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Are Multi-Lateral IP Treaties a thing of the past?



STRENGTHENING THE PRACTICE OF THE INDEPENDENT IP ATTORNEY

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WTO in 2023

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- Coalition building is a fundamental value
- Multilateralism matters

"nothing is agreed until everything is agreed"
aka
the "single undertaking" rule



WTO Appellate Body

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The WTO's Appellate Body does not have the quorum required as of December 10, 2018 when the terms of two of the remaining three Judges ended, effectively depriving the WTO of its ability to resolve international trade disputes. The last sitting Judge's term expired on November 30, 2020.



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“The WTO no longer guarantees access to mandatory, two-tier, independent and impartial trade dispute resolution. This is a clear violation of the WTO’s agreements”.

European commission.
Cited April 21, 2022.



Concurrently

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From 2000 onwards there has been a growing tendency towards bilateral treaties between intergovernmental organizations like the EU and countries and regions outside of the EU which include IPRs.



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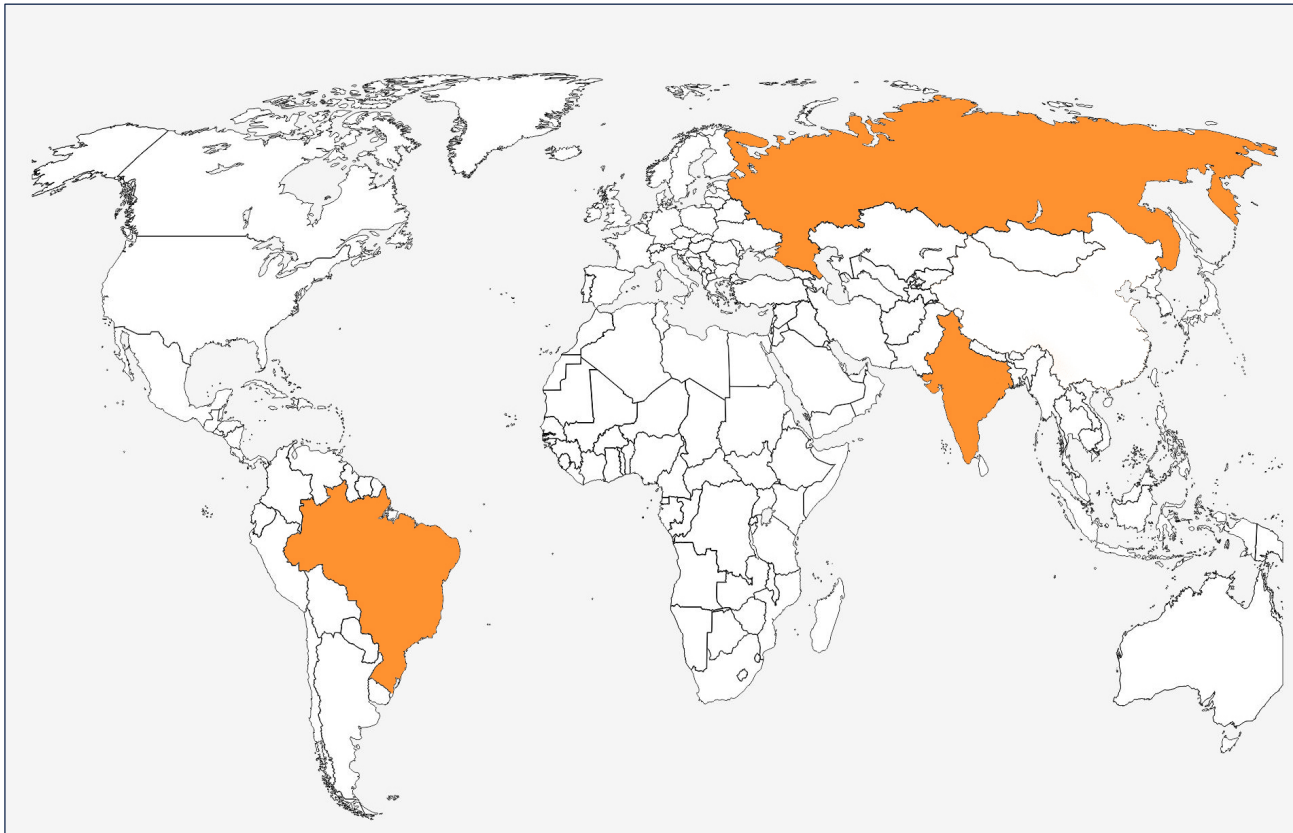


Economist Jim O’Neill of Goldman Sachs creates the term “BRIC” believing the collective economies of Brazil, Russia, India/Bharat, and China would dominate global growth by 2050.



June 16, 2009 Russia Inaugural "BRIC" Summit

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Brazil
Russia
India/Bharat
China



April 16, 2010 - Brasilia, Brazil

2nd BRICS Summit

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- Brazil
- Russia
- India/Bharat
- China
- South Africa

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WHY?

Interest in shoring up economic and trade mechanisms outside the “Western” framework.



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June 2022 - Beijing, China

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Waiting in the wings 19 countries participate in an expanded BRICS format

“The marginalization of developing countries within the various institutions of global governance, constitutes a sure source of instability, inequality and development”.

Algerian President, Abdelmadjid Tebboune
BRICS Summit, Beijing, June 2022

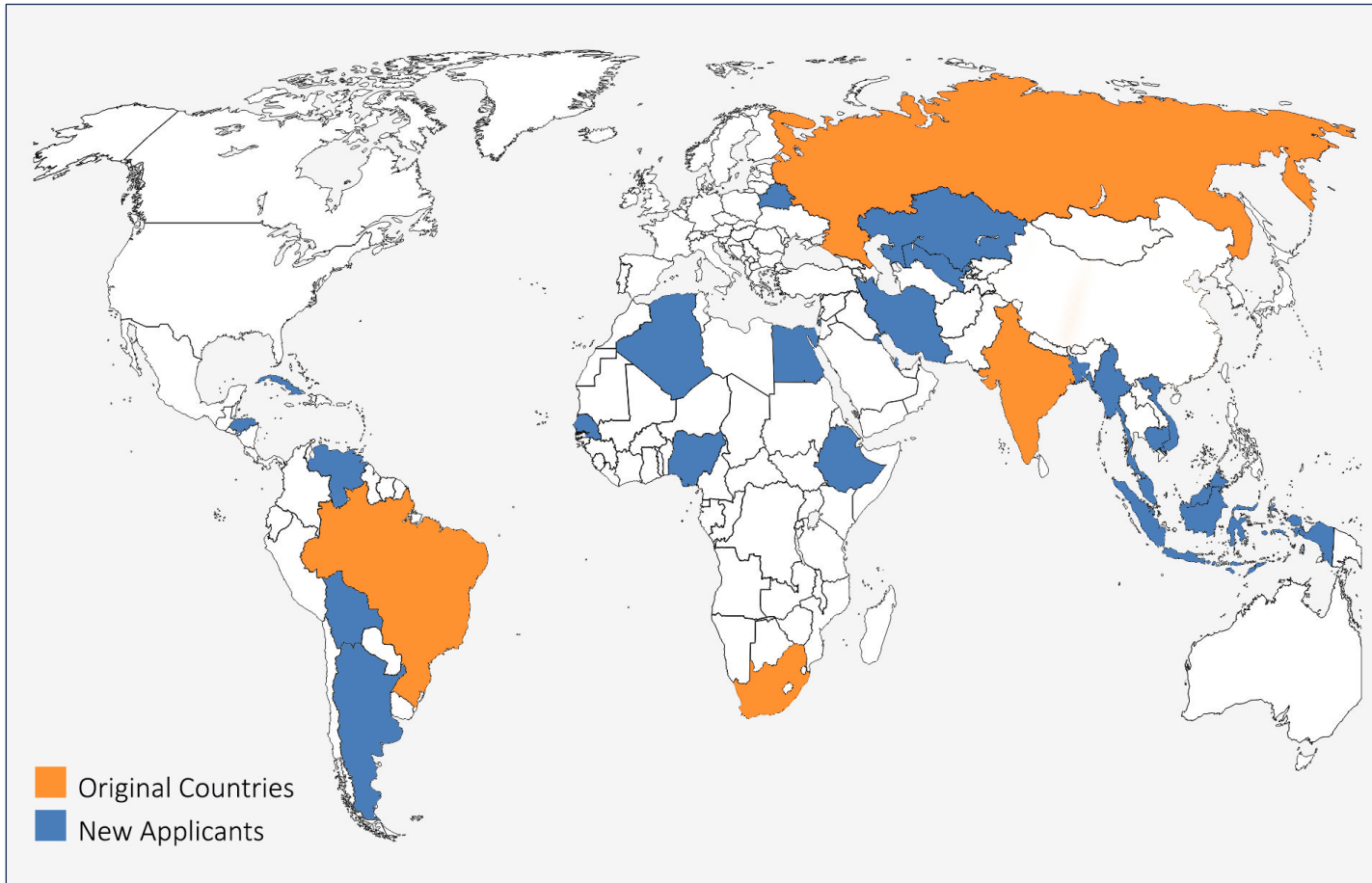


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June 2022/2023 BRICS 24 new applicant countries

