



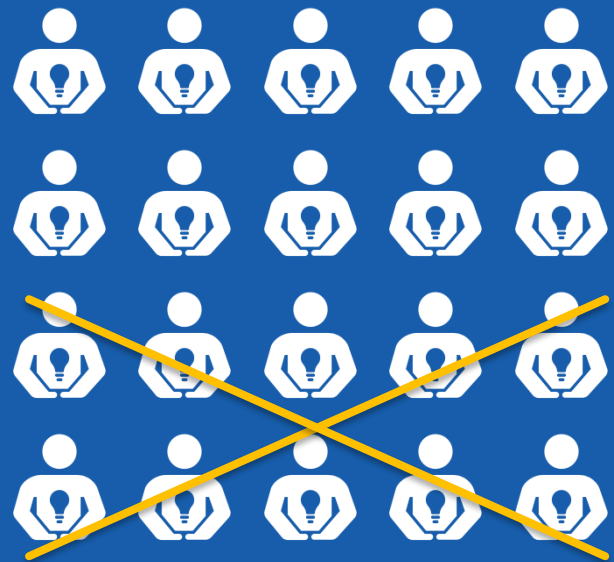
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The Inventor Assistance Program

In some countries, more than
half of *pro se* applicants
are abandoned before
substantive examination.

Their applications get rejected
purely based on formalities.





How can we tap into the ingenuity our countries have to offer?

all innovators need access to high quality legal services to benefit from the potential of their ideas

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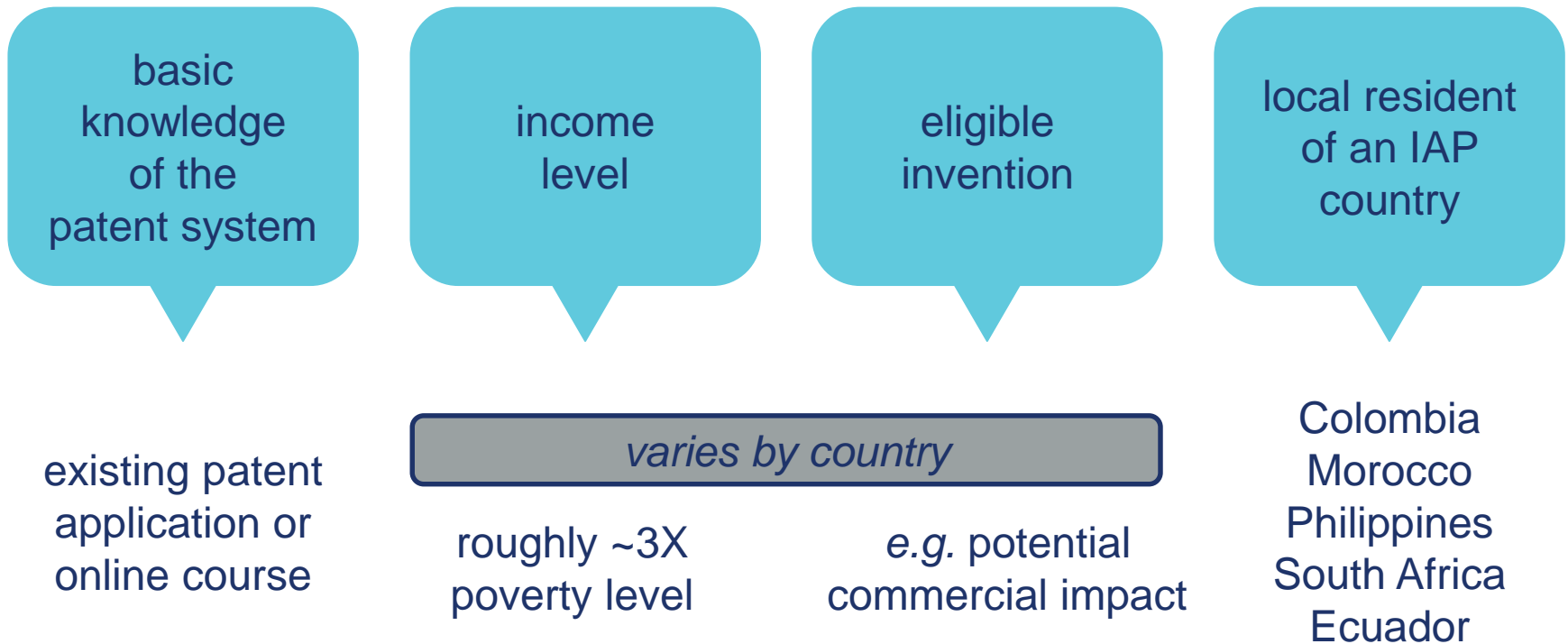
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How Inventors qualify for the IAP



HOW THE IAP WORKS

HELPING UNDER RESOURCED
INVENTORS PROTECT THEIR IDEAS



INVENTOR
APPLICATION

qualify through patent application or
by taking online course



STEERING
COMMITTEE REVIEW

determine eligibility and priorities



MATCHMAKING

based on technology covered in the
application and language



PATENT
PROSECUTION

assistance in prosecuting the patent
application before the national patent office.



