

Training Government Officials about Green Innovation



Some IP Offices are offering training about green technology solutions and about green innovation overall to patent examiners and other government officials.

A goal of providing training for patent examiners is to ensure they are familiar with cutting-edge green technologies, so they can do their jobs effectively and also so they can execute special programs such as green accelerated prosecution programs. Similarly, some IP Offices operate training programs to raise awareness among colleagues outside of the IP Office about trends in green innovation, and the role of IP and other enabling policies in supporting advancement in the sector.

Such programs can reinforce an all-of-government approach to advancing the green transition, by creating linkages between the IP Office and other agencies.

In some cases, such training is provided to other domestic stakeholders as well, such as industry groups and NGOs, as part of efforts to generate support for and a better understanding of the government's broader sustainability programs and policy objectives.

Intended impact

Encourage green innovation, by sensitizing IP Office staff and other government officials, and possibly also other stakeholders, to developments in green technology, and by raising awareness about enabling policies and IP frameworks for green tech advancement.

Beneficiaries

Government officials and possibly other domestic stakeholders.

Considerations for implementation

- Training examiners about green technology solutions requires additional resources and the establishment of channels for engagement with the private sector.
- Training for government peers, or other stakeholders outside of the IP Office, likewise requires specialized knowledge and resources, although this can potentially be limited to experts' time.