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- Algeria
- Argentina
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Belarus
- Bolivia
- Cambodia
- Cuba
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Fiji
- Honduras
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Kazakhstan
- Kuwait
- Malaysia
- Nigeria
- Palestine
- Senegal
- Thailand
- Uzbekistan
- Venezuela
- Vietnam

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2023 – UN predicts the world economy will grow 2.3% in 2023

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BRICS:

- Comprises: the world's largest countries by population, area, GDP, and GDP PPP
- 26.7% of the land surface
- 41.5% of the population
- 26.6% of the nominal GDP (market rate of all goods/services produced)
- China leads with respect to GDP PPP (based on purchasing power parity – the value of goods/services produced in the country with respect to the USD.)

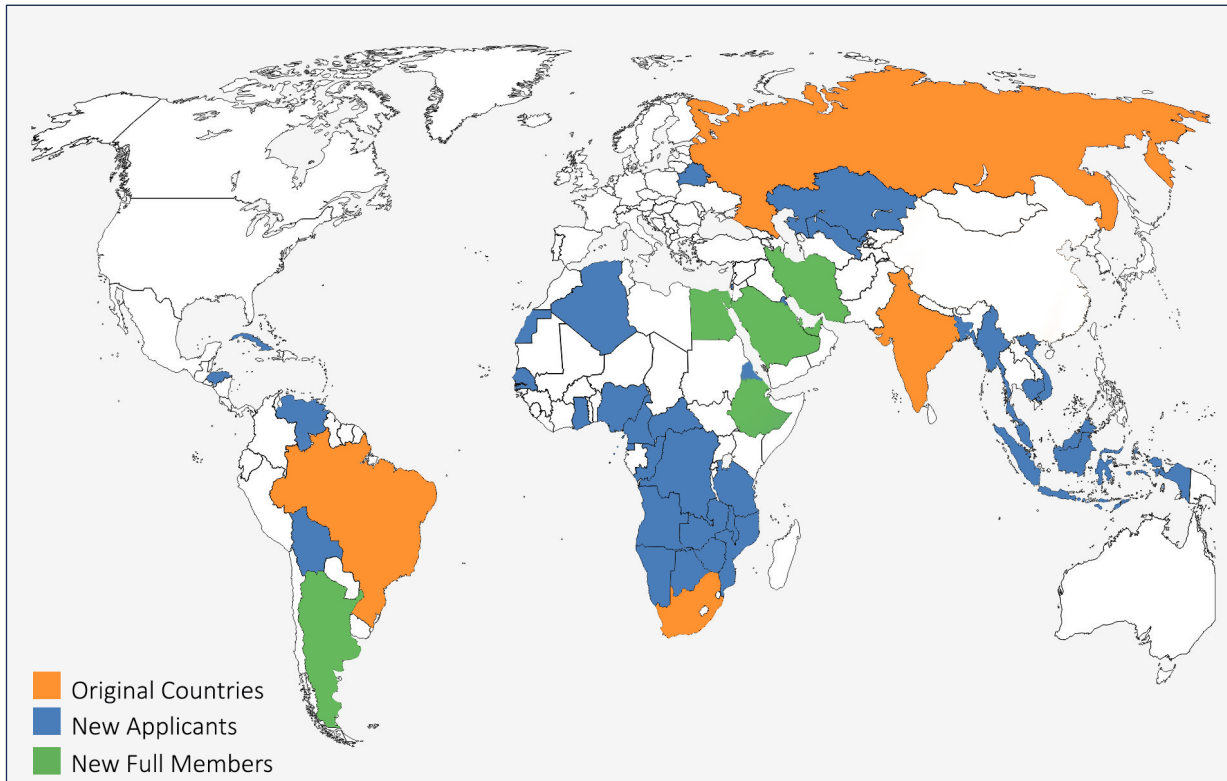


BRICS+ August 2023 - 15th Summit

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Invited: African Union, Arab Maghreb Union, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, United Nations, ASEAN + 34 countries.



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| Algeria | Indonesia |
| Angola | Iran |
| Argentina | Malawi |
| Bangladesh | Macedonia |
| Belarus | Namibia |
| Bolivia | Nigeria |
| Botswana | Palestine |
| Cameroon | Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic |
| Central African Republic | Republic |
| China | São Tomé and Príncipe |
| Congo | Saudi Arabia |
| Cuba | Senegal |
| DR Congo | South Senegal |
| Egypt | Tanzania |
| Ethiopia | United Arab Emirates |
| Equatorial Guinea | Zambia |
| Eritrea | Zimbabwe |
| Ghana | |

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BRICS+6 – January 1, 2024

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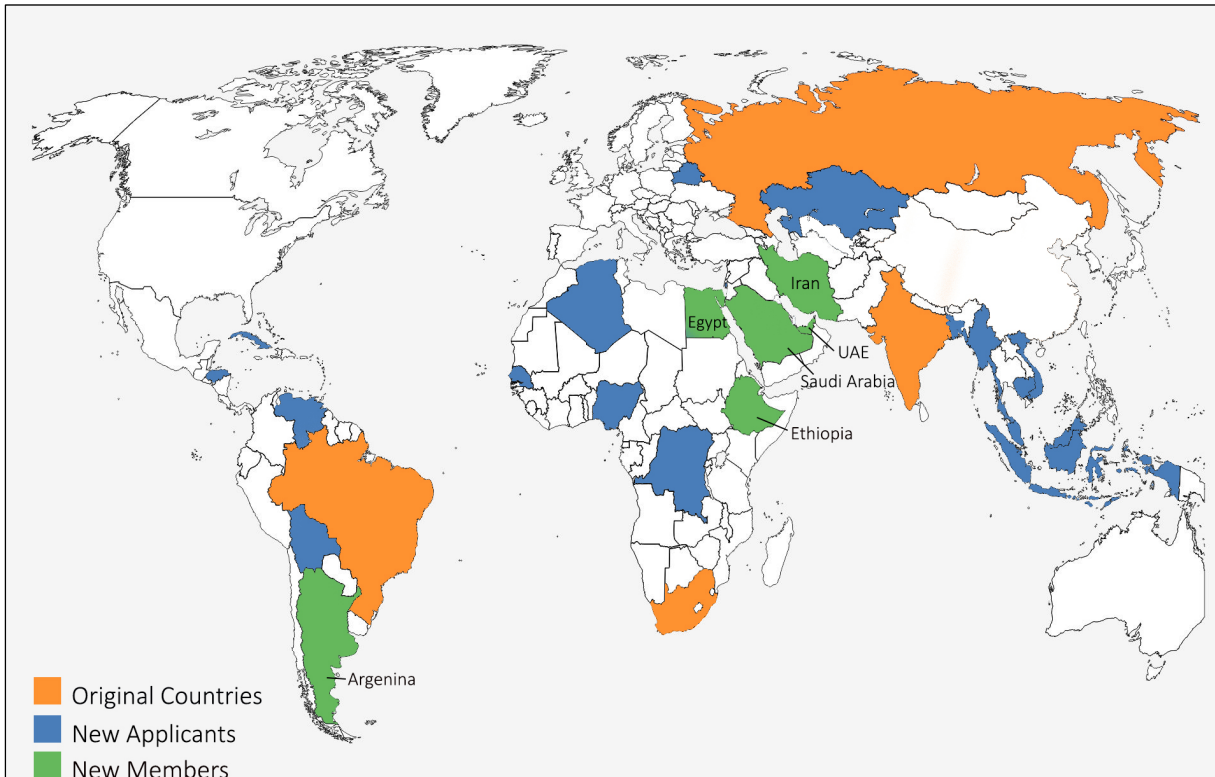
Effective January 1, 2024

Brazil		Argentina
Russia		Egypt
India/Bharat	+	Ethiopia
China		Iran
South Africa		Saudi Arabia
		United Arab Emirates

