

WIPO ICT Leadership Dialogue (WILD)

Theme 10: Global IP data exchange and sharing platforms

Importance of Global Collaboration on IP Data Provision

~ Expectations for WIPO IP Data Exchange Task Force ~

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IP Data Provision: A Fundamental Role of IP Offices

Provision of accurate and comprehensive intellectual property information is the responsibility of all IP Offices

Access to IP information is crucial for:

- i. Ensuring quality examinations in IP Offices
- ii. Promoting further innovation and the creation of IP
- iii. Helping businesses avoid infringing on the IP rights of others

Why is Global Collaboration Necessary?

The current IP systems follow the principle of territoriality, but ...

- **Technology and designs know no borders**
- **Business is becoming increasingly globalized**



Global IP information provision is necessary

So, HOW?

Global IP Data Exchange and Sharing

It seems easy, but in reality, there are many problems and difficulties

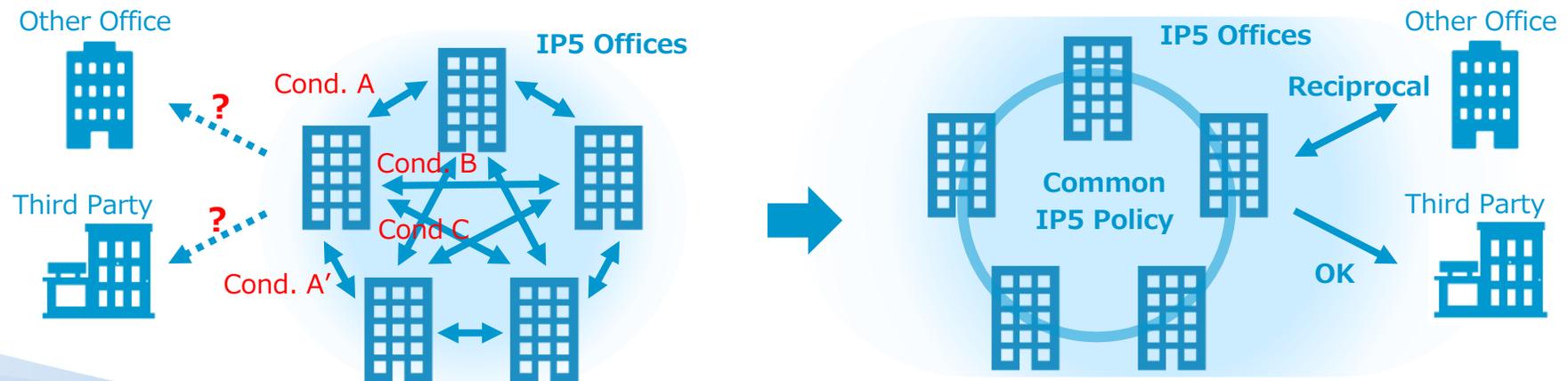
- Burden of multiple bilateral negotiations with other IP Offices
- Differences in data ownership and commercialization policies (redistribution, third party use, free of charge, for a fee, etc.)
- Technical issues (data quality and consistency, differences in data format, non-machine-readable data, etc.)
- Lack of a common data exchange platform

IP5 Information Dissemination Policy 2011

https://link.epo.org/ip5/IP5_patent_information_policy_june2013.pdf

Common policy among IP5 Offices to support a barrier-free flow of IP information for the mutual benefit of the offices and the public

- Data shall be provided free of charge or at marginal cost
- Any data exchanged shall be shared with the other IP5 Offices
- Exchanged data can be provided to third parties (except for third-party IP Offices) for external and commercial use
- Data provision to third-party IP Offices is allowed under the reciprocity principle



Data Exchange proposals at CWS/11

Dec. 2023

Japan and Saudi Arabia made separate proposals both relating to IP data exchange

Japan

Setting new WIPO Standard on IP data exchange policies, including a common understanding of IP Offices' responsibilities, third-party use authorization, data quality, data structure, etc.

Saudi Arabia

Creation of a global data exchange platform, under the supervision of WIPO, aimed at standardizing the IP data provided by disparate sources

Approval of New Task on IP Data Exchange at CWS/12

Sep. 2024

- The results of the IP data exchange survey conducted by WIPO IB after CWS/11 were presented
- A consolidated project brief was submitted by Japan and Saudi Arabia



Co-leaders: WIPO, Saudi Arabia, Japan

A new CWS Task (Task No. 67) and a corresponding Task Force (IP Data Exchange Task Force) were approved

