international patent rights

Five IP



- European Patent Office (EPO)
- Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)
- Japan Patent Office (JPO)
- State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO)
- United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

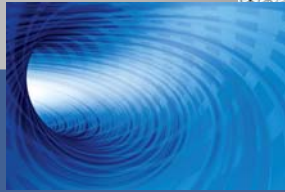
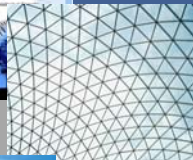


Collaboration: the road ahead



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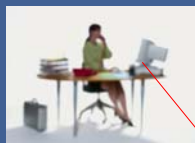
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Adopt and develop PCT framework

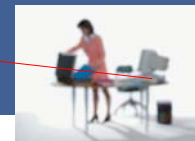
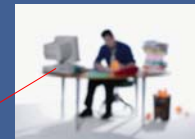


Real-time collaboration



International collaborative examination (ice)

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