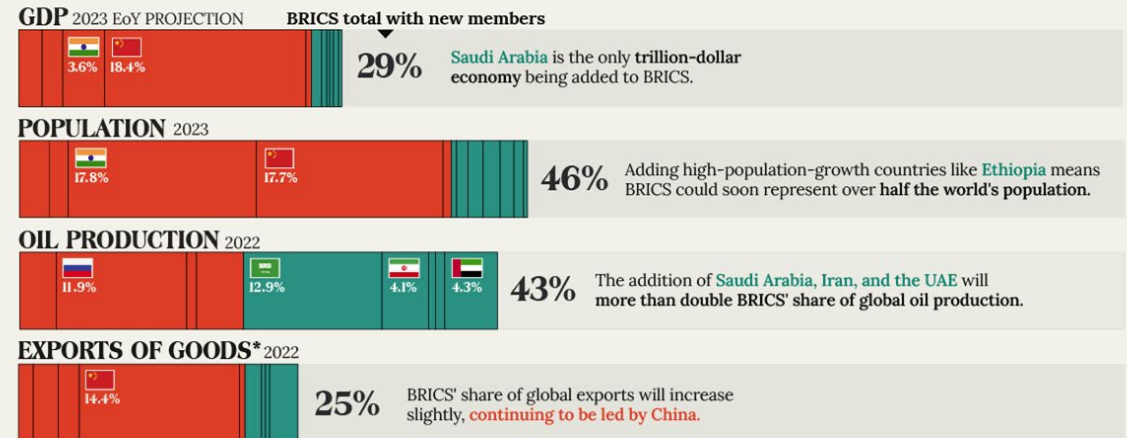


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SHARE OF GLOBAL



*Merchandise trade only.

Sources: IMF, World Population Review, EI Statistical Review of World Energy, World Trade Organization

visualcapitalist.com

V7, Live link:

<https://www.visualcapitalist.com/visualizing-the-brics-expansion-in-4-charts/>



G7 + G20 – “The West versus The Rest”?

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G7	G20 – Sept. 9, 2023 admits AU	
Canada	Argentina *	Mexico
France	Australia	Russia *
Germany	Brazil *	Saudi Arabia *
Italy	Canada	South Africa *
Japan	China *	South Korea
UK	France	Turkey
USA	Germany	United Kingdom
	India/Bharat *	United States
	Indonesia	European Union
	Italy	African Union
	Japan	

* Denotes members of both G20 & BRICS+6



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EU & UK (and Brexit...)

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- regional intergovernmental organisation
 - EU enters into trade negotiations





EAEU - May 29, 2014

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EAEU Trademark and Appellation of Origin Treaty (in force since April 26, 2021)

- Armenia (January 2, 2015)
- Belarus (January 1, 2015)
- Kazakhstan (January 1, 2015)
- Kyrgyzstan (August 12, 2015)
- Russia (January 1, 2015)



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A tour of Europe

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Trade Marks (Madrid)



- UK (1995)
- EU (2004)
- 26 of the current 27 EU Member States



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Designs (Hague)



- UK (13 June 2018)
- EU (1 January 2008)
- 19 of the 27 current EU Member States:

Belgium
Bulgaria
Croatia
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France

Germany
Greece
Hungary
Italy
Latvia
Lithuania
Luxembourg

Netherlands
Poland
Romania
Slovenia
Spain





Appellations of Origin (Lisbon)

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Territory	Lisbon Agreement	Stockholm Act	Geneva Act
Bulgaria	✓	✓	✗
Czech Republic	✓	✓	✓
France	✓	✓	✓
Hungary	✓	✓	✓
Italy	✓	✓	✗
Portugal	✓	✓	✗
Slovakia	✓	✓	✗
EU	✗	✗	✓ (FEBRUARY 2020)





And the importance of cheese....

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Latin America + The Caribbean

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33 Countries or territories

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Brazil
- Bolivia
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- El Salvador
- Ecuador
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- St. Vincent and Grenadines
- Suriname
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Uruguay
- Venezuela

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NO... but there are challenges



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CAN

The Andean Community of Nations (former Andean Pact)

Members:

Bolivia
Colombia
Ecuador
Peru

Associate Members:

Argentina
Brazil
Chile
Paraguay
Uruguay

Observers:

Panama
Mexico
Spain



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CAN

- **Decision 486** September 14, 2000
- In force December 1, 2000
- IPR system of the Andean Community
- Incorporates the requirements of TRIPS (Paris Convention)

Court of Justice of the Andean Community (TJCA)



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MERCOSUR

Members:

Argentina
Brazil
Paraguay
Uruguay

Associate Members:

Bolivia
Chile
Colombia
Ecuador
Guiana
Suriname



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MERCOSUR

Harmonization of IPRs, GIs, and Marks

Protocols discussed but NOT ratified by all member states therefore NOT enacted.



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UNASUR

Long-term goal: creation of a continental free trade zone, requiring rules on IP rights.

Members:

Argentina

Bolivia

Brazil

Chile

Colombia

Ecuador

Guyana

Paraguay

Peru

Suriname

Uruguay

Venezuela



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ALADI (replacing ALALC)

Members:	Argentina	Ecuador
	Brazil	Mexico
	Bolivia	Paraguay
	Chile	Peru
	Colombia	Uruguay
	Cuba	Venezuela

* Less important regionally than UNASUR



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Madrid Members:

Antigua and Barbuda

Belize

Brazil

Chile

Colombia

Cuba

Jamaica

Mexico

Trinidad & Tobago

https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/treaties/ShowResults?search_what=B&bo_id=20



Madrid



- Multiclass system for national filings still pending
- *Perceived inequities:*

national trademark applicants and registrants must appoint a legal representative in the country

vs.

holders of International registrations need only appoint a representative when there is the need to submit a petition to the BTO

- Non-traditional marks and slogans.
- “Dead wood” – implementation of a “no use” declaration has been implemented.



Madrid and the PCT in Latin America

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YES?

WHY?

NO?

WHY NOT?



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PCT – 23 Members

Barbados

Belize

Brazil

Chile

Colombia

Costa Rica

Cuba

Dominica

Dominican Republic

El Salvador

Ecuador

Grenada

Guatemala

Honduras

Jamaica

Mexico

Nicaragua

Panama

Peru

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Saint Lucia

Saint Vincent + The
Grenadines

Trinidad and Tobago



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PCT

- Countries hesitating to become members:
 - Argentina
 - Bolivia
 - Venezuela
 - Guyana
 - Uruguay
 - Paraguay
 - Etc..
- Issues in the region
- Future Developments



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June 28, 2019 Latin America Mercosur and European Union

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EU + Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay

- EU negotiating bilaterally beginning in 2000

GIs: wines, Spirits, beers and food products and protection of names of traditional Mercosur Products.

- Cachaca (Brazilian - spirit)
- Mendoza (Argentina - wine)
- Bilateral agreement recognizes that the vast majority of companies in EU & Mercosur are small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)



China

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Country Scale

History

Population + diversity



Distinguishing features of China?

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- Economic system
- Desire and efficiency in advancing innovation
- Adaptability





Internationally China joins WIPO in 1980...

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- December 19, 1984 - TRIPs (came into force on January 01, 1995) - adopted in China on December 11, 2001
- Madrid in 1989 - most designated Madrid member since 2012
- PCT - became a PCT contracting state on January 01, 1994, becomes top filer in 2019
- May 5, 2022 - China joined Hague system; “Apostille Convention” will become effective in China on November 07, 2023
- July 2014 - WIPO opens a dedicated China office in Beijing



The Importance of China as a WIPO Signatory

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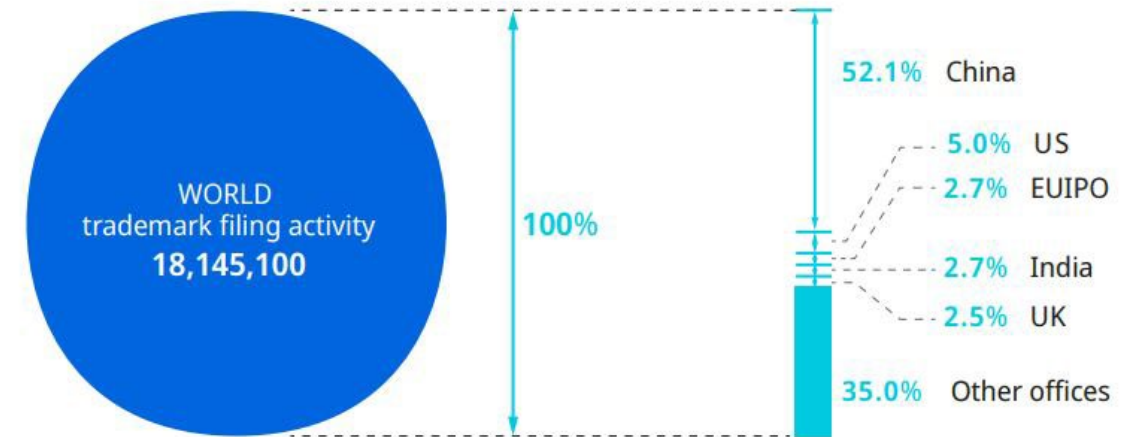
China leads the world in IP applications (WIPO 2022)

Patents 46.6%

Trademarks 52.1%

Designs 53.2%

GIs 9,000 GIs (2021), up 6.8% on the previous year



EUIPO is the European Union Intellectual Property Office.
Source: WIPO Statistics Database, September 2022.



