



18th Meeting of Heads of IP Offices of BRICS Countries Held in New Delhi

Members Reaffirm Commitment to Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation in Intellectual Property

IP BRICS Meeting Adopts Updated Operational Guidelines to Strengthen Cooperation and Innovation

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The second day of the 18th Meeting of the Heads of Intellectual Property (IP) Offices of BRICS countries was held in New Delhi today, September 2, 2026. The three-day meeting, hosted by the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (O/o CGPDTM), DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, is being held from September 1 to 3, 2026. Around 35 delegates participated in the meeting through virtual and physical formats. Delegates from Russia, Iran and Ethiopia joined online, while the remaining Member Offices participated physically. The Heads of IP Offices of BRICS Member Countries reaffirmed their shared commitment to enhancing multilateral cooperation in intellectual property as a pivotal driver of global innovation, creativity and economic development.

The deliberations were aligned with the theme of India's BRICS Chairship, "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability", highlighting how IP frameworks foster technological resilience and sustainable economic growth.

As a major outcome of the ongoing deliberations of IP BRICS, the Meeting adopted the Updated Operational Guidelines to guide result-oriented cooperation, promote cross-border innovation and strengthen joint efforts in shaping global IP standards.

The Heads of IP BRICS Offices recognised the importance of traditional knowledge and traditional systems of medicine as part of shared cultural and intellectual heritage, as well as the need to protect and preserve them. The Meeting also noted progress under the Study on Reinforced Patent Examination Cooperation in BRICS to streamline processes, reduce backlogs and improve the exchange of search results. It further highlighted the role of IP BRICS Offices in supporting technological development through patent analytics and landscape studies, and acknowledged findings on Patent Analytics and Geographical Indications (GIs) to improve efficiency and strengthen the protection and commercialisation of GI products across BRICS markets.

The Meeting concluded deliberations on new projects to further deepen institutional engagement, including the BRICS Intellectual Property Awareness Series, IP BRICS FinTech Innovation Monitor, BRICS Industrial Property Commercialisation Forum and Best Practices Repository, initiatives on IP policies for public health and development, Research on Design Systems of BRICS, and the Manual of Patent Documentation and Information Resources of BRICS Countries.

The Heads of IP BRICS Offices emphasised the importance of coordination mechanisms and periodic review of progress to ensure effective implementation of projects and continuity of cooperation in the IP BRICS grouping. The participating delegates, including the Heads of the IP BRICS Offices, expressed appreciation to the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, for successfully organising the Meeting. Reflecting the expanding global IP footprint of India, the hosting of this annual meeting under the Chairship of India in 2026 was a matter of immense pride for the O/o CGPDTM.





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