

WILD/1/Inf/1
Program and Speaker Profiles
First Session

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April 14-16, 2025
Geneva, Switzerland



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Monday

April 14

Setting the stage for digital transformation

On Day 1, we will examine the evolution of the information and communication technology (ICT) landscape and its impact on businesses and service delivery. ICT leaders and senior managers will engage in interactive discussions on digital strategy and technology trends, share best practices and address the challenges and opportunities associated with digital transformation, considering aspects such as emerging technologies, data governance and cyber resiliency, as well as potential areas for collaboration.

08.30 – 09.30

Registration

09.30 – 09.40

Opening remarks

Daren Tang, Director General, WIPO

Chair

Sian-Nia Davies, Chief Digital Data and Technology Officer, Intellectual Property Office, United Kingdom

09.40 – 10.00

Theme 1: Emerging technologies: key challenges and opportunities

Speaker

Chris Rathborne, General Manager and Chief Information Digital Officer, Data & Technology Group, IP Australia, Australia

10.00 – 11.00

Theme 2: Digital business strategy and best practices

Speakers

Matsuo Nonaka, Director General of Patent and Design Examination Department and Executive Officer of Digital Strategy, Japan Patent Office (JPO), Japan

Begoña Martínez de Miguel, IT Deputy Director and Coordinator,
IT Division, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (OEPM), Spain

Arthur Kwesiga, Director, ICT and Innovation, Uganda
Registration Services Bureau (URSB), Uganda

11.00 – 11.20

Coffee break

11.20 – 12.30

Theme 3: Digital transformation and key challenges

Speakers

Sanan Tapdigov, Member of the Board, Intellectual Property
Agency, Azerbaijan

Salome Tsimakuridze, Head, Administration Department,
National Intellectual Property Center, Georgia

Enith Matías Herrera, Head, Office of Information Technologies,
National Institute for the Defense of Competition and the
Protection of Intellectual Property (INDECOPI), Peru

Aleksej Perić, Head, Information System Division, Intellectual
Property Office, Serbia

Peter Slater, Chief Data Officer, Intellectual Property Office,
United Kingdom

Kamoliddin Khojayev, Director, Center for the Development of
ICT, Ministry of Justice, Uzbekistan

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch break

14.00 – 14.40

Theme 3 (cont.): Digital transformation and key challenges

Speakers

Karl Kalejs, Chief Information Officer, WIPO

Grégory Bos, Director, Enterprise Solutions Division, WIPO

Farzana Mithun, Chief Data Officer, Data Management and
Governance Section, WIPO

14.40 – 15.20

Theme 4: Data strategy and governance

Speakers

Vivek Kumar Singh, Senior Advisor, Science and Technology, NITI Aayog, India

Sudeep Acharya, Director, Investments and Program Management, Programs Branch, Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO), Canada

15.20 – 16.00

Theme 5: Cyber resiliency and best practices

Speakers

Alain Aurelien Kenne Tiotsop, Head, Information Systems Operations Department, OAPI

Ana María Arredondo, Director, IT Division, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (OEPM), Spain

16.00 – 16.20

Coffee break

16.20 – 17.30

Panel 1: Implications of technology trends

Moderator

Vivek Kumar Singh, Senior Advisor, Science and Technology, NITI Aayog, India

Panelists

Chris Rathborne, General Manager and Chief Information Digital Officer, Data & Technology Group, IP Australia, Australia

Matsuo Nonaka, Director General of Patent and Design Examination Department and Executive Officer of Digital Strategy, Japan Patent Office (JPO), Japan

Arthur Kwesiga, Director, ICT and Innovation, Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB), Uganda

Aleksej Perić, Head, Information System Division, Intellectual Property Office, Serbia

Karl Kalejs, Chief Information Officer, WIPO

Ana María Arredondo, Director, IT Division, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (OEPM), Spain

17.30

**Group photo to be followed by reception, hosted by WIPO
Director General Daren Tang**

Tuesday

April 15

Harnessing emerging technologies for IP

On Day 2, we will examine how emerging technologies are transforming the global IP landscape and impacting IP ecosystems. Participants will discuss how to integrate artificial intelligence (AI) tools and other innovative technologies into IP business operations and services. A discussion will also be held on extending collaboration and utilizing technology to improve efficiency and innovation in the global IP ecosystem.

