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Re: Name Standardization Workshop

Madam, Sir,

The International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is pleased to invite representatives from your Office or Organization to attend the Name Standardization Workshop.

The Workshop will be held in a hybrid format, on May 12, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (CEST), at WIPO headquarters in Geneva and *via* an online platform. For the follow up to the Workshop, the Name Standardization Task Force of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) will meet at WIPO headquarters in Geneva on May 13, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (CEST), in a hybrid format.

The main objective of the Workshop is to share current practices in cleaning and normalizing name data, to explore the challenges and opportunities associated with these practices, and to foster collaboration among intellectual property (IP) offices and other stakeholders. The Workshop will also gather suggestions for improving the draft recommendations on data cleaning of names which was presented to the twelfth session of CWS (see document CWS/12/16 REV.)

The provisional program of the Workshop is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=86494. Additional documents will be published on the WIPO website in due course. The Workshop will be conducted in English.

Your Office or Organization is also kindly invited to recommend speakers in relation to the topics in the provisional program by March 28, 2025.

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All interested participants are kindly asked to register by May 5, 2025, using the following link: https://www.wipo.int/registration/en/form.jsp?organization=WIPO®istration_id=601

Any queries in relation to this Workshop may be addressed to the Secretariat at: cws.mail@wipo.int.

Yours sincerely,

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