

**WIPO Development Agenda  
Initial Working Document for Implementation of Agreed Proposals<sup>1</sup>**

The WIPO General Assembly reviewed the discussions during the two sessions of the Provisional Committee on Proposals Related to a WIPO Development Agenda (PCDA), in February and June 2007, noted the spirit of engagement and cooperation demonstrated by Member States during the meetings of the PCDA, expressed satisfaction at the consensus reached on the proposals submitted by Member States on the establishment of a development agenda for WIPO and decided, *inter alia*, to adopt the recommendations for action in the 45 agreed proposals contained in Annex A of document A/43/16. The Assembly also decided to immediately implement the recommendations contained in the list of 19 proposals in Annex B of the same document.

The General Assembly also decided to establish a Committee on Development and Intellectual Property to:

- (a) develop a work-program for implementation of the adopted recommendations;
- (b) monitor, assess, discuss and report on the implementation of all recommendations adopted, and for that purpose it shall coordinate with relevant WIPO bodies; and
- (c) discuss intellectual property and development related issues as agreed by the Committee, as well as those decided by the General Assembly.

For the first meeting of the Committee, the then Chair of the PCDA was requested to prepare initial working documents, including a draft work program, in consultation with Member States and the Secretariat. The draft work program was required to address, *inter alia*, the financial and human resources requirements for inclusion in WIPO's budgetary planning process.

A Preliminary Implementation Report in respect of the 19 proposals for immediate implementation has been prepared separately. The Annex to this document contains a list of activities proposed to be taken up by WIPO to implement the remaining 26 proposals. The information provided relates to the nature of the activity, its objectives, geographical focus and partners, wherever applicable. A detailed assessment has not yet been made in respect of additional requirements of human and financial resources to implement these activities. It is expected that such an assessment will be completed by the July 2008 Session of the CDIP.

[Annex follows]

<sup>1</sup> The list excludes the 19 proposals identified for immediate implementation

ANNEX

No.	CLUSTER A: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING	PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF RESOURCES, IF ANY
2.	<p>Provide additional assistance to WIPO through donor funding, and establish Trust-Funds or other voluntary funds within WIPO specifically for LDCs, while continuing to accord high priority to finance activities in Africa through budgetary and extra-budgetary resources, to promote, <i>inter alia</i>, the legal, commercial, cultural, and economic exploitation of intellectual property in these countries.</p>	<p>Some developed and developing countries have already made voluntary financial contributions to WIPO to administer programs for the benefit of developing and least developed countries (LDCs). WIPO would welcome additional donor funding for this purpose, including trust funds or other voluntary funds specifically for LDCs, while according high priority to finance activities in Africa, in order to enhance the level of assistance provided.</p> <p>It is proposed to prepare a paper for the CDIP to update and enhance the information available in the 2008/09 Program and Budget on existing voluntary funds and FITs. Existing bilateral voluntary funds include, for example, Brazil, El Salvador, Costa Rica and Uruguay. Funds-in-trust resources are potentially available for programming in 2008/2009 from: Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Spain, USA and the EU. Cost sharing arrangements are in place with Australia and Singapore. Other countries and donors contribute on a case by case basis. The paper will also report on existing efforts to coordinate WIPO's work in this area and to mobilize further voluntary resources through discussions with bilateral donors (e.g. FIT Japan for Africa, discussions with Portugal, and with the Netherlands), multilateral donors (discussions and consultations with the World Bank, the EU, the African Development Bank (ADB), Africa Export Import Bank (Afrexim Bank), <i>La Francophonie</i>, the Commonwealth Secretariat) and charitable foundations, etc.</p> <p>The paper will also elaborate on proposals for future activities aimed at increasing the availability of voluntary funding; this will include a proposal to organize a donor conference in 2008/2009, which is intended to become a regular forum for consultations with donors. In this regard, focus will not be only on creating new voluntary funds at WIPO but also working with partner countries and international and regional organizations, as well as the World Bank and other regional banks to implement special technical assistance and capacity building projects for</p>	

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		<p>countries. In addition, it is proposed to establish consultation mechanisms with donor agencies to discuss funding and formulate programs and projects on a regional, sub-regional or national level, with provisions, inter alia, of reporting, monitoring and evaluation.</p> <p>With respect to new initiatives to mobilize and utilize donor funding, the following provides some examples of proposals currently under consideration which the paper would elaborate on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is proposed to utilize FIT from USA and Finland to institute studies on the Economic Contribution of Copyright-Based Industries in selected African countries. The objective would be to enable countries to identify copyright based industries and make a comparative analysis of economic contribution of such industries vis-à-vis other sectors of the economy or similar industries in other countries.</li> <li>- Newly established Funds-in-Trust to develop new training courses focusing on protection and management of copyright and related rights, and to develop curricula and academic research activities with national universities in LDCs.</li> <li>- Funds-in-Trust could also be used to develop further a wide range of activities aimed at enhancing the understanding and use of IP by SMEs and SME support institutions in LDCs. These could include: commissioning national studies on IP for SME development, organizing awareness raising seminars as well as a more specialized sector specific events; developing new publications targeting specific issues of interest to LDCs; creating awareness and capacity building materials in local languages, taking into account the local legal, regulatory and infrastructural context of respective countries; conducting "training the trainers" programs; supporting the creation of IP information centers in chambers of commerce and SME development institutions, among others.</li> </ul>		