09.30 – 10.40

Theme 6: Impact of emerging technologies on IP ecosystems

Speakers

Ilya Kononenko, Deputy Director, Federal Institute of Industrial Property (FIPS), Russian Intellectual Property Office, Russian Federation

Delia Horst, Economist, Law and International, Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Switzerland

Bryan Yip, Group Director, Registries Cluster, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS), Singapore

Henry (Jamie) Holcombe, Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), United States of America

10.40 – 11.00

Theme 7: AI tools for IP businesses

Speaker

Dongping Que, Director General, IT Department, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), China

11.00 – 11.20

Coffee break

11.20 – 12.30

Theme 7 (cont.): AI tools for IP businesses

Speakers

Octavio Montecinos, Deputy Director, Information and Communication Technologies, National Institute of Industrial Property (INAPI), Chile

Rahul Bhartiya, AI Coordinator and Head, IT Development and Maintenance Service, Digital Innovation Department, EUIPO, European Union

Angel Aledo Lopez, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Technology Officer, EPO

Gyudong Han, Director, Information System Division, Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), Republic of Korea

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch break

14.00 – 14.50

Theme 7 (cont.): AI tools for IP businesses

Speaker

Bruno Pouliquen, Head, Advanced Technology Applications Center (ATAC), WIPO

14.50 – 16.00

Theme 8: Emerging technologies for small IP offices: tailored approaches to empowerment in the digital age

Speakers

Teddy Edu-Yaw, Principal ICT Officer, Registrar General's Department, Ghana

Andrew Au, Head of Future Systems Team (Registries), Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS), Singapore

Zafir Ali, Manager of Service Delivery and Support, Intellectual Property Office (TTIPO), Trinidad and Tobago

16.00 – 16.20

Coffee break

16.20 – 17.30

Panel 2: Extending collaboration on emerging technologies for IP businesses

Moderator

Angel Aledo Lopez, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Technology Officer, EPO

Panelists

Ilya Kononenko, Deputy Director, Federal Institute of Industrial Property (FIPS), Russian Intellectual Property Office Russian Federation

Bryan Yip, Group Director, Registries Cluster, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS), Singapore

Dongping Que, Director General, IT Department, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), China

Octavio Montecinos, Deputy Director, Information and Communication Technologies, National Institute of Industrial Property (INAPI), Chile

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Zafir Ali, Manager of Service Delivery and Support, Intellectual Property Office (TTIPO), Trinidad and Tobago

Wednesday

April 16

Strengthening global collaboration and digital harmonization

On Day 3, we will focus on global collaboration to advance IP information systems and digital initiatives. We will explore how to enhance interoperability with WIPO Standards, improve global data exchange and foster ICT partnerships. In their discussions, participants will address bridging the digital divide for inclusive participation in the digital economy, concluding with actionable steps for sustainable digital transformation in IP offices.

09.30 – 10.30

Theme 9: Further harmonizing and digitalizing IP information systems

Speakers

Botagoz Zhaxelekova, Vice-minister, Ministry of Justice, Kazakhstan

Sudeep Acharya, Director, Investments and Program Management, Programs Branch, Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO), Canada

Jens Petter Sollie, Business Architect, Digital Services Department, Norwegian Industrial Property Office (NIPO), Norway

10.30 – 11.00

Theme 10: Global IP data exchange and sharing platforms

Speakers

Sonila Meka, Acting Director, Coordination, Promotion, Training and Analysis Directorate, General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP), Albania

Matsuo Nonaka, Director General of Patent and Design Examination Department and Executive Officer of Digital Strategy, Japan Patent Office (JPO), Japan

