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Study of Priority Document Exchange by ID5 Offices

Lead USPTO/SIPO



Project definition

Aim of project: To determine the feasibility and implementation timelines for Partners joining the WIPO Digital Access Service based priority document exchange system and/or SIPO's Verifiable Priority Document system.

The delivery of the project consists of the following steps:

- 1) Partners identify systems which facilitate an efficient and accurate exchange of priority documents for industrial designs (WIPO DAS and VPD).
- 2) Partner complete a Feasibility Study and Implementation Timeline for joining both the industrial design priority certification systems and decision by Partners whether to use the system in the future.
- 3) A subgroup of Partners fully join for the industrial design priority certification system(s) (unless all Partners are ready to join).
- 4) All Partners, assuming a desire to proceed with the systems, fully join the industrial design priority certification system(s).

In scope

- Identify systems which may facilitate an efficient and accurate exchange of priority documents for industrial designs. (e.g., WIPO DAS and VPD)
- Develop a format and structure for Feasibility Study and Implementation Timelines.
- Each Partner, to the extent possible, completes its respective Feasibility Studies and Timelines.
- Identify Partners in position to join the industrial design priority certification system(s) (hereinafter Lead Partners); Lead Partners will create a Cooperative Work Plan to join the industrial design priority certification systems for industrial design priority certification.
- All Partners, assuming a desire to proceed with the system(s), endeavor to join the industrial design priority certification system(s).
- Implementing priority document exchange system(s) as channels for exchanging industrial design priority documents, thus providing more choices and better services to users in conformity with the aims of ID5--improving user-friendliness of industrial design systems.

Out of scope

- The Feasibility Study, Implementation Timeline and Cooperative Work Plan are for prospective purposes only. They do not set forth any international obligations or obligate a Partner to implement the considered systems.
- This project is not intended to be completed within the next year or two. This is considered a long term goal for Partner Offices.
- It is envisioned that not all Partners may implement the industrial design priority certification systems for industrial design priority certification at the same time. Understanding inherent administrative limitations, Partners will implement the industrial design priority certification systems in view of their respective Feasibility Study and Implementation Timeline and respective desires to implement the systems.

Timeline

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March 2016	Lead Office submit a first draft Project Proposal for a <i>Study of Priority Document Exchange by ID5 Offices</i> including Study of Incorporation of Priority Document Exchange Through WIPO DAS and Study of Incorporation of SIPO Verified Priority Document (VPD) into Priority Document Exchange (PDX)
2016 Midterm Meeting	Partners submit observations on the first draft Project Proposal
August 2016	Lead Offices submit second draft Project Proposal.
October 2016	Partners submit observations on the second draft Project Proposal.
2016 Annual Meeting	The Lead Offices submit the final Project Proposal. Partners consider the final Project Proposal including decision on proceeding with study of incorporation of PDX via the WIPO DAS and decision on proceeding with study of incorporation of SIPO Verified Priority Document (VPD) into Priority Document Exchange (PDX). The Project is officially identified as an ID5 Project.
February 2017	The Lead Offices submit proposal for the format and the structure of the Partner Feasibility Study and Implementation Timeline relating to the DAS portion and the VPD portion.
March 2017	Partners submit observations on the format and structure of the Partner Feasibility Study and Implementation Timeline relating to the DAS portion and the VPD portion.
April 2017	The Lead Offices collect the observations of the Partners and submits the final format and structure of the Study and Timeline relating to the DAS portion and the VPD portion.
2017 Midterm Meeting (or September 1, 2017 if no Midterm Meeting)	The Partners will present their respective Feasibility Studies and Implementation Timeline to the extent possible. Partners in position to commit to future membership in WIPO DAS for industrial designs and partners in position to accept the VPD are identified (hereinafter "Lead Partners").
August 2017	The Lead Office will prepare proposal for a Cooperative Work Plan for Lead Partners to join WIPO DAS for industrial designs and begin utilization of the system. The Lead Partners will finish implementation work for accepting the VPD according to their respective Timelines.
September 2017	The Partners provide observations on the Cooperative Work Plan for Lead Partners to join WIPO DAS for industrial designs and begin utilization of the system. The Lead Partners will start to accept the VPDs from SIPO.
2017 Annual Meeting	The Lead Offices present a Cooperative Work Plan for Lead Partners to join WIPO DAS.
TBD	Lead Partners fully participate in WIPO DAS for industrial designs according to their respective feasibility studies and timelines. All partners will finish implementation work for accepting the VPD and start to accept the VPD according to their respective feasibility studies and timelines.
TBD	All Partners , assuming a desire to proceed with the systems fully participate in WIPO DAS for industrial designs.