Super-Workshop for Expert Users 2016
Wrap-up

After the conference, expert users set the priorities for the year ahead

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Agenda 2016

- **Legal Status Data** – Where do we go with databases, platforms and registers?
- **CPC** – Classification of Chinese documents, C-Sets, Y-Codes and classification of utility models
- **Missing data from Africa, Latin America and Asia** – How to set up priorities?
- **Patent applicant names** – Options and limits of "standardization"
Legal Status Data
Where do we go with databases, platforms and registers?

- The user community greatly appreciated the efforts of EPO to offer legal status data via a choice of services

- The introduction of the Federated Register has promoted modernization and improving national systems: it could be a model

- For EPO, the extension of the Federated Register towards a “global system” needs a clear business case

- Global Dossier and WIPO CASE integration appreciated: more countries should be motivated to provide input

- A round table on legal status data, when appropriate, was proposed
CPC
Classification of Chinese documents, C-Sets, Y-Codes and classification of utility models

- In general, the CPC is considered a success with more detailed subdivisions
- It is essential to channel users’ requests regarding CPC to the offices to enable optimizing of the classification scheme
- Some major offices are missing. When will they come?
- C-sets could be used reliably only in the fields listed on the web page
- Users confirmed that C-sets are useful: EPO will look for an appropriate framework for additional training activities
Missing data from Africa, Latin America and Asia
How to set up priorities?

- Users stated that EPO’s involvement and engagement is crucial; this usually improved the data quality

- Users stated that the channels for prioritizing data acquisition were existing and working at a good level

- The articulation of business needs were important to push for political support

- It is not EPO’s concept to bypass governmental agencies

- New countries are coming like Iran; Asia and Latin America are high on EPO’s agenda
Patent applicant names
Options and limits of "standardization"

- The item “patent applicant name harmonization" climbed up the priority list
- The EPO clarified that it would clean up obvious mistakes but had no influence on intentional variations
- Users pointed out that real ownership of IP rights and reassignments are an additional issue
- Users stated that this issue is complex; but one should start with simple things like correcting spelling errors
Follow the discussions

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Thank you for your attention.