11.00 – 11.20

Coffee break

11.20 – 11.50	<p>Theme 10 (cont.): Global IP data exchange and sharing platforms</p> <p><i>Speaker</i></p> <p>Abdulaziz K. Alfulaij, Executive Director of Information Technology, Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP), Saudi Arabia</p>
11.50 – 12.30	<p>Theme 11: Bridging the digital divide</p> <p><i>Speakers</i></p> <p>Ika Ahyani Kurniawati, Director, Information Technology, Directorate General of Intellectual Property (DGIP), Indonesia</p> <p>Hisham Adel Fayed, Head, Global Delivery and Support Section, WIPO</p>
12.30 – 14.00	<p><i>Lunch break</i></p>
14.00 – 15.00	<p>Panel 3: Strengthening digital collaboration across Member States</p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <p>Ken-Ichiro Natsume, Assistant Director General, Infrastructure and Platforms Sector, WIPO</p> <p><i>Panelists</i></p> <p>Botagoz Zhaxelekova, Vice minister, Ministry of Justice, Kazakhstan</p> <p>Sudeep Acharya, Director, Investments and Program Management, Programs Branch, Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO), Canada</p> <p>Abdulaziz K. Alfulaij, Executive Director of Information Technology, Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP), Saudi Arabia</p> <p>Ika Ahyani Kurniawati, Director, Information Technology, Directorate General of Intellectual Property (DGIP), Indonesia</p> <p>Hisham Adel Fayed, Head, Global Delivery and Support Section, WIPO</p>

15.00 – 16.00	<p>Next Step: Key actions to be taken by IP offices and WIPO</p> <p>Sian-Nia Davies, Chief Digital Data and Technology Officer, Intellectual Property Office, United Kingdom</p> <p>Vivek Kumar Singh, Senior Advisor, Science and Technology, NITI Aayog, India</p> <p>Angel Aledo Lopez, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Technology Officer, EPO</p> <p>Ken-Ichiro Natsume, Assistant Director General, Infrastructure and Platforms Sector, WIPO</p> <p>Young-Woo Yun, Secretary of WILD, WIPO</p>
16.00 – 16.20	Coffee break
16.20 – 17.20	<p>Next Step (Cont.): Key actions to be taken by IP offices and WIPO</p>
17.20 – 17.30	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Ken-Ichiro Natsume, Assistant Director General, Infrastructure and Platforms Sector, WIPO</p>

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Sian-Nia Davies
Chief Digital Data
and Technology
Officer,
Intellectual
Property Office,
United Kingdom

Sian-Nia Davis joined the IP Office in June 2021 as Head of Platforms and became Interim Chief Technology Officer in October 2021. She was confirmed as Chief Digital, Data & Technology Officer (CDDTO) in July 2022. Prior to joining the IP Office, she had a long career at BT Group, leading complex digital programs and managing large technical teams. As CDDTO, she leads a multi-disciplinary team of around 200 staff, focusing on creating a world-leading technology platform and service. Her role involves leveraging new technologies like Machine Learning and AI to deliver user-centered services that meet the IPO's strategic ambitions and customer expectations.



Chris Rathborne
General Manager
and Chief
Information
Digital Officer,
Data &
Technology
Group, IP

Australia, Australia

Chris Rathborne is a senior technology leader with over 20 years of experience in digital transformation, cybersecurity, and enterprise IT strategy in higher education and public sectors. He has led large-scale programs like ERP modernization, cloud migration, and IT service management reform. Known for aligning technology investments with strategic goals, Chris fosters strong business-IT partnerships. His collaborative leadership and user-focused innovation are supported by deep expertise in governance, risk management, and information security.



Matsuo Nonaka
Director General
of Patent and
Design
Examination
Department and
Executive Officer
of Digital

Strategy, Japan Patent Office (JPO),
Japan

Mr. Nonaka joined the JPO as an examiner in 1992. He worked for the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on loan from 1998 to 2000. Since 2010, he has held various management positions at the JPO, including Director for International Affairs of the IT Planning Office, Director of the Trial and Appeal Policy Planning Office, Director of the International Policy Division, and

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Director of the Administrative Affairs Division.



Begoña Martínez de Miguel
IT Deputy
Director and
Coordinator, IT
Division, Spanish
Patent and
Trademark Office (OEPM), Spain

Begoña Martínez de Miguel joined SPTO in 2006 as a Patent Examiner in the mechanical field. She later became Head of the Search Service, contributing to the design of new applications like the online patent filing system. Since 2016, she has served as IT Coordinator, supporting the IT Director, coordinating development and infrastructure teams, overseeing IT projects, and managing training plans.