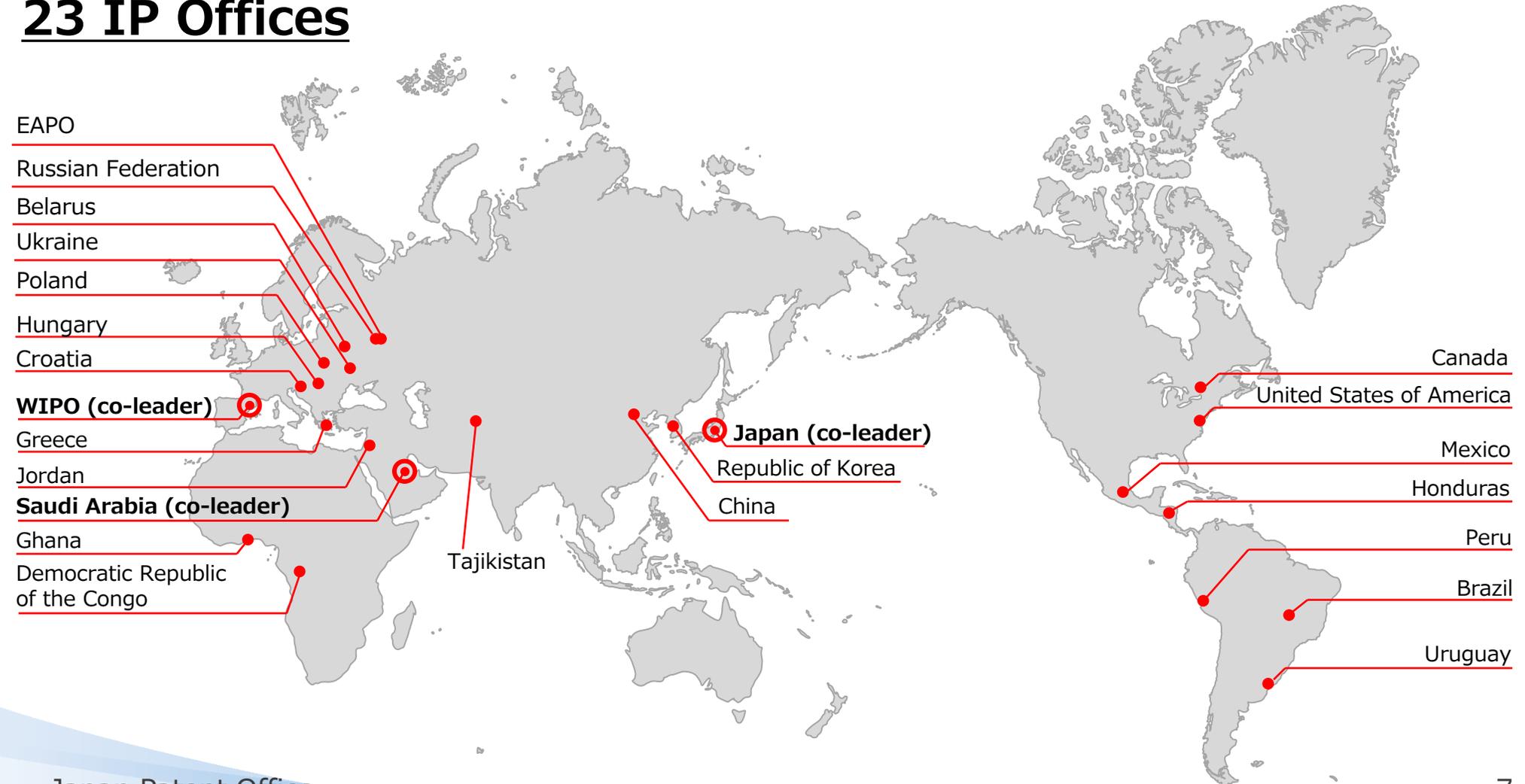
Proposed description for Task No. 67:

“Analyze existing practices and challenges experienced by IP offices with a view to explore solutions to improve global IP data exchange”



IP Data Exchange Task Force Members (as of Nov. 2024)

23 IP Offices



IP Data Exchange Task Force has kicked off

IPDETF/2024/1 (November 27, 2024)

- Kick-off meeting
- 31 participants have joined

IPDETF/2025/1 (February. 13, 2025)

- Survey results on current practices and challenges in IP data exchange have been shared
- Initial discussions were held on common issues related to IP data exchange and the IP data exchange platform

IPDETF/2025/2 (April 24, 2025, Scheduled)

IPDETF/2025/3 (June 12, 2025, Scheduled)

Conclusion

- **The importance of global IP data exchange and sharing is growing**
- **It is beneficial not only to larger Offices but also to smaller Offices and users worldwide**
- **The JPO is committed to making the new CWS task a leading example of global collaboration among IP Offices by sharing our long-standing collaborative experiences in data exchange**

Thank you!

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