

C. CWS 127

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Re: Establishment of the API Task Force

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Madam,  
Sir,

At its Seventh Session, held from July 1 to 5, 2019, the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) amended Task No. 56, the description of which reads:

"Prepare recommendations for data exchange supporting machine to machine communications focusing on:

- (i) facilitation of the development of web services which access IP resources;
- (ii) provision of business vocabulary and appropriate data structures;
- (iii) naming conventions for Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) of resources; and
- (iv) provision of business cases for implementing web services."

In order to manage this amended Task, the CWS established the API Task Force, noting that the XML4IP Task Force previously managed Task No. 56. The CWS requested the International Bureau to issue a circular inviting Offices to nominate their API expert(s) for the new Task Force, and for volunteers to serve as a leader of the Task Force.


The International Bureau hereby invites CWS Members wishing to participate in the API Task Force to nominate their representative(s) to the Task Force and to volunteer to act as a Task Force leader.

The work of this Task Force will be conducted in English-only, primarily through electronic-means and through face-to-face meetings. The Task Force is expected to commence work in particular on completing the draft Web API Standard, in October 2019.

Should your Office/Organization wish to participate in this Task Force, details of your expert(s) should be sent to the International Bureau at [cws.mail@wipo.int](mailto:cws.mail@wipo.int) by **October 18, 2019**.

Please see the Annex to this Circular for further details. It would be appreciated if the number of this circular is quoted as a reference in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely,



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In order to participate in the Task Force discussions on the WIPO Wiki platform, the person nominated by his/her Office/Organization as the Task Force member (representative) should have a WIPO User Center Account.

If the representative does not have an account, he or she should create one at <https://www3.wipo.int/wipoaccounts/usercenter/public/register.jsf> and then validate the account following the instructions received by e-mail.

When validating the account, the representative will be asked to create a username to be used when accessing Wiki space. It is recommended that the username be preceded by the corresponding WIPO ST.3 code separated by a dash (e.g., "ca-jsmith").

In order to ensure that the account has been successfully created, the representative should log in to the WIPO Wiki at <https://www3.wipo.int/confluence> (clicking on "Log in" at the top-right corner and entering his/her username and password).

Once the account has been successfully created, the following details should be sent to the International Bureau at [cws.mail@wipo.int](mailto:cws.mail@wipo.int):

- Name of Office/Organization;
- Last name, First name (Mr./Ms.);
- Position in the Office;
- WIPO User Center ID (username created following the above instructions); and
- E-mail address used when creating WIPO User Center account.

Once the details listed above have been processed by the International Bureau, the nominees will receive a notification that they can access the Task Force Wiki.

For further information, please contact the International Bureau at [cws.mail@wipo.int](mailto:cws.mail@wipo.int).

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