Arthur Kwesiga
Director, ICT and
Innovation,
Uganda
Registration
Services Bureau
(URSB), Uganda

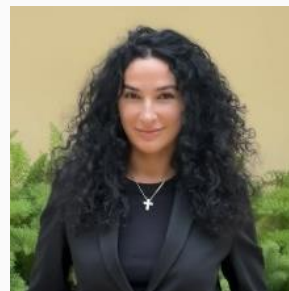
Arthur Kwesiga is the Director of ICT and Innovation at URSB, Uganda's national IP office. With over 20 years of experience, including 15+ years in senior management, he has modernized IP and corporate registration systems through digital transformation and ICT-driven innovation. Arthur has enhanced IP workflows, spearheaded online service

delivery improvements, cybersecurity enhancements, and digital registry transformations, shaping Uganda's IP and corporate registration landscape with his strategic leadership.



Sanan Tapdigov
Member of the
Board,
Intellectual
Property Agency,
Azerbaijan

Sanan Tapdigov, has held senior positions in various state institutions, including the Ministry of Economic Development and SOCAR. He contributed to WTO accession efforts and corporate governance reforms. Appointed Deputy Chief of Staff of the Intellectual Property Agency in 2018, he became a Board Member in 2019 and serves on the Supervisory Board of the Azerbaijan Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution. A PhD in Law, he has lectured at Baku State University and UNEC, and authored several scientific publications in law.



Salome Tsimakuridze
Head,
Administration
Department,
National
Intellectual
Property Center,
Georgia

Salome Tsimakuridze is the Head of the Administration Department at Sakpatenti, overseeing strategic development and operations in IT,

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International Relations, HR Management, and Service Development. With over nine years of management experience, her expertise in digital governance is bolstered by her previous role at the LEPL Digital Governance Agency, where she developed national policies and strategies. Salome also serves as an Associate Professor at Business and Technology University.



Enith Matías Herrera
Head, Office of Information Technologies, National Institute for the Defense of Competition

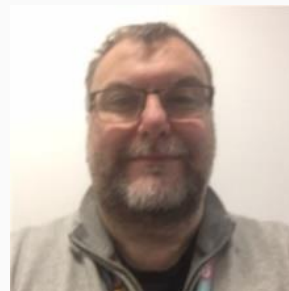
and the Protection of Intellectual Property (INDECOPI), Peru

Enith Matías Herrera is the Head of the Information Technology Office at INDECOPI. With over 15 years of IT experience, she has led projects like 'La Gaceta' and 'Buscador PeruaniZado'. Enith has held roles such as Information Technology Manager, Head of Production and IT Services, and Quality Control Coordinator. She specializes in Operations and IT, Digital Transformation Strategy, and has a strong track record in public management and implementing citizen-oriented IT services.



Aleksej Perić
Head, Information System Division, Intellectual Property Office, Serbia

Aleksej Perić is the Head of the Information System Section at the IP Office, where he has built a distinguished career since 2008. With a background in Computer Engineering, he leads his team in implementing advanced systems to optimize information handling. Aleksej is known for his passion for innovation and has significantly contributed to regional technical cooperation by facilitating system adaptation, data exchange, and developing IP services based on the WIPO Suite platform.



Peter Slater
Chief Data Officer, Intellectual Property Office, United Kingdom

Peter is the Chief Data Officer at the IPO, overseeing the Data Service Squad, MIBI, Data Governance, and Quality Management Teams. He leads the digital transformation of the register, journal, and search services, and managed the migration of patent data to a new Master Data Store. With 34 years at UKIPO, Peter has held roles such as Deputy Director, Head of Examination, and Head of Patent Information. He is recognized for his expertise in patent search and classification and has led

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the UK Delegation in European Cooperation since 2006.



Kamoliddin Khojayev
Director, Center for the Development of ICT, Ministry of Justice, Uzbekistan

Kamoliddin Khujayev is the Director of the Center for the Development of Information and Communication Technologies. He drives the digital transformation of the justice system, focusing on ICT solutions for IP protection and enforcement. He oversees strategic planning, project execution, and the integration of innovative technologies to enhance IP rights management. His work strengthens Uzbekistan's IP ecosystem by improving accessibility, efficiency, and transparency through digital tools and cross-border collaboration.



