

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is organizing the *2026 WIPO Intellectual Property Judges Forum*, which will take place on Wednesday, October 14 and Thursday, October 15, 2026, in a hybrid format (in person at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, and virtually via the Zoom platform).

The annual Forum, a flagship event organized by the WIPO Judicial Institute, provides a unique space for judges from national and regional jurisdictions to share experiences and discuss issues of common interest in intellectual property adjudication. In 2025, the eighth edition of the Forum brought together over 520 judges from 100 national and regional jurisdictions, with senior members of the judiciary from a number of these jurisdictions engaging with their global peers on topical issues in intellectual property law.

The program for the 2026 Forum is available on the WIPO website at <https://www.wipo.int/judgesforum2026>. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

We have the pleasure to invite members of the Albanian judiciary to participate in the Forum, and below you will find an invitation that may be used to transmit information on the Forum, including registration details, to interested judges in Albania.

With a view to encouraging open, judge-to-judge dialogue, participation in the Forum will be limited to members of the judiciary and members of quasi-judicial, administrative tribunals that are active in adjudicating intellectual property disputes. While there is no registration fee, in-person participation will be self-financed, with participating judges responsible for the associated travel and accommodation costs.



Dear Judge,

We are pleased to invite you to the *2026 WIPO Intellectual Property Judges Forum*, joining some 500 judges from across the globe to share your experiences of handling novel intellectual property (IP) questions.

The annual WIPO IP Judges Forum provides a platform for the exchange of information and practices among judges who are, based on their own distinct and diverse national legal frameworks, crafting responses to issues of common concern. Following the earlier eight editions of the Forum, WIPO again invites judges of courts and adjudicators of quasi-judicial appeal bodies of Intellectual Property Offices to exchange their experiences of the most pressing IP adjudication issues faced by courts across the world.

This year, the Forum will be held in a hybrid format (in person at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, and virtually on the Zoom platform) on Wednesday, October 14 and Thursday, October 15, 2026.

[Please register](#) by September 21, 2026, to participate in the Forum, using the following secure code: **TL58TM42ID**

The program will include sessions addressing:

- IP and Artificial Intelligence (AI);
- AI and Court Proceedings;
- Copyright and AI Model Training;
- Software and Digital Technology Patents;
- Comparative, Referential and Expressive Use of Trademarks;
- Online Platforms and Intermediary Liability for IP Infringement;
- Cross-border Aspects of IP Disputes; and

- Specialized Procedural Rules for IP Disputes.

The [2026 Forum webpage](#) will continue to be updated with more details about the program and speakers. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

We look forward to reconnecting with you, hopefully in person in Geneva, and benefitting from your knowledge, experience and engagement in strengthening transnational judicial dialogue on IP. Participation by your judicial colleagues would also be welcome, and we invite you to share this information with any judges or quasi-judicial adjudicators who may be interested in joining us.

With a view to encouraging open dialogue among judicial peers, participation in the Forum is limited to judges of courts and adjudicators of quasi-judicial appeal bodies of Intellectual Property Offices.

Participation in the Forum will be self-financed, and judges participating in person in Geneva will be responsible for the associated travel and accommodation costs.

For any questions, contact the WIPO Judicial Institute at judicial.institute@wipo.int.

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