Nationally China 1980...2023

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- 2008 – Launch of China's national IP strategy.
- Amends the *Trademark Law* 4 times...
- Adopts the concept of punitive damages and malicious infringement
- TM 5 (Trademark 5)
- Outline for Building a Strong Intellectual Property Country 2021-2035” in September 2021





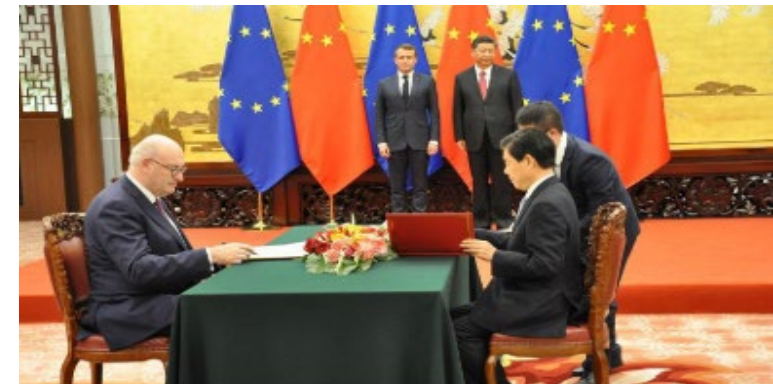
Regionally China + The ASEAN community

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ASEAN IP Rights Action Plan 2016-2025
CHINA-ASEAN Cooperation and
Development Forum on Combating
Infringement and Counterfeiting in Guangxi
Province on July 18, 2023

Exploration and Promotion of
Internationalization Process of GIs





China 2023 looking forward...

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- Diversity
- Vitality
- Globalisation



Africa

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| Algeria | Gabon | Senegal |
| Angola | Gambia | Seychelles |
| Benin | Ghana | Sierra Leone |
| Botswana | Guinea | Somalia |
| Burkina Faso | Guinea-Bissau | South Africa |
| Burundi | Kenia | South Sudan |
| Cabo Verde | Lesotho | Sudan |
| Cameroon | Libya | Tanzania |
| Central African Republic | Liberia | Togo |
| Chad | Madagascar | Tunisia |
| Comoros | Mali | Uganda |
| Congo | Malawi | Zambia |
| Côte d'Ivoire | Mauritania | Zimbabwe |
| Djibouti | Mauritius | |
| Egypt | Marocco | |
| Eritrea | Mozambique | |
| Eswatini | Namibia | |
| Ethiopia | Niger | |
| Equatorial Guinea | Nigeria | |
| DR Congo | Rwanda | |
| | Sao Tome & Principe | |



IP Protection in Africa

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- **African Union - AU**
- Majority of AU member states have national IP laws
- **ARIPO** – African Regional Intellectual Property Organization
- **OAPI** – African Intellectual Property Organization
- **PAIPO** – Pan-African Intellectual Property Office.
Adopted in 2016 but yet to come in force
- **WIPO**
- **AfCFTA** 2018 - New opportunity for intra-African trade, including IP

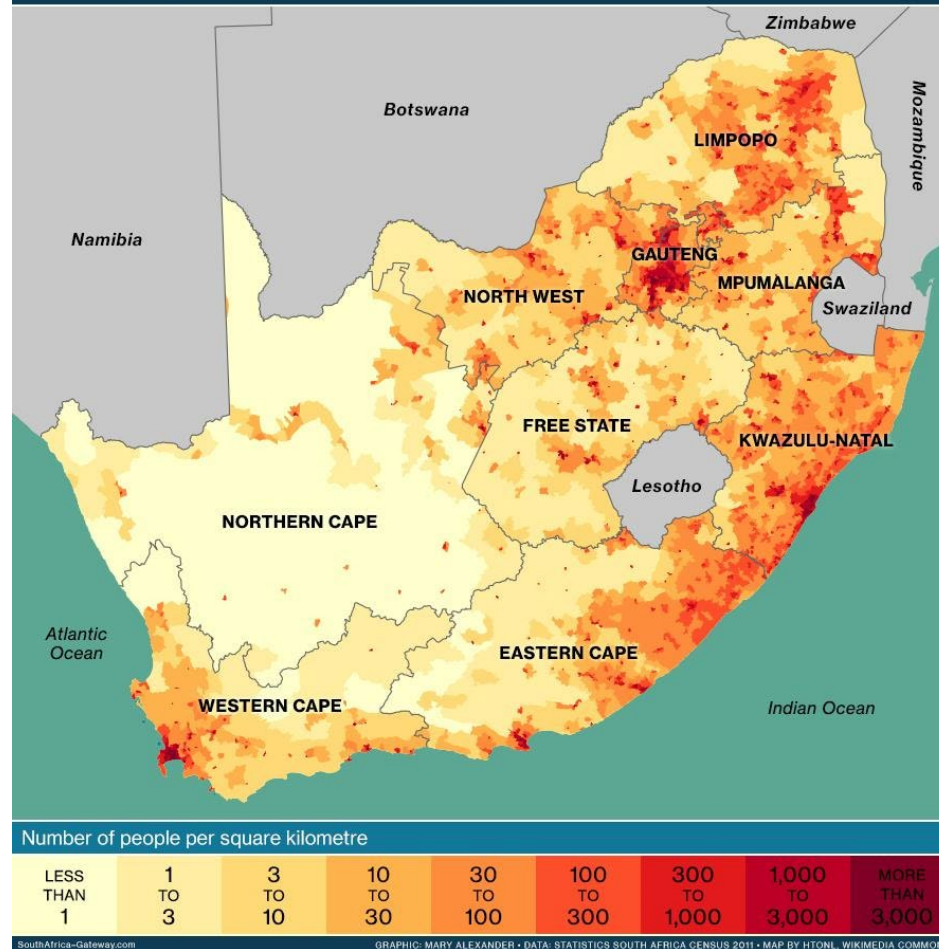


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The nine provinces of South Africa



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The Potential of AfCFTA

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1.4 BILLION people in 54 countries (excluding Eritrea)



Real GDP growth @ 3.8% above Global average of 3.4%



Diversified Economies



18 African countries projected to experience growth rates > 5% in 2023 and that number of countries will increase to 22 in 2024



Africa includes 5 of the world's fastest growing economies: Benin, Ivory Coast, Ethiopia, Rwanda, and Tanzania

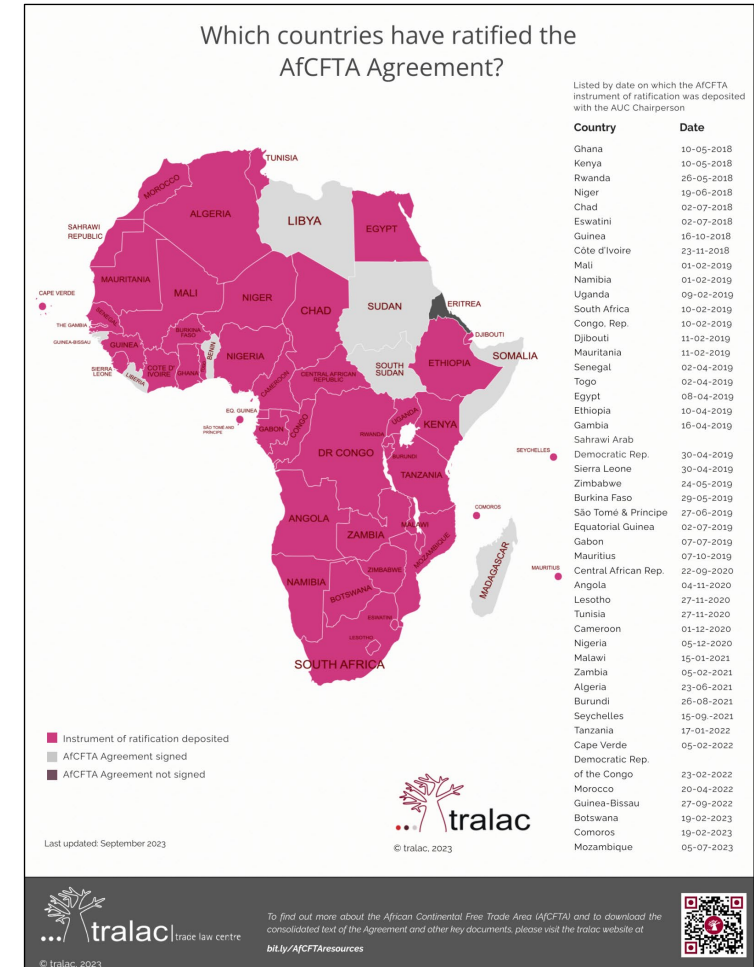


The African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) 2018 (46 of 54)

