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The International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents its compliments and has the honor to invite representatives of Members and Observers to attend the first *Global Forum on IP and AI*, which will be held on November 9 and 10, 2026.

Global Forum on IP and AI

From the printing press to the industrial revolution to the rise of the internet, technological change has driven the development and evolution of the IP system. But AI presents opportunities and challenges unlike those that came before.

The AI systems reshaping human creativity and innovation were built not simply on raw materials, but on human output: vast quantities of text, images, music, code and more, much of it the work of identifiable people with rights in what they created. In its capacity to generate outputs indistinguishable from those of human creators, and to build on human knowledge at a scale no individual could match, AI raises deep questions about existing IP frameworks, including the very nature of invention and creativity.

Building on the strong foundation of 12 sessions of the WIPO Conversation on IP and Frontier Technologies, the Global Forum on IP and AI responds to growing demand for more focused, comprehensive, and cross-cutting engagement by Member States on the impact of AI on the IP ecosystem. It will provide a dedicated annual platform for Member States to share information, update one another, exchange ideas and look for areas of common interest.

The Global Forum will take a broad perspective on the impact of AI on IP and will cover AI-related legal and policy issues across the full spectrum of IP rights, including patents, copyright, trademarks, designs, trade secrets, etc., exploring the interconnectivity between these issues and their broader impact on the IP, innovation and creative ecosystems.

Through a mix of informative presentations and high-level panel discussions, featuring global and cross-cutting perspectives, Member States and other stakeholders will have the opportunity to engage with one another through an open, inclusive and forward-looking dialogue to shape the future of AI and IP.

Further information will be available during an Ambassadorial briefing to be held in September at WIPO’s premises. Invitations to the briefing will be transmitted to Geneva-based Missions under separate cover.

The provisional program will be made available as soon as possible, but will include elements like:

- A segment allowing for high level strategic discussions, including at the Ministerial level, on the impact of AI on innovation, creativity, and the intellectual property ecosystem
- A segment focused on discussions at the level of Heads of IP Offices on the impact of AI on IP policies and laws as well as on management, administration and service delivery
- Essential updates on where AI technology stands today, what it means for the policy, legal, and economic foundations of the IP ecosystem, and how policymakers, courts, and markets are responding to the resulting challenges and opportunities
- Deep dives into certain key AI and IP issues, including AI-generated outputs, training data and personal characteristics (voice, image, likeness)
- Showcases and demonstrations of real-world AI applications across innovative, creative, and design sectors

Throughout the program, there will be meaningful opportunities for Member States and others to participate from the floor.

The Global Forum on IP and AI will be held from **10:00 to 18:00 CET** over two days, in a hybrid format at WIPO's headquarters in Geneva, combining in-person participation with virtual access via Zoom and webcast. Interpretation in all six UN official languages will be provided (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). The webcast will also be recorded and available for later viewing. In person attendance is strongly encouraged.

We also welcome participants to join the evening reception on November 10, 2026, which brings together participants from both the Global Forum on IP and AI and the Artificial Intelligence Infrastructure Interchange (AIII): Annual Meeting 2026. For more information about the Artificial Intelligence Infrastructure Interchange (AIII): Annual Meeting 2026, see Circular 9328.

It would be appreciated if the name(s), title(s) and e-mail address(es) of the representative(s) who will attend the meeting could be communicated to the International Bureau of WIPO by October 26, 2026.

In order to register to attend, please use WIPO Meet at:

https://meet.wipo.int/e/ipai

The secure code for registration is: G8V4K2N7Q5

As WIPO is committed to promoting gender equality, it would be appreciated if parity could be taken into account when nominating the representatives.

Organizing side events

Beyond the Global Forum program and evening reception on November 10, the International Bureau would like to invite you to indicate in writing to frontier.tech@wipo.int by September 9, 2026, any interest in organizing a lunchtime side event or evening reception on the theme of IP and AI. Such events should complement the conference with a practical, visible and interactive engagement format, and promote awareness of the application of AI for creativity,

innovation and/or IP administration. Depending on interest level, availability and logistics, further information will be provided in due course to those who express interest.

To receive regular updates about the meeting and other WIPO activities in the field of IP and frontier technologies, you are invited to visit our website at https://www.wipo.int/en/web/global-forum-on-ip-and-ai.

Updates to the Index of AI and IP Strategy Clearing House

Furthermore, the International Bureau will continue to update the AI and IP Strategy Clearing House, which is published on the WIPO AI and IP webpage at https://www.wipo.int/en/web/wipo-and-ai/resources-and-capacity-building. The AI and IP Strategy Clearing House currently contains information from over 75 Member States and summarizes the available information regarding national and regional strategies, frameworks and legislation of relevance to IP and AI, and is intended to facilitate information sharing.

Please inform the International Bureau of any updates or new or additional measures of particular relevance and send your replies by e-mail to frontier.tech@wipo.int by October 26, 2026.

Any queries in relation to the meetings may be addressed to the International Bureau at: frontier.tech@wipo.int.

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