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**TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES: INFORMATION FROM  
OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF

At its meeting of 9 June 2021, the Council for TRIPS agreed to invite intergovernmental organization observers to the Council to update the information on their technical and financial cooperation programmes relating to the implementation of the TRIPS Agreement.

The present document reproduces the information which has been received from the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) by means of a communication dated 16 August 2021.

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**1 INTRODUCTION**

1. GCC is an intergovernmental organization with membership of the following states: United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, and State of Kuwait.

2. According to Article (20) of the GCC Economic Agreement which states that 'member States shall develop programs encouraging talented individuals and supporting innovation and invention; cooperate in the field of intellectual property and develop regulations and procedures ensuring the protection of intellectual property rights; and coordinate their relevant policies towards other countries, regional blocs and international and regional organizations', the GCC Secretariat General directs most of its technical cooperation activities to its member States.

3. This document presents a report on main technical cooperation activities undertaken by the Secretariat General of the GCC from 1 September 2020 to 1 September 2021 which are relevant to the Intellectual Property issues, following the invitation of the Chairman of the WTO Council for TRIPS to provide updated information on such activities.

4. Technical assistance activities undertaken by the GCC Secretariat General during the above-mentioned period has been focused on various concrete IP aspects. These activities were conducted in the form of workshops, on-job training, secondment or through supporting the participation in Conferences or in international IP exhibitions, and a number of them were organized in cooperation with some IP national offices. The said activities are listed in Annex below.

5. The COVID-19 outbreak affected in one way or another the technical cooperation activities undertaken by the GCC Secretariat General during the above-mentioned period.

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## ANNEX<sup>1</sup>

<b>Name of programme or project</b>	<b>The 5th Korea International Virtual Youth Olympics 2020</b>
<b>Date and end date</b>	12 October 2020 - 12 October 2020
<b>Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)</b>	Kingdom of Bahrain; the State of Kuwait; Oman; Qatar; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; United Arab Emirates
<b>Brief description</b>	The 2020 Korea Olympics was hold a virtually in which the GCC Patent Office participates to open up doors of communications for inventors from the GCC States with those concerned, and through this fair, the GCC Patent Office hosts and supports all inventors from the GCC States.
<b>Beneficiary institution or audience</b>	Inventors from GCC Member States
<b>Technical cooperation provider(s)</b>	Patent Office at the Secretariat General of the Cooperation Council
<b>Outputs or impact</b>	Provide supports to inventors from the GCC States
<b>Website for further information</b>	<a href="http://www.gccpo.org">www.gccpo.org</a>
<b>Contact point for further information</b>	Patent Office at the GCC-SG

<b>Name of programme or project</b>	<b>On Job Training Program by CNIPA in Patent Examination</b>
<b>Date and end date</b>	26 October 2020 - 29 October 2020
<b>Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)</b>	Kingdom of Bahrain; the State of Kuwait; Oman; Qatar; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; United Arab Emirates
<b>Brief description</b>	Providing training for examiners from GCC Patent Office and some GCC statues in cooperation with CNIPA.
<b>Beneficiary institution or audience</b>	Examiners of the GCC Patent Office and GCC National Patent Offices
<b>Technical cooperation provider(s)</b>	Patent Office at the Secretariat General of the Cooperation Council + CNIPA
<b>Outputs or impact</b>	Enhance the skills of the Examiners of the GCC Patent Office and GCC National Patent Offices.
<b>Website for further information</b>	<a href="http://www.gccpo.org">www.gccpo.org</a>
<b>Contact point for further information</b>	Patent Office at the GCC-SG

<sup>1</sup> In English only.