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- Effective January 1, 2021, entered into force May 2022
- Purpose: create a single market similar to the EU
- 3 protocols including an IPR Protocol
- Phase 1: goods, services, rules of origin
- Phase 2: investment, competition policy + IPRs included
- Octobr 7, 2022 AfCFTA Secretarial launched ACFTA Guided Trade Initiative





AfCFTA IPR Protocol

– Negotiations are ongoing

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"The IPR Protocol can serve as a catalyst for technology transfer, technology diffusion and the economic transformation of Africa's economy from one that is primarily resource-based, to one that is driven by knowledge information and ideas"

Secretary-General of the African
Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)
Mr. Wamkele Mene



Africa “Post-Covid”

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Africa’s potential in trending sectors for IP and investment:



Digital Education



Fintech



Healthcare



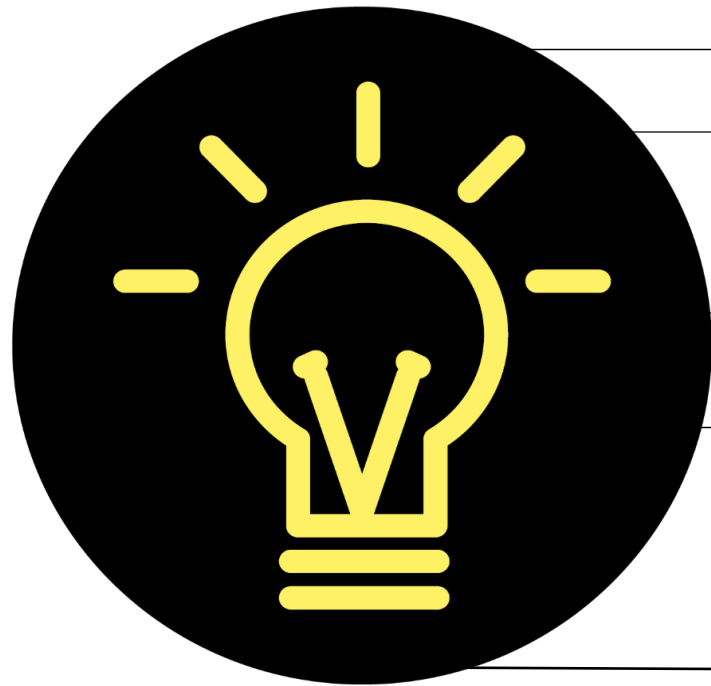
Telecommunications

The Promise: IPRs and 90% of the Value of S+P 500 companies



IP Rights in AfCFTA

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- Ultimate goal – all African economies will be highly developed
- Technology transfer and unhindered movement of goods and services
- Extended markets for IP owners to earn income
- Opportunities for least developed countries to learn from inventions and products from more developed ones,
- Awareness that large percentage of businesses are SMEs



Risks?

Exposure of these IP assets in markets where creators have minimal controls . . .
MUST have universal standards for protection, as enshrined in TRIPS



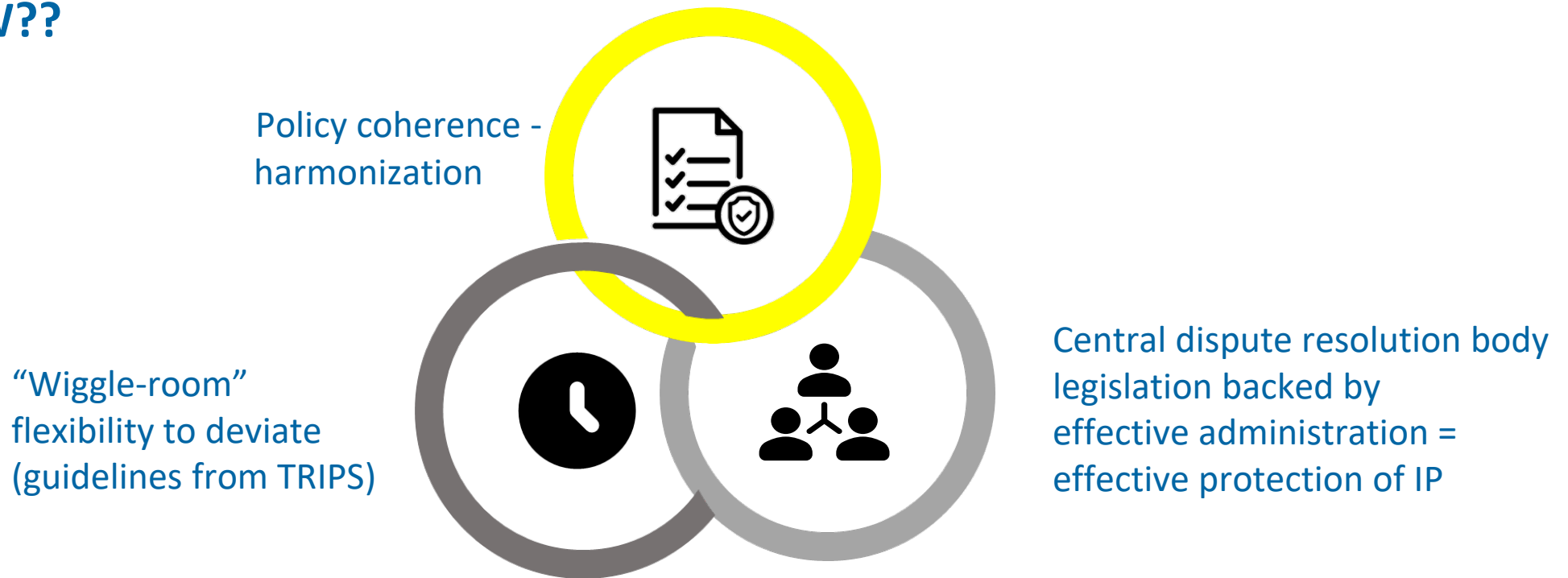
Effective Implementation of AfCFTA?

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Balancing the needs of countries at different stages of economic and IP development + maintaining their engagement + interest in these systems:

HOW??





Challenges to AfCTFA

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1. War, drought, famine, poverty, health, education issues....

2. Diverse Legal Systems

3. Varying Development Levels

4. Capacity / infrastructure Constraints

5. Lack of Awareness of protections available

6. Cultural and Traditional Knowledge

7. Global vs. Regional Obligations

8. Technical Complexity

9. Lack of Enforcement Mechanisms

10. Political and Policy Priorities

11. Resistance to Change

12. Negotiation and Consensus Building

13. Post-COVID Disillusionment

14. Cultural Diversity across 54 countries

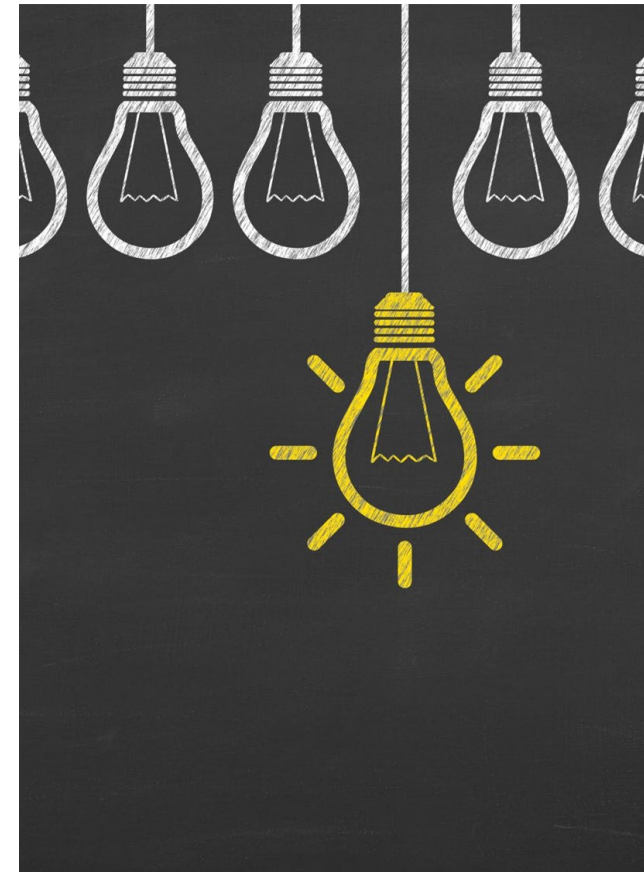


Benefits of AfCFTA to African IP?

