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<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4181257/Impact-of-work-sharing-on-patent-quality>

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Note to all members of:

**ICC Commission on Intellectual Property
ICC National Committees and Working Groups**

Subject: IP litigation issues; impact of work sharing on patent quality; WIPO Inventors Assistance Programme

We would welcome **feedback from members and National Committees** on the following in preparation for the next meeting of the ICC Commission on Intellectual Property on 27-28 March:

1. Issues relating to IP litigation (deadline for suggestions - 28 February)

ICC has an opportunity to suggest issues which members would like to bring to the attention of judges in the context of a new WIPO programme for the judiciary. We would greatly welcome **your suggestions for issues relating to IP litigation which are important from the litigants' perspective**, that we could propose for discussion by judges. **Please send any suggestions by 28 February.**

2. Impact of patent quality on work sharing (deadline for survey - 28 February)

Due to the increasing workload of patent offices and the resulting pressure for efficiency in examination, many patent offices are entering into collaborative work sharing arrangements e.g. through use of a common shared search report or online file inspection systems. Such work sharing arrangements - while increasing efficiency - may have an impact on patent quality if examiners rely too much on searches by other offices without conducting an independent examination, thereby losing the benefit of a thorough pressure test of the invention. The ICC Commission on Intellectual Property is surveying ICC members to find out if they have experienced problems in this respect.

We should be grateful if you could fill in the short survey (estimated time - 2 minutes) on this attached link by 28 February. The information gathered will allow the Commission on Intellectual Property to determine if this problem is prevalent and if further work on this is necessary.

We are also pleased to announce that **ICC has become a sponsor of the WIPO's Inventors Assistance Programme** (IAP) which matches developing country inventors and small businesses with patent attorneys who provide pro bono legal assistance to secure patent protection. See <https://twitter.com/WIPO/status/960542905139122177>. The programme currently extends to Colombia, Ecuador, Morocco, the Philippines and South Africa. As a sponsor, ICC encourages its members to support the programme through pro bono patent attorney services or by promoting it. Members can participate as follows:

- If you are a patent attorney, you can volunteer to be a member of IAP who is willing to provide pro bono services to inventors/small businesses in the above countries who fulfill certain criteria.
- If you are a company, you can sign up as a sponsor to help encourage patent attorneys in your network to become members of IAP
- If you know inventors/small businesses in the above countries, you can ask for patent registration assistance under the programme.

A flyer with more information is attached.

