



AGENCY ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN



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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1. INTRODUCTION

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is drawn up between the

Agency on Intellectual Property (AIP) of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 59, Mustaqillik Avenue, Tashkent 100000, Uzbekistan

and the

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), 34 chemin des Colombettes, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland

hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"

with regard to establishing and developing Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) in Uzbekistan.

2. PURPOSE

In particular, this MoU clarifies and determines the roles and responsibilities of the Parties with respect to establishing and developing TISCs in Uzbekistan.

3. PROJECT DOCUMENT

A project document is annexed hereto and includes:

- a summary of the background to the project;
- an indication of the objectives and expected outcomes, outputs, and inputs for the project;
- a schedule for the implementation of activities; and
- a schedule for reporting on progress.

At least one indicator is provided for each objective and expected outcome and for each expected output, as appropriate.

4. CONTRIBUTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION

Resources will be allocated and activities implemented by the Parties in accordance with the annexed project document, subject to availability of human and financial resources.

5. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The AIP will continuously monitor the development of TISCs in Uzbekistan and communicate the results of its monitoring activities to WIPO in accordance with the schedule for reporting on progress included in the annexed project document.

6. CONTACT POINTS

The Parties will designate a contact point to facilitate communication on matters related to the implementation of this MoU and will keep each other informed of changes in the designed contact point.

The contact point for the AIP is:

IP-CENTER State Unitary Enterprise "Center on retraining and advanced training in sphere of intellectual property"

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The contact point for AIP will also act as the coordinator/focal point of the national TISC network.

The contact point for WIPO is:

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World Intellectual Property Organization
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7. DURATION, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

This MoU will remain in force for two years, unless written notice is given by either party to terminate the MoU earlier. Otherwise, the MoU will be automatically renewed for a period of one year, which will continue so until one of the two parties terminates the MoU. Particular consideration will be given to monitoring and evaluation results in this context.

Any Party may at any time terminate this MoU by giving the other Party written notice two months in advance. In such a case, unless otherwise agreed, obligations previously incurred will not be affected.

This MoU, including the annexed project document, may be amended at any time by mutual consent of the Parties, expressed in writing.

8. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

The Parties agree to use their best efforts to resolve any dispute that may arise under or in connection with this MoU and its Annexes amicably and through good faith negotiations.

9. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Nothing in or relating to this MoU shall be deemed a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities of WIPO in conformity with the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on November 21, 1947, and with the provisions of the Agreement between the Swiss Federal Council and WIPO to determine the Organization's juridical status in Switzerland of December 9, 1970, and of the Implementation Arrangement of the same date related thereto.

10. ENTRY INTO FORCE

The current MoU enters into force on signing by both parties.

In Geneva, on October 6, 2017

For the Agency on Intellectual Property of
the Republic of Uzbekistan (AIP)



Mr. Alisher Fayzullaev
Director General

For the World Intellectual
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(WIPO)



Mr. Francis Gurry
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**ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION
SUPPORT CENTERS IN UZBEKISTAN**

PROJECT DOCUMENT

1. SUMMARY	
Title:	Technology and Innovation Support Centers in Uzbekistan
Project Duration:	November 2017 to December 2019
Brief Description of Project:	<p>The project aims to stimulate innovation and thus economic growth in Uzbekistan by facilitating access to technological information and by strengthening the capacity of the country to effectively exploit the information found in technology databases.</p> <p>In particular, the project will comprise the establishment and development of Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) both independently and within associated networks in Uzbekistan.</p> <p>A training program on effectively searching technological (patent and non-patent) databases, including both onsite and online training will be implemented, as well as on the Access to Research for Development and Innovation (ARDI) and Access to Specialized Patent Information (ASPI) programs.</p> <p>The project is implemented by the Agency on Intellectual Property (AIP) and supported by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).</p>

2. PROJECT FRAMEWORK

2.1. Introduction

The national intellectual property strategy in Uzbekistan which is in working process now, will include the importance of access to technological information and knowledge. The policy will highlight the necessity of using patent and non-patent information databases in aim to increase the number of granted patents by increasing the purity and quality of applications filed by residents.

TISCs aim to stimulate innovation and economic growth by facilitating access to technological information and by strengthening a country's capacity to effectively exploit this information. The first step includes training the TISC staff, providing them with access to patent and non-patent information databases and improving skills of specialists in this area and help applicants with application filing. The second step includes assistance in obtaining international protection of their patent under PCT and also further patent commercialization including international advancement.

2.2 Objective

The project aims to stimulate innovation and thus economic growth in Uzbekistan.