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- Acceleration of Harmonization and alignment
- Stronger bargaining power - WIPO
- Collective negotiation power
- Common development goals which resonate with WIPO'S objectives
- Influence over global IP agenda
- Capacity building and collaboration
- BRICS+6 (August 2023)
- G20+AU (September 9, 2023)





How Does the IP World Contribute to AfCFTA?

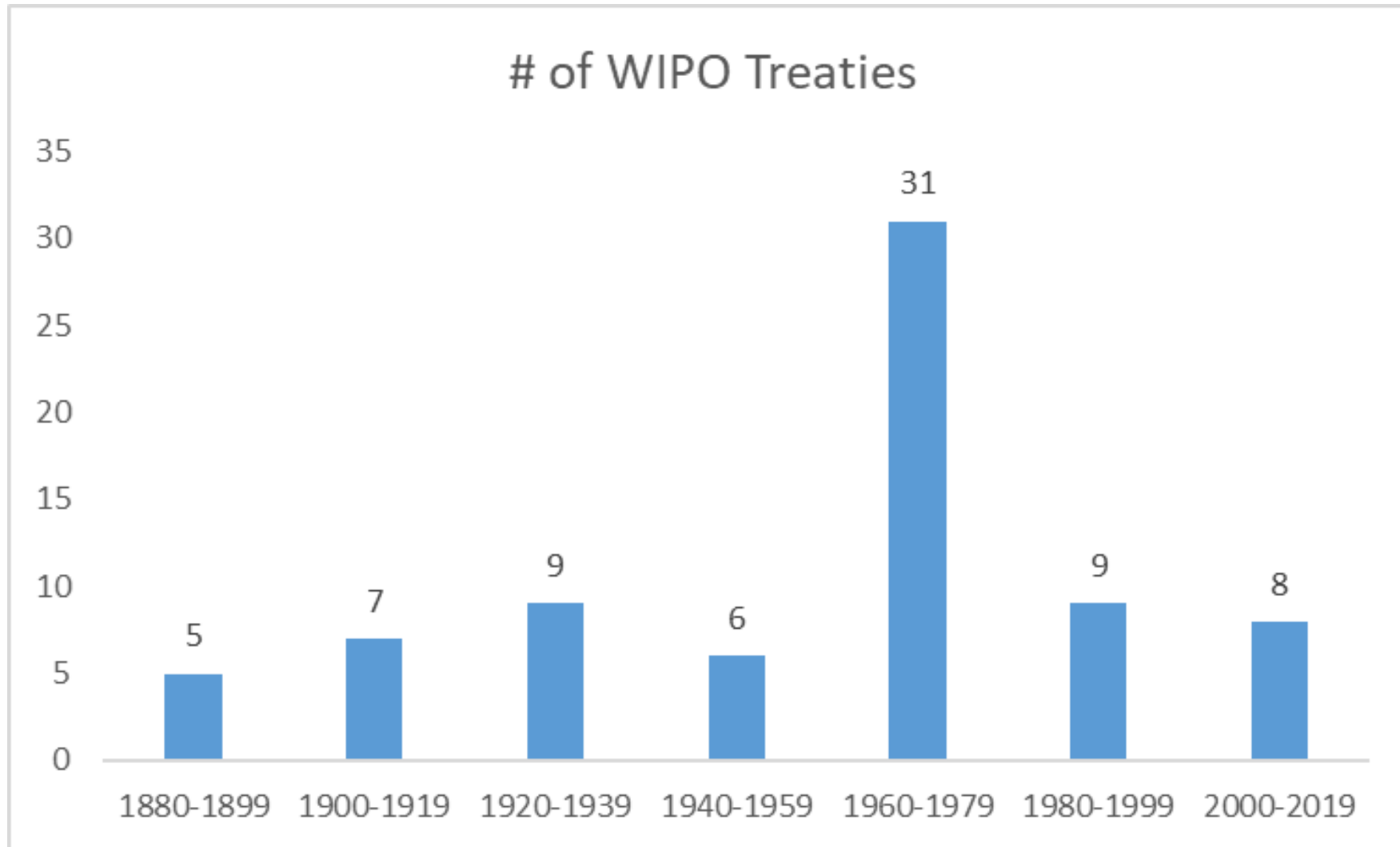
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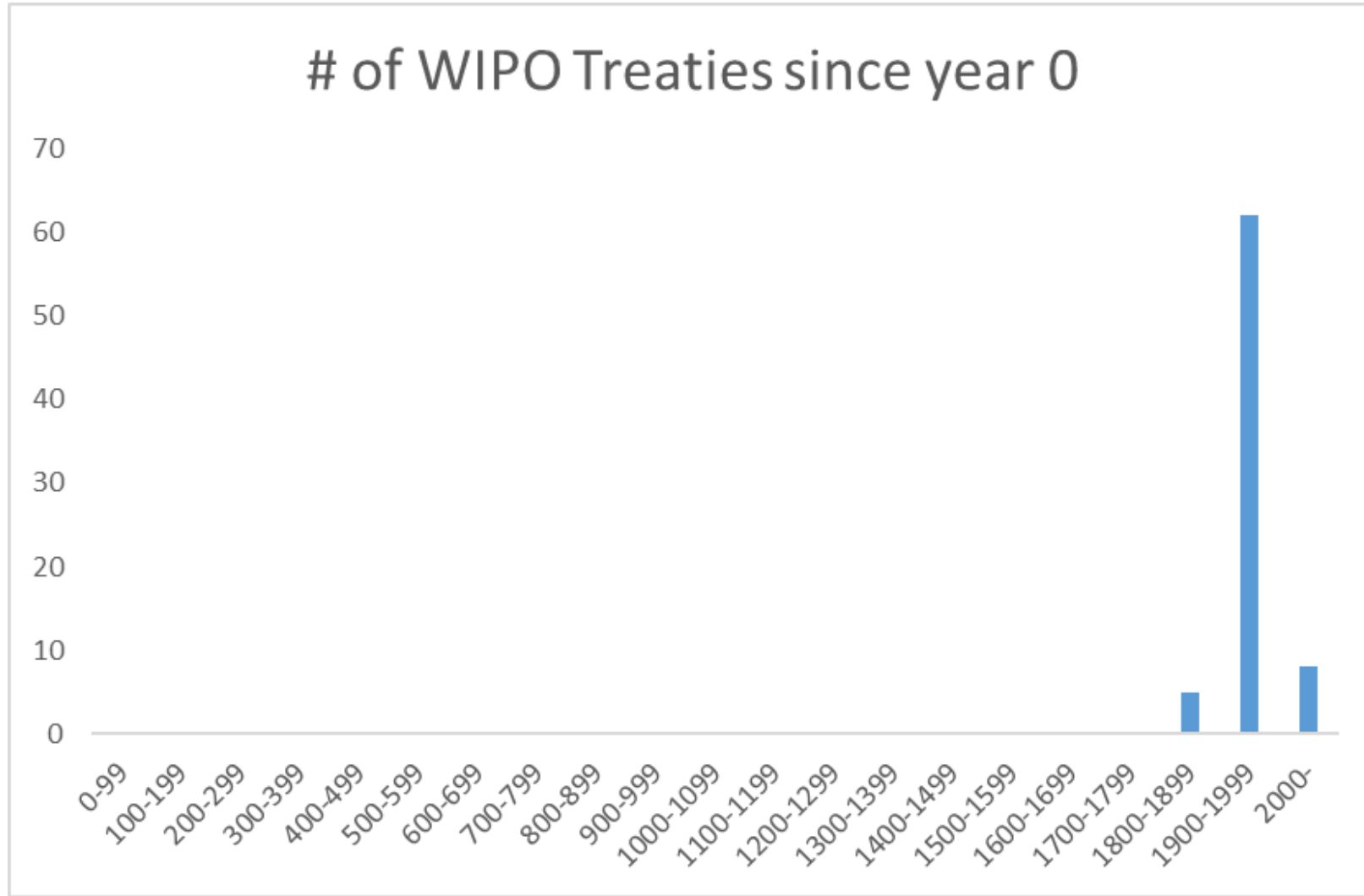
- Organizations like FICPI, AIPPI, INTA etc. to engage with WIPO and Regional and National offices;
- WIPO – technical support to National Offices;
- Practitioners – continue to drive awareness of IP matters both domestically and internationally
- Pro-bono support of SMEs, etc...