Karl Kalejs
Chief Information Officer, WIPO

Karl Kalejs, appointed as WIPO's Chief Information Officer in 2019, leads the transformation of the organization's ICT systems with a focus on service excellence, quality, and efficiency. He oversees the ICT Department, responsible for business applications, enterprise architecture, program

management, and infrastructure. His role includes developing ICT strategy, ensuring secure and cost-effective services, and exploring cloud strategies. With a background in software development, project management, and international standards, Karl is well-versed in the Patent Cooperation Treaty system.



Grégory Bos
Director, Enterprise Solutions Division, WIPO

Greg is the Director of

Enterprise Solutions Division, working under the CIO. With a portfolio of 15+ critical, administrative focused applications, including WIPO's ERP system, the team manages day to day activities and operations as well as major digital transformation initiatives, including the AIMS Transformation project (new ERP). With over 20 years of experience in tech, he worked in various roles at WIPO since 2003, from developer, heading PCT IT Operations and Support and now leading the ERP eco system.



Farzana Mithun
Chief Data Officer, Data Management and Governance Section, WIPO

Farzana Mithun is the Chief Data Officer. With over two decades of global experience across

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various UN systems, she specializes in governance, cybersecurity, risk, compliance, and digital transformation. Farzana combines deep technical knowledge with strategic leadership, focusing on secure, ethical, and inclusive data-driven ecosystems that align with organizational goals and support sustainable development.



Vivek Kumar Singh
Senior Advisor,
Science and
Technology, NITI
Aayog, India

Vivek Kumar Singh is Professor and Head of the Department of Computer Science, and Dean of the Faculty of Mathematical Sciences at the University of Delhi. Recently appointed Senior Advisor at NITI Aayog, he has published over 165 research papers, mentored 17 doctoral students, and supervised over 100 master's theses. Vivek is the editor of the Journal of Scientometric Research and an active reviewer for prestigious journals. He was elected to the Board of ISSI for the term 2023-2027.



Sudeep Acharya
Director,
Investments and
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Management,
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Intellectual Property Office (CIPO),
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Sudeep Acharya is the Director of Investments and Program Management at the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO). He excels in maximizing technology investments to deliver modernization initiatives. Previously, he served as a senior policy advisor, enhancing Canada's Ineligibility and Suspension Policy. From 2007 to 2016, Sudeep held various roles within CIPO's Patent division, including Manager of Patent Quality and Patent Examiner. He has received the Deputy Minister Award of Merit for excellence in management in 2018 and 2021.



Alain Aurelien Kenne Tiotso
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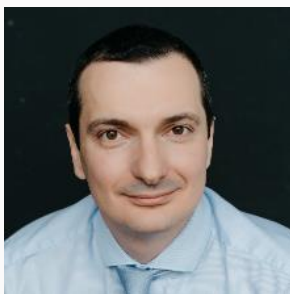
Aurelien Kenne is the Head of the Information Systems Operations Department since January 2018. He has over 20 years of experience in information systems management, IT project management, IT application design and development, and database management. Before joining OAPI, Aurelien Kenne was the Deputy Technical Director at a telecommunications company in Cameroon from 2006 to 2017.

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Ana María Arredondo
Director, IT
Division, Spanish
Patent and
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Ana María Arredondo is a Senior IT management professional with over 25 years of experience in digital strategy, technological innovation, and digital transformation. As Director of the Information Technology Division, she leads administration, innovation, and digital services strategy. Since joining AGE in 2010, she has modernized public administration. With 17 years in the private sector, Ana has held positions at SENER, ITP Aero, and McDonald's, overseeing IT projects at national and European levels. At OEPM, she defines and executes digital strategy and technological transformation.



Ilya Kononenko
Ilya Kononenko,
Deputy Director,
Federal Institute
of Industrial
Property (FIPS),
Russian
Intellectual

Property Office, Russian Federation

Ilya Kononenko is the Deputy Director of the Federal Institute of Industrial Property (FIPS) where he has been leading the digital transformation of FIPS and Rospatent since 2023. With over 20 years of experience in managing and developing information systems and online services in the intellectual property sector, he has held

various IT positions at Rospatent, overseeing internet services and digitalization of public services. From 2019 to 2022, he worked in the private sector on online platforms for IP rights management. He then served as Deputy Head of IT at the Eurasian Patent Office from 2022 to 2023.



Delia Horst
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Delia Horst is an economist at the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI), specializing in the impact of public policy on business, research, and individuals. She focuses on emerging technologies and regulatory frameworks to transform ideas into successful innovations. With a background in research and education, Delia has expertise in economic policy and sustainability.



Bryan Yip
Group Director,
Registries
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Bryan Yip is the Group Director at the Intellectual Property Office of

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Singapore, driving the development of ops-tech capabilities and shaping policies for the national IP registry. He previously served as Director of the Digital Security & Resilience Division at the Ministry of Communications and Information, addressing digital security threats. Bryan also led key labor policy initiatives at the Ministry of Manpower and held leadership roles in the Singapore Police Force, including Commanding Officer of Woodlands Police Centre.



Henry (Jamie) Holcombe
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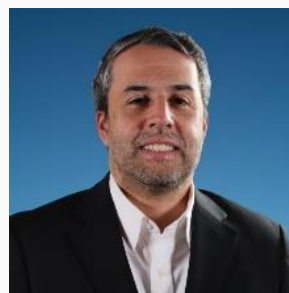
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Henry (Jamie) Holcombe is the Chief Information Officer (CIO) at the USPTO, advising on the development and operations of information systems and technology. He won the agency's first "CIO 100" award for advancements in AI and machine learning. Previously, he held executive roles at Harris Corporation, Universal Service Administrative Company, Globix Corporation, and Cambrian Communications. Henry has also been an architect and principal consultant in telecommunications, entertainment, and insurance sectors.



Dongping Que
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Dongping Que, Director General of CNIPA's IT Department, has been with the organization since 1998. She has extensive experience in patent examination, IT project management, and public service delivery. Dongping has played a pivotal role in China's patent digital transformation, overseeing major IT infrastructure projects and formulating strategic IT plans. She has represented CNIPA at international forums like WIPO and IP5, improving patent examination quality, promoting data sharing, and enhancing patent information dissemination for robust public access to IP information.



Octavio Montecinos
Deputy Director,
Information and
Communication
Technologies,
National Institute
of Industrial

Property (INAPI), Chile

Octavio Montecinos, Director of INAPI's IT Department since 2012, has 24 years of IT experience. He has spearheaded INAPI's Digital Transformation and IT Infrastructure modernization, implementing IPAS, optimizing business processes, digitalizing documents, and deploying advanced digital signatures.

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Octavio developed an e-Filing system with online payment, launched the INAPI Open Data project, and supported the PCT Treaty and Madrid Protocol adoption. He led an AI project to develop an Image Search and classification system for Trademarks, significantly improving trademark examinations.



Rahul Bhartiya
AI Coordinator
and Head, IT
Development
and Maintenance
Service, Digital
Innovation
Department,
EUIPO, European Union

Rahul Bhartiya is an Electronics and Telecommunication Engineer with over 15 years of experience in EU public organizations. He specializes in implementing new technologies in the Trademark and Design domain. As the AI coordinator, Rahul oversees and monitors AI systems and processes. He also heads IT development and maintenance services in the digital innovation department.



Angel Aledo Lopez
Chief Operating
Officer and Chief
Technology
Officer, EPO

Angel Aledo Lopez joined the EPO in January 2019 and became Chief Technology Officer in March 2019. As of January 2025, he also

serves as Chief Operating Officer. With over two decades of experience in the IP domain, he has held various technical and managerial roles. He possesses a deep understanding of intellectual property and a keen interest in emerging technologies like artificial intelligence and cloud computing. His extensive expertise and leadership have significantly contributed to the EPO's technological advancements and operational efficiency.



Gyudong Han
Director,
Information
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KIPO, Republic of
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Mr. Gyudong HAN is the Director of the Information System Division at KIPO, leading AI initiatives, system development, and operations. He previously served as Counselor for the Asia and Pacific Division at WIPO in Switzerland. His extensive experience at KIPO includes roles as patent examiner, Director of Information Management, Director of PCT International Search & Preliminary Examination, and Senior Deputy Director for the Patent Attorney Act. He has authored a government-recommended book on AI and frequently publishes articles on AI and intellectual property.

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Bruno Pouliquen
Head, Advanced
Technology
Applications
Center (ATAC),
WIPO

Bruno Pouliquen leads the Advanced Technology Application Center at WIPO in Geneva, focusing on AI and machine learning for intellectual property applications. His team works on machine translation, automatic classification, speech recognition, and generative AI. Bruno holds a PhD in computer science, specializing in multilingual text processing and machine learning. He has published over 60 scientific papers in computational linguistics.



