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The International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents its compliments and has the honor to invite the representatives of its Member States and Observers to attend the seventeenth session of the *Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE)*. The session will be held in a hybrid format in Geneva, from **Tuesday, February 4, to Thursday, February 6, 2025**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. (CET) each day.

The meeting will address the work program agreed by the Committee at its sixteenth session, as follows:

- exchange of information on national experiences on awareness-building activities and strategic campaigns as a means for building respect for intellectual property (IP) among the general public, especially the youth, in accordance with Member States' educational or any other priorities;
- exchange of information on national experiences relating to institutional arrangements concerning IP enforcement policies and regimes, including mechanisms to resolve IP disputes in a balanced, holistic and effective manner;
- exchange of information on national experiences in respect of WIPO's legislative assistance, with a focus on drafting national laws of enforcement that take into account the flexibilities, the level of development, the difference in legal tradition and the possible abuse of enforcement procedures, bearing in mind the broader societal interest and in accordance with Member States' priorities; and
- exchange of success stories on capacity building and support from WIPO for training activities, at national and regional levels for agencies and national officials, in line with relevant Development Agenda Recommendations and the ACE mandate.

The draft Agenda (document WIPO/ACE/17/1 Prov.) is available on the WIPO website at: [https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/mdocs/en/wipo\\_ace\\_17/wipo\\_ace\\_17\\_1\\_prov.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/mdocs/en/wipo_ace_17/wipo_ace_17_1_prov.pdf).

Working documents will be made available on the same website in due course.


Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish.

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The ACE Secretariat encourages the participation of representatives in charge of providing policy direction in the field of IP enforcement. Participants could represent, *inter alia*, national IP Offices, customs authorities, police authorities, and prosecution units, as well as Observers. Moreover, the International Bureau encourages gender equity in all WIPO meetings, and it would be appreciated if this could be taken into account when nominating the participants.

Delegates may attend the meeting in person at the WIPO headquarters in Geneva or *via* an online remote participation platform. All participants are requested to register online at: [https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=84728](https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=84728), using the following code: NA59OU41GY. It would be appreciated if participants could register no later than **January 29, 2025**.

The Committee will have to decide on a work program for its eighteenth session. In order to prepare those discussions, the ACE Secretariat invites WIPO Member States to submit proposals on the future work of the Committee by **November 29, 2024**, to: [enforcement@wipo.int](mailto:enforcement@wipo.int).

Any questions about this meeting may be addressed to the ACE Secretariat at: [enforcement@wipo.int](mailto:enforcement@wipo.int). 

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