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The complexity of subject-matter for which patents are sought and the number of filings worldwide are both increasing. At the same time, IP-related costs are being criticised, product life cycles are becoming shorter and multinationals often dominate the patent scene, leaving many SMEs lagging behind. On the other hand there is a belief that in many spheres the rate of innovation is decreasing.



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In light of the needs of users of the IP system, how has the role of IP offices changed and how should it change further to handle the influx of filings, but still not stifle growth? Has the IP system changed to meet the reality of today's fast-moving global marketplace.

What is the role of IP offices in the world's zest for recovery from recession?

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Leaders from various IP offices will be interviewed in this session to:

- (a) respond to the views expressed by users during Session 2, and
- (b) answer the questions sent in advance by delegates attending the Congress.

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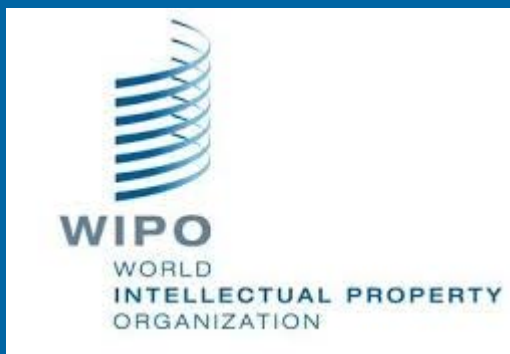
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