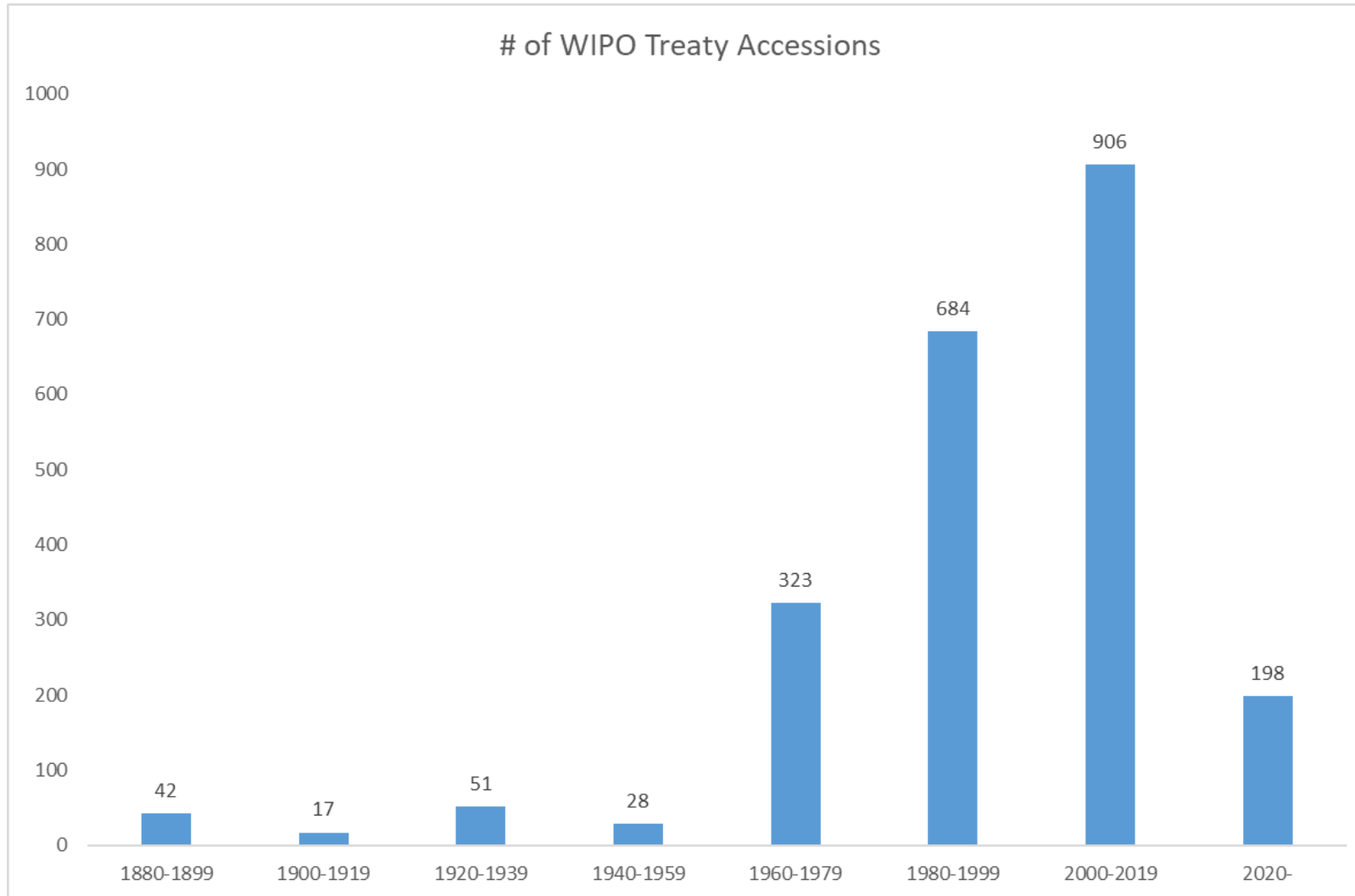
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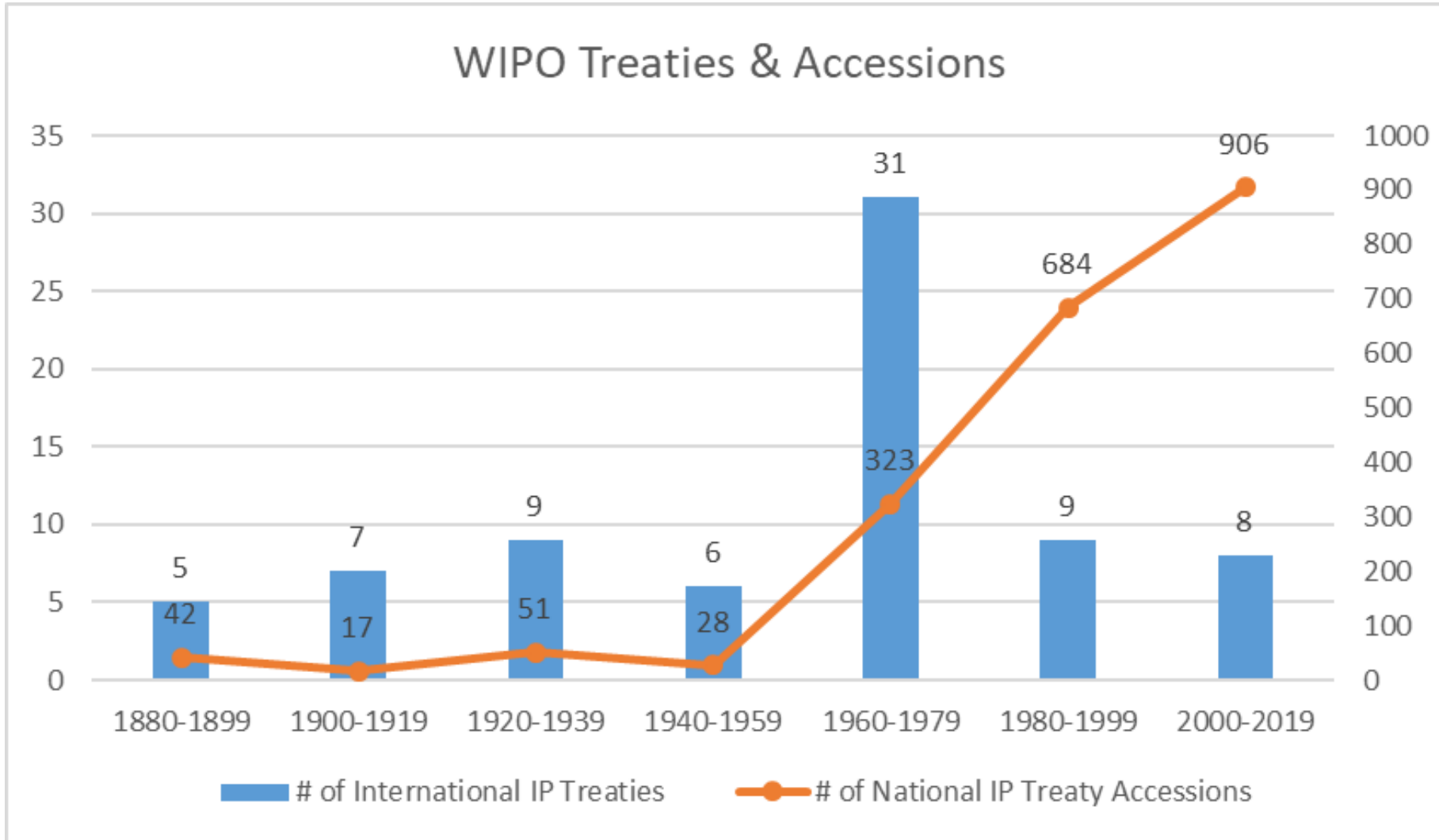
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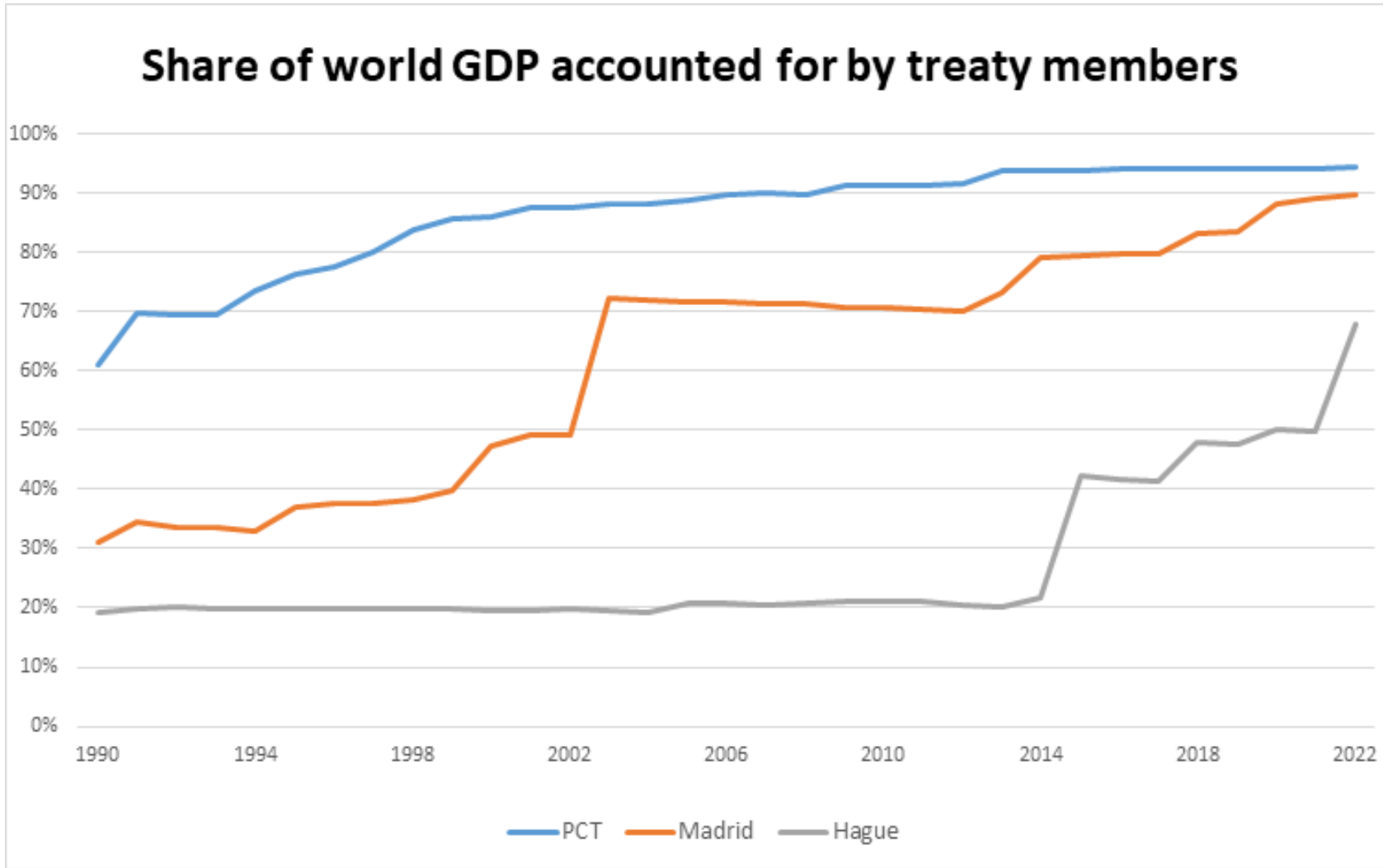
