# Utilization of IP System &
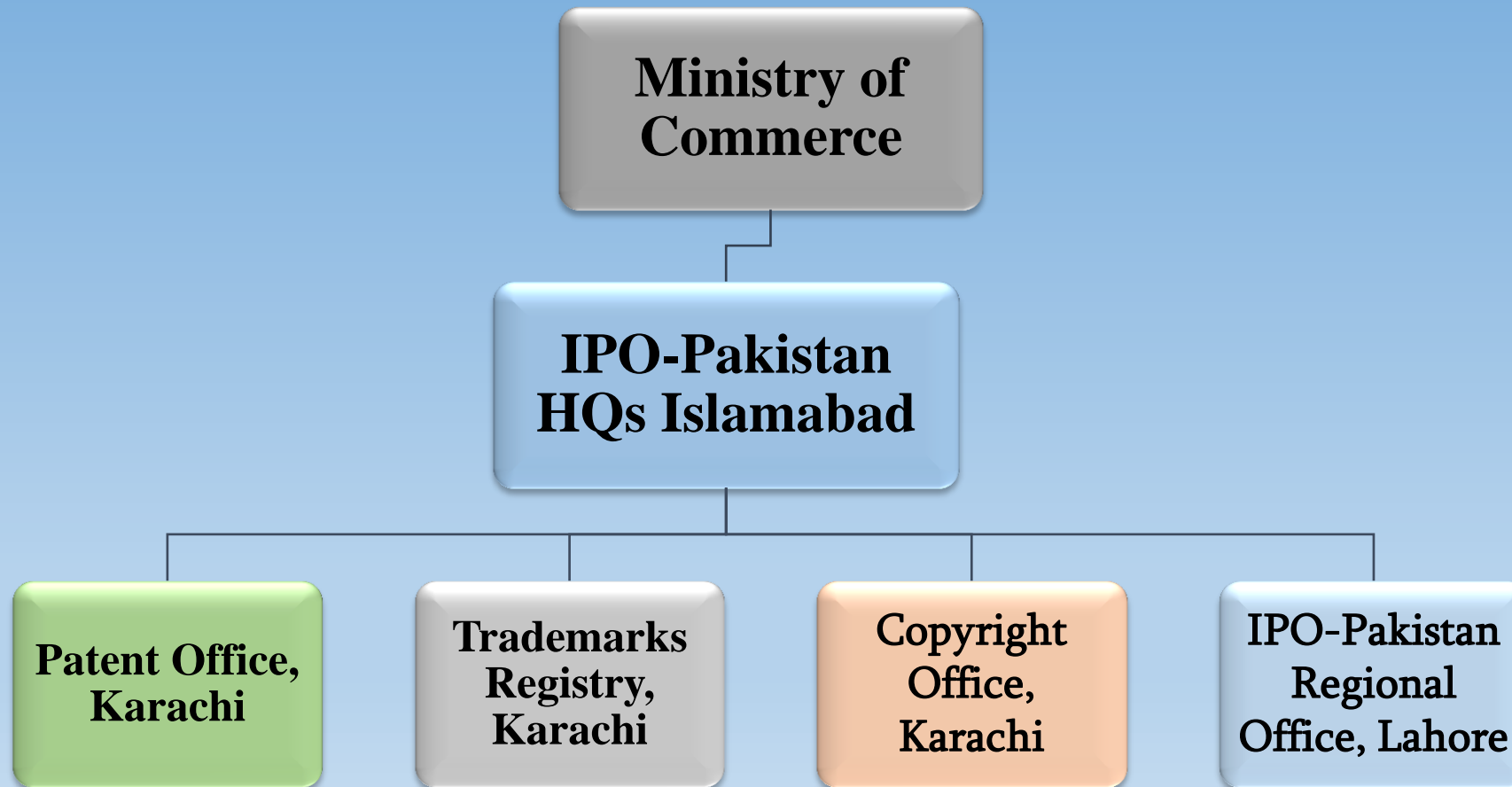# Future Development of International Cooperation for Economic, Social & Cultural Development

