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One World IP at 2026 AIPPI MidTerm Meeting, Marrakech, Morocco

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Mohannad Al Kharouf, Managing Director of One World IP, and Mr. Nazeer Al Kharouf will be attending the 2026 AIPPI MidTerm Meeting, taking place from 5 – 6 February 2026 in Marrakech, Morocco.

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Algeria – Increase in Official Fees for Trademark, Patents and Designs

The Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property (INAPI) has announced an increase in official fees for intellectual property services following amendments to the Algerian Finance Law published in the Official Gazette in December 2025.

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UAE: New Plant Varieties Law 8 of 2025

UAE government introduced the new Law 8 of 2025 on the Protection of New Plant Varieties protects breeders' rights, promotes agricultural innovation, and enhances food and biosecurity. It replaces Federal Law No. 17 of 2009 and aligns national legislation with international standards set by the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV).

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European Patent Office Transitions to Electronic Filing as a Unified Portal

The European Patent Office (EPO) announced that it has officially discontinued the traditional Online Filing (eOLF) desktop software and adopted Online Filing 2.0 as its standard filing tool. As of 1 January 2026, all patent applications and related submissions must be filed exclusively through this web-based system.

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UAE Trademark Office Adopts 13th Edition of Nice Classification

The UAE Trademark Office is now adopting the 13th edition of the Nice Classification. Hence, all new filings shall be according to the new edition.

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Morocco – Growth in Patent Filings in 2025

Patent activity in Morocco experienced significant growth in 2025, with 2,414 applications submitted, including 338 from local innovators—a 39% rise compared to 2024. Universities led the way, contributing 64% of domestic filings, followed by individual inventors (20%) and businesses (13%).

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Qatar Deepens Global Trade and Investment Engagements at Davos 2026

H.E. Sheikh Faisal bin Thani bin Faisal Al Thani, Qatar's Minister of Commerce and Industry, concluded a series of bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum (Davos 2026).

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