Regards,

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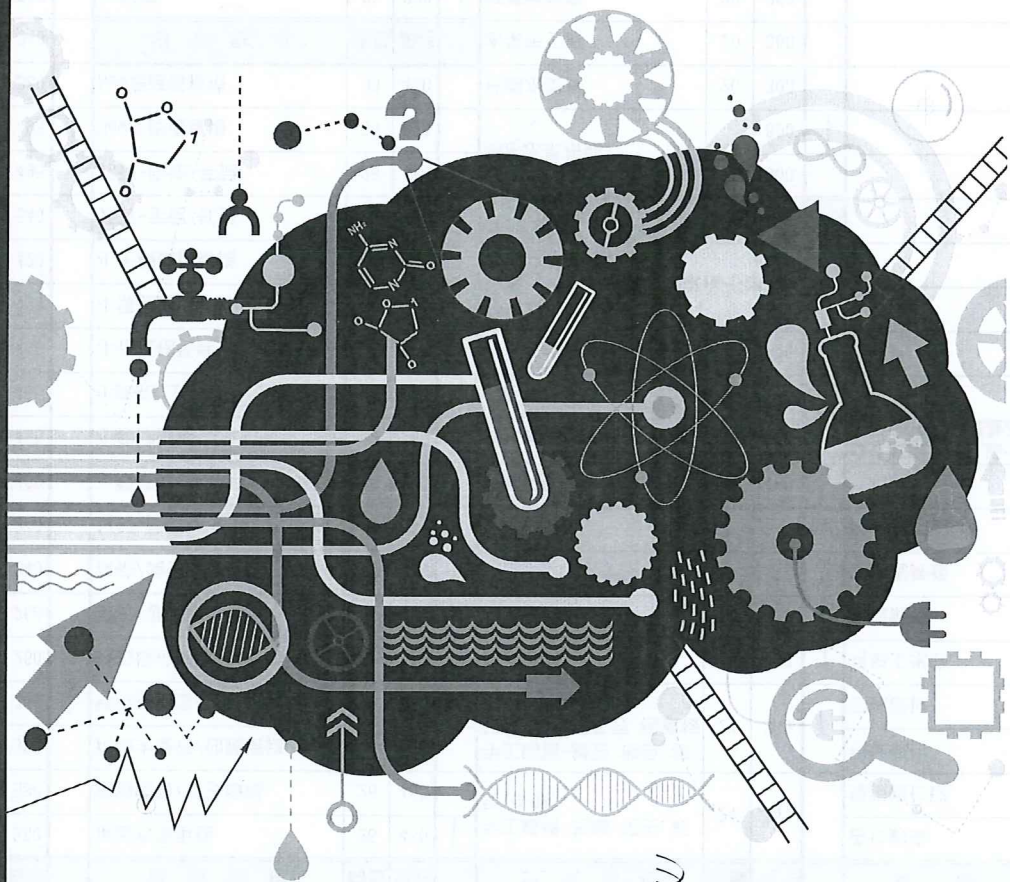
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Inventor Assistance Program

Bringing together inventors and patent attorneys
in developing countries




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A new service
to help under-
resourced
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How does it work?

The Inventor Assistance Program matches inventors with patent attorneys who are willing to give them **free legal advice** on how to file a patent to protect their inventions.

Patent protection is a powerful legal tool that allows the patent owner to control who uses their invention. Patents can be very valuable. All too often, however, inventors and small businesses in the developing world fail to obtain patents because they lack the resources or specialist knowledge needed to use the system.

The Inventor Assistance Program aims to help solve that problem by putting eligible inventors and small businesses in touch with an expert in their country who is willing to help them free of charge.

The program is a joint initiative of the **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)** and the **World Economic Forum**, with support and input from some of the world's leading businesses and law firms.

For more information, visit:
www.wipo.int/iap

Who benefits?

Inventors benefit because patent protection gives them more scope to profit from their inventions.

Patent attorneys benefit from *pro bono* work by increasing their professional experience and making contacts who may in time become paying clients as their business grows.

Governments and IP offices benefit because better patent applications will increase the total value of IP assets within the economy, as well as reducing the time IP offices have to spend dealing with badly drafted patent applications.

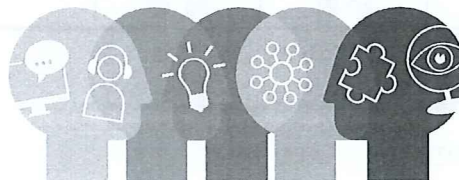
And by increasing the understanding and use of the patent system, the program will stimulate innovation and benefit **society as a whole**.

Get involved

The Inventor Assistance Program is just getting started. After the successful launch of a pilot project in Colombia, we are working with **governments** and **IP offices** in other developing countries to expand membership.

Patent attorneys and **law firms** are invited to join the program as Members. We are also keen to hear from **inventors** and **small businesses** who would like to participate.

And we would be interested in hearing from **potential sponsors** – international businesses, patent attorney associations and inventors associations – that would like to join us in supporting this venture.



Membership

Membership is open to governments, patent attorneys and supporters who accept the guiding principles of the program, as detailed on our website.

Strategic direction, guidance and support are provided by the Steering Committee, which includes among its members, high-level intellectual property policy makers, senior business leaders, experienced patent attorneys, government officials of participating countries, and senior staff from the World Economic Forum and WIPO.

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