<b>Name of programme or project</b>	<b>A lecture on the Role of Innovations and Inventions in Entrepreneurship</b>
<b>Date and end date</b>	30 November 2020 - 30 November 2020
<b>Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)</b>	Kingdom of Bahrain; the State of Kuwait; Oman; Qatar; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; United Arab Emirates
<b>Brief description</b>	In cooperation with King Faisal University- Riyadh S.A
<b>Beneficiary institution or audience</b>	Public
<b>Technical cooperation provider(s)</b>	Patent Office at the Secretariat General of the Cooperation Council
<b>Outputs or impact</b>	Promote awareness of innovation and entrepreneurship in the GCC countries
<b>Website for further information</b>	<a href="http://www.gccpo.org">www.gccpo.org</a>
<b>Contact point for further information</b>	Patent Office at the GCC-SG

<b>Name of programme or project</b>	<b>Seoul International Invention Fair</b>
<b>Date and end date</b>	1 December 2020 - 4 December 2020
<b>Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)</b>	Kingdom of Bahrain; the State of Kuwait; Oman; Qatar; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; United Arab Emirates
<b>Brief description</b>	Seoul International Invention fair was hold a virtually in which the GCC Patent Office participates to open up doors of communications for inventors from the GCC States with those concerned around the world and through this fair, the GCC Patent Office hosts and supports all inventors from the GCC States.
<b>Beneficiary institution or audience</b>	Inventors from GCC Member States
<b>Technical cooperation provider(s)</b>	Patent Office at the Secretariat General of the Cooperation Council
<b>Outputs or impact</b>	Supports inventors from the GCC States
<b>Website for further information</b>	<a href="http://www.gccpo.org">www.gccpo.org</a>
<b>Contact point for further information</b>	Patent Office at the GCC-SG

<b>Name of programme or project</b>	<b>Workshop for GCC Countries on Preliminary Research and Examination in Patent Databases for Individual Inventors</b>
<b>Date and end date</b>	7 December 2020 - 7 December 2020
<b>Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)</b>	Kingdom of Bahrain; the State of Kuwait; Oman; Qatar; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; United Arab Emirates
<b>Brief description</b>	In cooperation with WIPO
<b>Beneficiary institution or audience</b>	Inventors from GCC Member States
<b>Technical cooperation provider(s)</b>	Patent Office at the Secretariat General of the Cooperation Council + WIPO
<b>Outputs or impact</b>	Enhance the capabilities of specialists and Inventors in the GCC countries in terms of research in the patent application initial examination
<b>Website for further information</b>	<a href="http://www.gccpo.org">www.gccpo.org</a>
<b>Contact point for further information</b>	Patent Office at the GCC-SG

<b>Name of programme or project</b>	<b>Workshop on the Economic Importance of Intellectual Property</b>
<b>Date and end date</b>	12 January 2021 - 12 January 2021
<b>Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)</b>	Kingdom of Bahrain; the State of Kuwait; Oman; Qatar; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; United Arab Emirates
<b>Brief description</b>	In cooperation between the Kuwait GCC-IP Training Centre and the French Industrial Property Institute.
<b>Beneficiary institution or audience</b>	Specialists from GCC Member States
<b>Technical cooperation provider(s)</b>	GCC-IP Training Centre - Kuwait
<b>Outputs or impact</b>	Enhance the skills of the Specialists from GCC Member States on the Economic Importance of Intellectual Property
<b>Website for further information</b>	<a href="https://www.gccpo.org/gccip">https://www.gccpo.org/gccip</a>
<b>Contact point for further information</b>	GCC-IP Training Centre - Kuwait

<b>Name of programme or project</b>	<b>A Webinar on Basic Rules for Ensuring the Commercial Success of an Invention</b>
<b>Date and end date</b>	23 February 2021 - 23 February 2021
<b>Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)</b>	Kingdom of Bahrain; the State of Kuwait; Oman; Qatar; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; United Arab Emirates
<b>Brief description</b>	The GCCPO hold a virtual forum seeking to support innovations and inventions in the GCC region and to empower innovators from the GCC States.
<b>Beneficiary institution or audience</b>	Inventors from GCC States
<b>Technical cooperation provider(s)</b>	Patent Office at the Secretariat General of the Cooperation Council
<b>Outputs or impact</b>	Empower the innovations and inventions in the GCC region
<b>Website for further information</b>	<a href="http://www.gccpo.org">www.gccpo.org</a>
<b>Contact point for further information</b>	Patent Office at the GCC-SG

