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**TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES:
INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

CANADA

Addendum

The following communication, dated 27 September 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Canada.

1 BRIEF OUTLINE IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION OVER THE REPORTING YEAR

1. Pursuant to Article 67 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), the Council for TRIPS requests that developed country Members report on their technical and financial cooperation programmes in favour of developing and least developed country Members. The present document provides an update on Canada's activities concerning technical and financial cooperation in the area of intellectual property (IP) in favour of developing and least developed country Members, covering the 2018-2019 period.

2. Canada has undertaken a number of technical cooperation activities at the multilateral, plurilateral and bilateral levels. At the multilateral level, Canada works in close collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Intellectual Property Rights Expert's Group (APEC-IPEG), where Canada participates in the organization's biannual deliberations aimed at sharing information and best practices on intellectual property rights.

3. The following summary provides an update of activities, which are mainly administered by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO), Global Affairs Canada, the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). Other Canadian institutions that receive funding from the Government of Canada, such as the Centre for Trade Policy and Law (CTPL) and the University of Ottawa are also involved in international technical cooperation efforts.

4. Details of technical cooperation activities are provided in the Annex.

ANNEX¹

TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2018 TO 31 AUGUST 2019

Activity	Date	Location	Brief Description	Link to further details
Patent Cooperation Treaty (PTC) Regional Seminar for Latin American Countries	17-19 October, 2018	United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO) headquarters	Patent Cooperation Treaty (PTC) Regional Seminar for Latin American Countries	--
WIPO Program of International Cooperation in the Search and Examination of Inventions (ICSEI)	Between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019	3 requests from Kenya and 1 request from Trinidad and Tobago	CIPO provides search and examination reports of patent applications, upon request from other WIPO Member States.	--
CIPO-WIPO Executive Workshop on Management Techniques in the Delivery of IP Services for senior officials from developing countries	Between 3 June and 7 June 2019	Participants were from Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Gambia, Nigeria, Botswana, Lesotho, Egypt, Tunisia, Cuba, Trinidad and Tobago and	CIPO-WIPO Executive Workshop on Management Techniques in the Delivery of IP Services for senior officials from developing countries	Between 3 June and 7 June 2019

¹ In English only.

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Pre-recorded webinars on IP and patents on the website of TFO Canada	Available throughout 2019	the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) Available online	These webinars, which were recorded in 2016 through CIPO collaboration with TFO Canada, are available in English on the TFO Canada website for embassies, consulates and businesses from developing and emerging countries. <u>Topics covered:</u> Basics of Canadian IP, Registering patents in Canada, Registering trademarks in Canada, IP Foundations for women entrepreneurs, Overview of IP – trademarks for SMEs.	https://www.tfocanada.ca/webinars.php
National Legislative Development project	Between 20 October 2009 and 28 September 2018	Viet Nam	The objective of the project is to strengthen the legal foundations for economic growth through an integrated program of reforms to the Vietnamese legislative development process. It addresses several priorities of the Government of Viet Nam's legal reform agenda, including: the development of laws that are clear and more easily implemented; improved review of legislation to ensure that it is consistent internally and with other legislation; and more effective public participation in the lawmaking process. The project addresses these concerns through an integrated work program addressing all points of the legislative development process, with attention to legislation that supports economic growth and development.	https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/project-projet/details/a032788001
Open African Innovation Research network (Open AIR)	--	Africa and Canada	Open AIR is a unique collaborative network of researchers spread across Africa and Canada. Their research aims to ease tensions between IP and access to knowledge, and to understand how knowledge-based businesses can take advantage of global opportunities, while sharing the benefits of innovation throughout society. Open AIR is funded by Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and has a Partnership Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) until March 2022. They were also selected for the Queen Elizabeth	http://www.openair.africa

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			<p>Scholars – Advanced Scholars program, funded through Universities Canada.</p> <p>A new phase which started in 2018, implemented in collaboration with the University of Cape Town, South Africa, will research how Africa’s high-tech hubs are facilitating the adaptation and adoption of emerging technologies in Africa, including artificial intelligence; how maker communities facilitate inclusive innovation, especially by empowering women and girls and benefitting members of marginalized groups; and how to build confidence in Indigenous populations to effectively participate in collaborative knowledge production with optimal and equitable benefits.</p>	
Expert Deployment Mechanism for Trade and Development (EDM)	Between 2018 and 2025	Global	The EDM is designed to reduce poverty by deploying, on demand, Canadian and international technical experts to assist developing countries negotiate, implement, adapt to and benefit from bilateral or regional Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements (FIPAs) with Canada. Experts can be deployed while FTA/FIPA exploratory talks are underway, during formal negotiations, or following the conclusion and ratification of an agreement. There is a significant roster of experts relating to IP, including Trade Facilitation Office Canada (TFO Canada).	https://edm-mde.ca/
Centre for Trade Policy and Law (CPTL) – guidance, support, knowledge and tools	--	--	Canada-based CTPL is a Canadian institution that provides developing and transition economies with guidance and support to sustain them in the short-term and with the knowledge and tools to ensure their full participation in international trade agreements, including specific training on IP law and policy issues.	https://carleton.ca/ctpl/
Communication for Policy Research (CPR) South-South	--	North of Sahara, South of Sahara, North and Central America, South	This project aims to foster the emergence of a community of policy intellectuals in Africa, Asia and Latin America capable of supporting policy formulation in the area of information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure and sector performance. It will do so by supporting the capacity building programs of three IDRC recipients: LIRNEasia,	https://www.idrc.ca/en/project/communication-policy-research-cpr-south-south

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		America, Central Asia, Far East Asia, South Asia, Sri Lanka, Peru, South Africa	Research ICT Africa (RIA) and DIRSI, the Spanish acronym for Regional Dialogue on the Information Society (DIRSI). The programs will follow a common research methodology (peering and mentoring) and evaluation framework (tracking young scholar development). Project activities will consist of an annual regional conference that will include at least one inter-regional session; a set of tutorials that will allow young scholars to interact with international scholars; and an internship program that will see the expansion of exchanges of young scholars between the three regions. The program will also serve to strengthen collaboration, knowledge sharing and cross fertilization of ideas between the three initiatives.	
Supplying free copies of Canadian patent documents for developing countries	Upon request from WIPO	--	--	--
International IP Crime Training Seminars hosted by Interpol	--	--	The RCMP has contributed to the seminars each year. The seminars have been given to participants from developed and least developed countries, facilitating the exchange of best practices and techniques, and networking.	--