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# A. Brief Introduction of
## IPO Pakistan

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## Policy Framework

## IPO Policy Board

- **14 Members:**
  - **5 Federal Government Members** *(Ex-officio )*
  - **4 Provincial Government Members**
  - **5 Private Sector Members**

# * Major Functions of IPO-Pakistan

- Advise the Federal Government on Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) related issues

- Administration of Intellectual Property Rights laws

- Management and supervision of all Intellectual Property Rights Offices established under National IP Laws

- Coordination with the designated government agencies for the enforcement of IPRs

- Coordination & collaboration with relevant national & international organizations

- Promotion of IP awareness in the country

# IPO Pakistan
# Legal Framework

- IPO ACT, 2012

- The Trademarks Ordinance, 2001

- The Patents Ordinance, 2000

- The Copyright Ordinance, 1962

- The Registered Designs Ordinance, 2000

- The Registered Layout Designs of Integrated Circuits Ordinance, 2000

- The Plant Breeders Rights Act, 2016 (MNFSR).

# IP Filing Trend in Pakistan

| Type of Application | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Trademarks | 27,382 | 33,617 | 35, 972 |
| Patents | 873 | 858 | 811 |
| Copyrights | 3,668 | 5,171 | 6,274 |
| Industrial Designs | 464 | 487 | 570 |
| Total (source) | 32,387 | 40,133 | 43,627 |

Source: IT Department of IPO-Pakistan

# Recent Initiatives

- One Window Operation
- Interactive web portal (e-filing, e- search, e- status check etc would be started soon)
- Updation of IP Legislation
- Drafting of Geographical Indication Law and National IP Strategy
- IPR Enforcement Coordination
  - Establishment of IP Tribunals
  - IPR Enforcement coordination committees
- Enactment of Plant Breeders' Rights Law
- MOUs at national/international level
- Establishment of Technology& Innovation Support Centre (TISCs) network in Pakistan
  - 27 TISCs at Universities, R&D organizations

# Future Plans

- Accession to international Treaties (PCT, Madrid Protocol, Marrakesh Treaty)
- Opening of new IPO offices
- Complete Automation and E-Office
- Updation of existing IP Laws
- Formulation of new laws GI, UM

# B. International Cooperation in the Changing Environment

# Suggestions for International Cooperation

- Technical Assistance/international coordination should be based on
  - customized needs of the countries
  - International best practices
  - Development of guidelines/templates for IP management
  - Infrastructure development support


- Strengthening IP support structure to promote SMEs, CMOs, Enforcement mechanism and litigation management


- Encouraging R&D by bridging the gap between academia and industry


- Establishment of discussion forum to address issues related to new technologies and Global IP system

# Important Initiatives
# to be Replicated and Adapted

- Patent Prosecution Highways

- Encouraging Development of Regional IP systems
    - European Patent Office (EPO)
    - ASEAN Intellectual Property Association.(ASEAN IPO)
    - African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

- Development of national IP strategy

# Utilization of IP System for Economic, Social and Cultural Development

a.    Compatible IP Protection System

b.   Measures for IP Recognition

c.   Resource Development

# Compatible Protection System

i.       **Updating existing laws in consonance with digital age**

ii.      **Enhancement of scope to new subject-matters**

iii.      **Enactment of new laws to address emerging issues**

iv.      **Adequate role of IPO beyond registration of rights**

v.      **Measures to be taken for availability of affordable IP**

# Measures for IP Recognition

- **Motivation through Financing**
  a. Rewards for Innovators, brand owners etc
  b. Financing on the basis of IP assets

- **Inclusion of IP in other national policies**
  a. Innovation policy
  b. Trade Policy
  c. Investment Policy
  d. SME development Policy
  e. Education policy
  f. Cultural industries policy
  g. Taxation Policy

- **Strengthening IPRs Enforcement**

# Resource Development

A. Infrastructure- Modern IT Tools for:
  a. Users Accessibility
  b. Information/Reports Sharing
  c. Analysis of IP data

B. Human Resource

# Thanks