Teddy Edu-Yaw
Principal ICT
Officer, Registrar
General's
Department,
Ghana

Teddy Edu-Yaw is a Principal IT/IM Officer at the Registrar-General's Department (RGD) of Ghana, leading digital transformation initiatives to enhance public sector efficiency. Specializing in cloud computing and big data analytics, he has contributed to academic research, co-authoring the 2018 publication on optimizing cloud service level agreements. Teddy's expertise continues to drive innovation in Ghana's digital governance landscape.



Andrew Au
Head of Future
Systems Team
(Registries),
Intellectual
Property Office
of Singapore
(IPOS),

Singapore

Andrew Au, Head of the Future Systems Team, leads efforts to leverage AI for process enhancement and innovative product creation across the Registries Cluster. Previously, as a senior trade mark examiner, he led the Trade Marks Operations Technology Team and played a pivotal role in creating IPOS Go, the world's first mobile app for trade mark registration. He also developed IPOS Digital Hub, streamlining the IP registration process. Andrew is a passionate advocate for data-driven decision making, focusing on innovation and system improvement throughout his career.



Zafir Ali
Manager of
Service Delivery
and Support,
Intellectual
Property Office,
Trinidad and
Tobago

Zafir Ali, Manager of Service Delivery and Support, has over a decade of experience managing and supporting complex systems. He has been instrumental in deploying and maintaining key tools like IPAS, WIPO Publish, and WIPO File. Starting as a Network Assistant, he developed

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expertise in system administration, user training, and network support. Zafir has held leadership roles in various organizations, is committed to ongoing professional development, and actively contributes to community service, continuously seeking opportunities to apply innovative IT solutions.



Botagoz Zhaxelekova
Vice-minister,
Ministry of
Justice,
Kazakhstan

Botagoz Zhaxelekova, is the Vice Minister of Justice of Kazakhstan. She began her career in 2001 at the Ministry of Justice, holding various positions until 2007. She then served as Deputy Director of the Department of Legislation and Chief Expert of the Department of Legal Protection of State Property. Botagoz held leadership roles in the Accounts Committee, SK-Pharmacy LLP, and the Ministry of Health. Since April 2021, she has worked in senior positions in private commercial structures.



Jens Petter Sollie
Business
Architect, Digital
Services
Department,
Norwegian
Industrial

Property Office (NIPO), Norway

Jens began his career as a patent examiner in 1997. He contributed to the SANT-project, creating a new IPR paperless back-office system, and served as System Manager for the product, leading a Product team from 2003 to 2019. Jens has represented NIPO in various delegations, including SCIT, SDWG, ITWG, and the Committee of WIPO Standards (CWS). He has also participated in several ICT Road Map meetings.



Sonila Meka
Acting Director,
Coordination,
Promotion,
Training and
Analysis
Directorate,
General

Directorate of Industrial Property
(GDIP), Albania

Sonila Meka is the Director of the Coordination, Promotion, Training, and Analysis Directorate at GDIP of Albania, with over 16 years of experience in intellectual property. She has primarily worked in the copyright sector at the Ministry of Culture and contributed to drafting three National Strategies on Intellectual Property. Sonila plays a crucial role in aligning national policies with EU standards and represents Albania at international events. She has authored several publications and participated in numerous training programs organized by WIPO, EPO, and EUIPO.

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Abdulaziz K. Alfulaij
Executive
Director of
Information
Technology,
Saudi Authority
for Intellectual

Property (SAIP), Saudi Arabia

Abdulaziz Alfulaij, Executive Director of IT at SAIP, is a visionary leader driving Saudi Arabia's digital transformation in intellectual property protection. He has spearheaded flagship platforms and AI-powered solutions, aligning with Vision 2030 goals. With a career in software development and technical leadership, Abdulaziz excels in agile delivery, IT governance, and strategic innovation. As Chair of SAIP's AI Committee, he champions ethical AI adoption and mentors future tech professionals, empowering organizations to harness technology for sustainable progress.



Ika Ahyani Kurniawati
Director,
Information
Technology,
Directorate
General of
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