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# **OPIA** recent developments

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#### **OPIA** update

- Work-sharing
- Upcoming meetings
- ID5



# **Work-sharing**

- Cambodia
- Mexico
- Other jurisdictions



## **Upcoming meetings (Nov.-Dec.)**

#### Trilateral

- Heads of office meeting
- Meeting with industry

#### WIPO

- Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs, and Geographical Indications
- Standing Committee on the Law of Patents
- Working Group on the Legal Developments of the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs

#### Group B+



#### **ID5** timeline

- 2015—USPTO
- 2016—CNIPA
- 2017—EUIPO
- 2018—KIPO
- 2019—JPO
- 2020—USPTO



### Strategic objectives

 ID5 has developed into a key mechanism for implementing global best practices benefitting U.S. innovative design applicants by effectively and efficiently protecting their designs across the globe.



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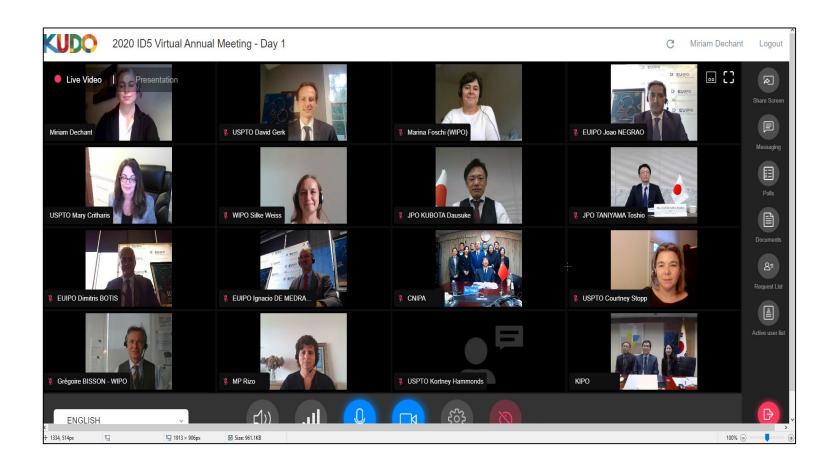
- Ensuring effective industrial design protection exists for designs in all technologies
- Improving consistency in design registration/examination policies and practices
- Focusing global efforts to identify the needs and challenges of the design community through stakeholder outreach and information sharing



#### **Achievements**

- Implemented a common electronic priority document exchange system
- Agreed on recommended design formalities practices (i.e., DLT)
- Completed 16 projects and comparative studies to simplify processes for applicants around the globe
- Created new comprehensive reference manuals for applicants

### 2020 ID5 Virtual Annual Meeting



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- Closed comparative study on design infringement remedies
- Progressed current projects
- Initiated discussions on further areas for potential "ID5 recommend practices"
- Noted increasing importance of new and virtual environments and associated challenges

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#### Opened five new projects:

- Joint communication plan for enhanced engagement with users
- Information exchanges on new technologies in industrial design rights
- Comparative study on deferred publication and examination
- Comparative study on term and renewal of protection
- Five year review for areas of convergence for recommended practices and update by ID5



### 2021 expectations

- Work uninterrupted by current situation
- CNIPA will be Secretariat and host
- Expected user session regardless of whether virtual or in person meeting
- Enhanced opportunity for engagement by users through the ID5 website and other USPTO outreach



# Thank you!

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