<b>Name of programme or project</b>	<b>Workshop on Copyright and Related Rights for Economic Development</b>
<b>Date and end date</b>	22 March 2021 - 22 March 2021
<b>Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)</b>	Kingdom of Bahrain; the State of Kuwait; Oman; Qatar; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; United Arab Emirates
<b>Brief description</b>	In cooperation between the Kuwait GCC-IP Training Centre and the Danish Patent and Trademark Office.
<b>Beneficiary institution or audience</b>	Specialists from the GCC Member States
<b>Technical cooperation provider(s)</b>	GCC-IP Training Centre - Kuwait
<b>Outputs or impact</b>	Enhance the skills of the Specialists from GCC Member States on Copyright and Related Rights
<b>Website for further information</b>	<a href="https://www.gccpo.org/gccip">https://www.gccpo.org/gccip</a>
<b>Contact point for further information</b>	GCC-IP Training Centre - Kuwait

<b>Name of programme or project</b>	<b>Workshop on Geographical Indications</b>
<b>Date and end date</b>	23 March 2021 - 23 March 2021
<b>Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)</b>	Kingdom of Bahrain; the State of Kuwait; Oman; Qatar; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; United Arab Emirates
<b>Brief description</b>	In cooperation between the Kuwait GCC-IP Training Centre and Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS).
<b>Beneficiary institution or audience</b>	Specialists from the GCC Member States
<b>Technical cooperation provider(s)</b>	GCC-IP Training Centre - Kuwait
<b>Outputs or impact</b>	Enhance the skills of the Specialists from GCC Member States on Geographical Indications
<b>Website for further information</b>	<a href="https://www.gccpo.org/gccip/">https://www.gccpo.org/gccip/</a>
<b>Contact point for further information</b>	GCC-IP Training Centre - Kuwait

<b>Name of programme or project</b>	<b>A lecture on Student's Guide to Patents</b>
<b>Date and end date</b>	8 April 2021 - 8 April 2021
<b>Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)</b>	Kingdom of Bahrain; the State of Kuwait; Oman; Qatar; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; United Arab Emirates
<b>Brief description</b>	In cooperation with Gifted Students Centre - Kingdom of Bahrain
<b>Beneficiary institution or audience</b>	Students from Kingdom of Bahrain
<b>Technical cooperation provider(s)</b>	Patent Office at the Secretariat General of the Cooperation Council
<b>Outputs or impact</b>	Educate students on the regulation and Guide to the Patents
<b>Website for further information</b>	<a href="http://www.gccpo.org">www.gccpo.org</a>
<b>Contact point for further information</b>	Patent Office at the GCC-SG

<b>Name of programme or project</b>	<b>IP Day Celebration</b>
<b>Date and end date</b>	26 April 2021 - 26 April 2021
<b>Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)</b>	Kingdom of Bahrain; the State of Kuwait; Oman; Qatar; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; United Arab Emirates
<b>Brief description</b>	Enhancing awareness on the critical role of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).
<b>Beneficiary institution or audience</b>	Public
<b>Technical cooperation provider(s)</b>	Patent Office at the Secretariat General of the Cooperation Council
<b>Outputs or impact</b>	Enhance the public awareness of the critical role played by (SMEs).
<b>Website for further information</b>	<a href="http://www.gccpo.org">www.gccpo.org</a>
<b>Contact point for further information</b>	Patent Office at the GCC-SG

<b>Name of programme or project</b>	<b>A Webinar on Intellectual Property and the Role of the GCC Institutions in Transferring the Idea to the Market</b>
<b>Date and end date</b>	26 April 2020 - 26 April 2020
<b>Beneficiary Member(s) or observer(s)</b>	Kingdom of Bahrain; the State of Kuwait; Oman; Qatar; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; United Arab Emirates
<b>Brief description</b>	In cooperation with WIPO, King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST), Tamkeen , Innovation Park Muscat, Sabah Al-Ahmad Center for Giftedness, and Creativity in supporting innovation and Riyadh Chamber.
<b>Beneficiary institution or audience</b>	Public
<b>Technical cooperation provider(s)</b>	Patent Office at the Secretariat General of the Cooperation Council + WIPO
<b>Outputs or impact</b>	Provide a platform for exchange of knowable and skills
<b>Website for further information</b>	<a href="http://www.gccpo.org">www.gccpo.org</a>
<b>Contact point for further information</b>	Patent Office at the GCC-SG

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