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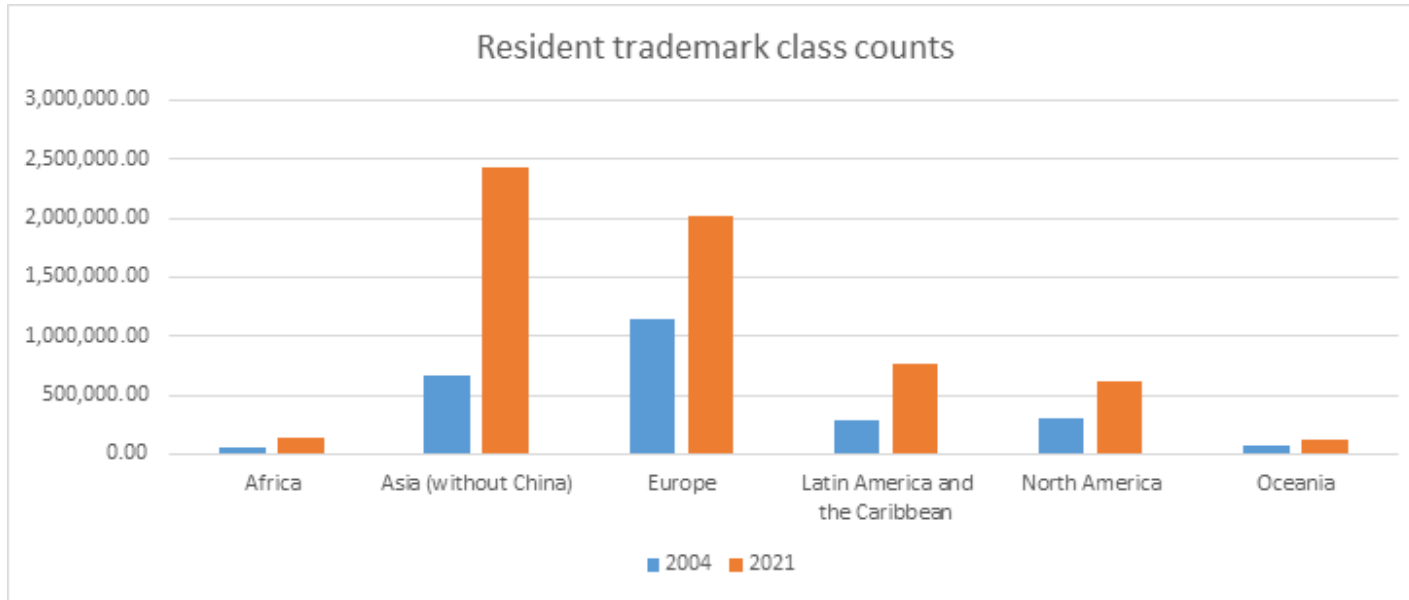
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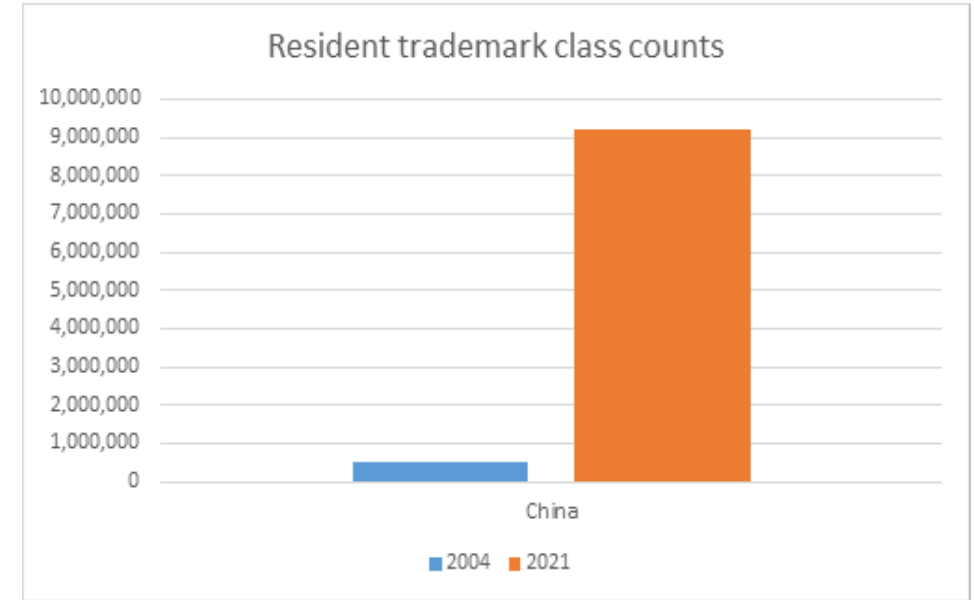
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