PCT NATIONAL
PHASE ENTRY

additional matchmaking for help in
selected jurisdictions



INVENTORS



SOCIETY



PATENT
OFFICES



ATTORNEYS
& AGENTS

THE BENEFITS OF THE IAP

access
high quality
services

level playing
field for
inventors

facilitates
communication
with applicants

new
experiences &
future clients

inventions
evaluated
on merit

gives access
to technologies
otherwise lost

increases local
use of
patent system

community of
international
experts

Patent practitioners on the IAP experience

It has been rewarding for us to contribute to the promotion of innovation in our country. This experience has allowed us to improve our capabilities from the professional and personal point of view.

It is important to interact with inventors who do not belong to the corporate level, who enrich my vision about the advantages and difficulties of the patent system and new ways of doing things.

The Right Ecosystem for the IAP

innovation
mindset

a culture of innovation should already be well established

low success
rates

local inventors have low patent grant rates or minimal use of the system

volunteer
base

the patent profession is established and can be counted on for support

supporting
institutions

specialized agencies such as TISCs can support applicants for patent searching

Part of a team effort: Country's Role



NATIONAL AUTHORITY

- establish eligibility criteria and identify national focal point
- coordinate promotion to inventors and Patent Specialists
- receive IAP inquiries and applications
- coordinate matchmaking with WIPO



SCREENING BOARD

- decides on IAP applications
- composed of different stakeholders, including from the patent office, R&D sector, agencies responsible for industry
- early notification of promising inventions to enable leverage of other government programs

HOW TO JOIN THE IAP

Send WIPO a letter of intent and provide the following details:



statistics on success of local patent applicants



eligibility criteria to access the program



a national focal point



composition of the national screening board



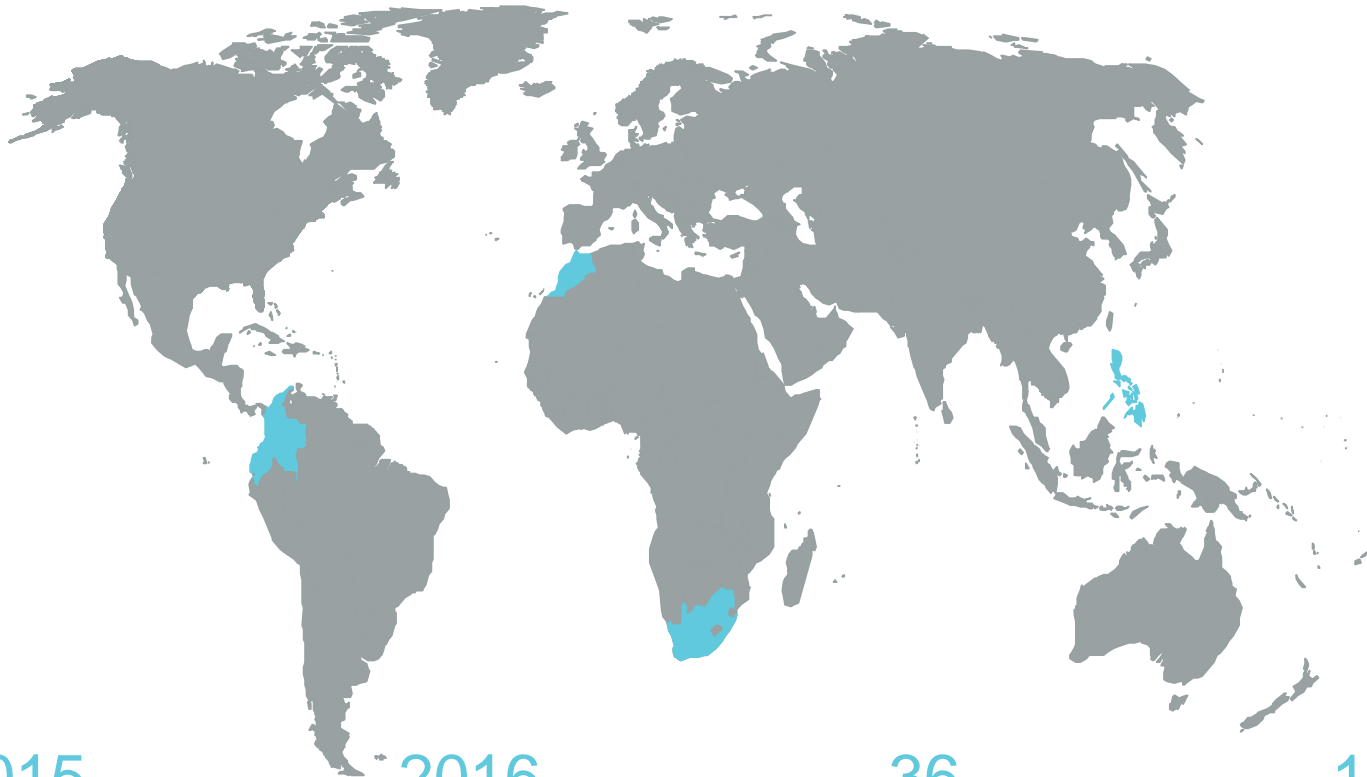
commitment to promote the IAP nationally



supporting groups for patent searches & volunteers

Status of the IAP

January 1 – June 30, 2018



2015

pilot
program

2016

formal
launch

36

inventions
selected

100+

patent
specialists

<http://www.wipo.int/iap/>

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