Indicator: Number of patents granted to residents per year (Source: AIP Statistical Database)

Baseline: 102 patents granted to residents in first half of 2017 (353 patents granted to residents in 2016)

Target: 405 patents to be granted to residents per year by end of 2019 (15% increase)

Indicator: Number of utility models granted to residents per year (Source: AIP Statistical Database)

Baseline: 98 utility models granted to residents in first half of 2017 (153 patents granted to residents in 2016)

Target: 176 utility models granted to residents per year by end of 2019 (15% increase)

2.3. Outcomes

To achieve its objectives, the project will:

Increase the availability and use of appropriate, high-quality technology information services

Indicator: Number of visits per month to all TISCs in Uzbekistan (Source: AIP Annual TISC Report and WIPO Annual TISC Survey)

Baseline: Average of 3 visits per month in 2017

Target: Average of 20 visits per month by end of 2019

2.4. Outputs

The project will:

1. Increase the number TISCs capable to assist local users:

Indicator: Number of TISCs established in Uzbekistan (Source: Institutional Agreements signed with host institutions)

Baseline: 5 TISC established by end of 2017

Target: 15 TISCs established by end of 2019

2. Increase participation in ARDI and ASPI by institutions in Uzbekistan

Indicator: Number of institutions with active ARDI subscriptions (Source: ARDI subscription statistics – WIPO)

Baseline: 0 institutions with active subscriptions in 2017

Target: 15 institutions with active subscriptions by December 2018, 25 institutions with active subscriptions by December 2019

Indicator: Number of institutions with active ASPI registrations (Source: ASPI registration statistics – WIPO)

Baseline: 0 institutions with active ASPI registrations in 2017

Target: 2 institutions with active subscription by December 2018, 7 institutions with active subscriptions by December 2019

3. Enhance awareness and knowledge of IP by the TISC Staff

Indicator: Percentage of TISC staff successfully completing WIPO distance learning courses: DL-101, DL-301 and DL-318

Baseline: 1 member of TISC staff participating in DL-101 and 1 member of TISC staff participating in DL-318 in 2017

Target: 15 members of TISC staff participating in DL-101, 5 members of TISC staff participating in DL-301 and 5 members of TISC staff participating in DL-318 in 2018; 10 members of TISC staff participating in DL-101, 5 members of TISC staff participating in DL-301 and 5 members of TISC staff participating in DL-318 in 2019

3. PROJECT ACTION PLAN

3.1 Activities

The following activities will be carried out to achieve the project's expected results:

1. Conclusion of agreements with host institutions;
2. Allocation of infrastructure and human resources by host institutions;
3. On-site training and participation in distance learning courses for TISC host institutions and designated by the national TISC coordinators;
4. Awareness-raising events and activities for the public supported by printed materials.

3.2 Activity Schedule

	Activity		Planned completion date
1.	Conclusion of agreements including provisions for allocation of infrastructure and human resources	AIP and support institutions	<Q3 2017
2.	Designation of human resources as TISC staff and trainers	Host institutions in consultation with AIP	<Q3 2017
3.	On-site training for all TISC staff Topic: Patent database searching	AIP	Q3 2017
4.	Distance learning courses for TISC members and trainers	AIP/WIPO	Q3 2017
5.	Development of an awareness creation and communications plan	AIP and host institutions	Q4 2017
6.	Request for WIPO publications in English	AIP and host institutions	Q4 2017
7.	Distance learning courses for TISC members and trainers	WIPO	Q1 2018
8.	On-site training for TISC members and trainers	AIP	Q2 2018
9.	Awareness raising event supported by AIP and WIPO publications	AIP and host institutions	Q2 2018
10.	On-site training for TISC members and trainers	WIPO	Q3 2018
11.	Distance learning course for TISC members and trainers	WIPO	Q1 2019
12.	On-site training for TISC members and trainers	AIP	Q2 2019
13.	Awareness raising event supported by AIP and WIPO publications	AIP and host institutions	Q2 2019
14.	On-site training for TISC members and trainers	WIPO	Q3 2019

3.3 Evaluation and Reporting Schedule		
	Activity	Planned date
1.	Collection of statistics on visitors to TISCs	>Q1 2018
2.	Collection of statistics on patents and utility models granted to residents in 2018	Q1 2019
3.	Collection of statistics on TISCs established in Uzbekistan in 2018	Q1 2019
4.	Request to WIPO for statistics on total number of TISC staff having participated in and successfully completed WIPO distance learning course in 2018	Q1 2019
6.	Collection of statistics on patents and utility models granted to residents in 2019	Q1 2020
7.	Collection of statistics on TISCs established in Uzbekistan in 2019	Q1 2020
8.	Request to WIPO for statistics on total number of TISC staff having participated in and successfully completed WIPO distance learning courses in 2019	Q1 2020
4. ABBREVIATIONS		
AIP	Agency on Intellectual Property	
TISC	Technology and Innovation Support Center	
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization	

Annex 1: TISC Host institutions

- Institute of the Chemistry of Plant Substances named after academicians S.Yu. Yunusov, Academy of the Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- Institute of bioorganic chemistry of the Academy of the Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- Institute of polymer chemistry and physics of the Academy of the Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- Uzbek Research institute of chemistry and pharmaceuticals named after A.Sultanov
- Center of high technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan