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لدى مكتب الأمم المتحدة  
والمنظمات الدولية الأخرى  
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***SECOND WIPO ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON SOUTH-SOUTH  
COOPERATION ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT***

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## TALKING POINTS

- Organized in the framework of the Development Agenda Project on *Enhancing South-South Cooperation on Intellectual Property and Development among Developing Countries and LDCs*, this conference has been prepared with two principal objectives:
  - to review the work undertaken during the *Second WIPO Inter-Regional Meeting on South-South Cooperation on Patents, Trademarks, Geographical Indications, Industrial Designs and Enforcement* held in Cairo in May 2013, and present to Member States the report of the meeting, highlighting the main outcomes of the meeting; and
  - to stimulate a discussion on the way forward as far as South-South cooperation in the field of IP is concerned, and to share thoughts on the future of the Development Agenda Project on South-South Cooperation
- Rationale behind the South-South project, adopted by Member States in November 2011 during the 7<sup>th</sup> session of the CDIP:
  - growing recognition that intellectual property is not an end in itself but rather a tool to power countries' economic growth and development. Developing countries and LDCs are increasingly using IP as a tool to promote their economic, social and cultural development which has led to the rise of innovative ways of innovative means of using IP in a balanced manner to achieve development-oriented IP systems, policies and strategies.
  - an important number of countries in the South have developed significant technological capabilities and know-how and learned to harness the power of science, technology and innovation as an engine for development, which has led to the rise of innovative, tailor-made, potentially transferable and adaptable solutions to address common Southern development challenges in the field of IP. Developing countries are no longer viewed simply as recipients of technology innovations and know-how but also as sources thereof.
  - Born out of shared experiences, similar socio-economic circumstances, common developmental needs and objectives, South-South cooperation has been recognized as a key means of effecting technical cooperation, and has become, in recent years, an increasingly significant vector for sharing knowledge, experiences, know-how, solutions and technologies.
- In the field of intellectual property, there is clearly a need - as demonstrated during the exchanges which took place during the First and Second Inter-regional Meetings on South-South Cooperation - for enhanced cooperation among developing countries and LDCs. The potential for cooperation and exchange of knowledge, experiences and good practices, is there in all areas of IP, whether it be in the field of IP governance, traditional knowledge, folklore, genetic rights, copyright, patents, industrial designs, trademarks, geographical indications, or IP rights enforcement. There is potential for cooperation and learning in every single area related to IP and development.

- The importance of this Conference, as the last activity under the WIPO South-South Project, lies in identifying:
  - how to take the process further and concretize the lessons learned during the first phase of the project's implementation, based on the needs and priorities of developing countries and LDCs; and
  - how to transform it into a mechanism which will truly serve the interests of all Member States, helping them reap the benefits from the IP system, fostering innovation and creativity for the benefit of all and promoting transfers of knowledge and technology.
- Conference outcome: expect a fruitful discussion and exchange of ideas on the way forward to pave the way for a future decision, in the framework of the next CDIP session, on the future of the South-South cooperation project.