

GLOBAL DOSSIER AND WIPO - CASE

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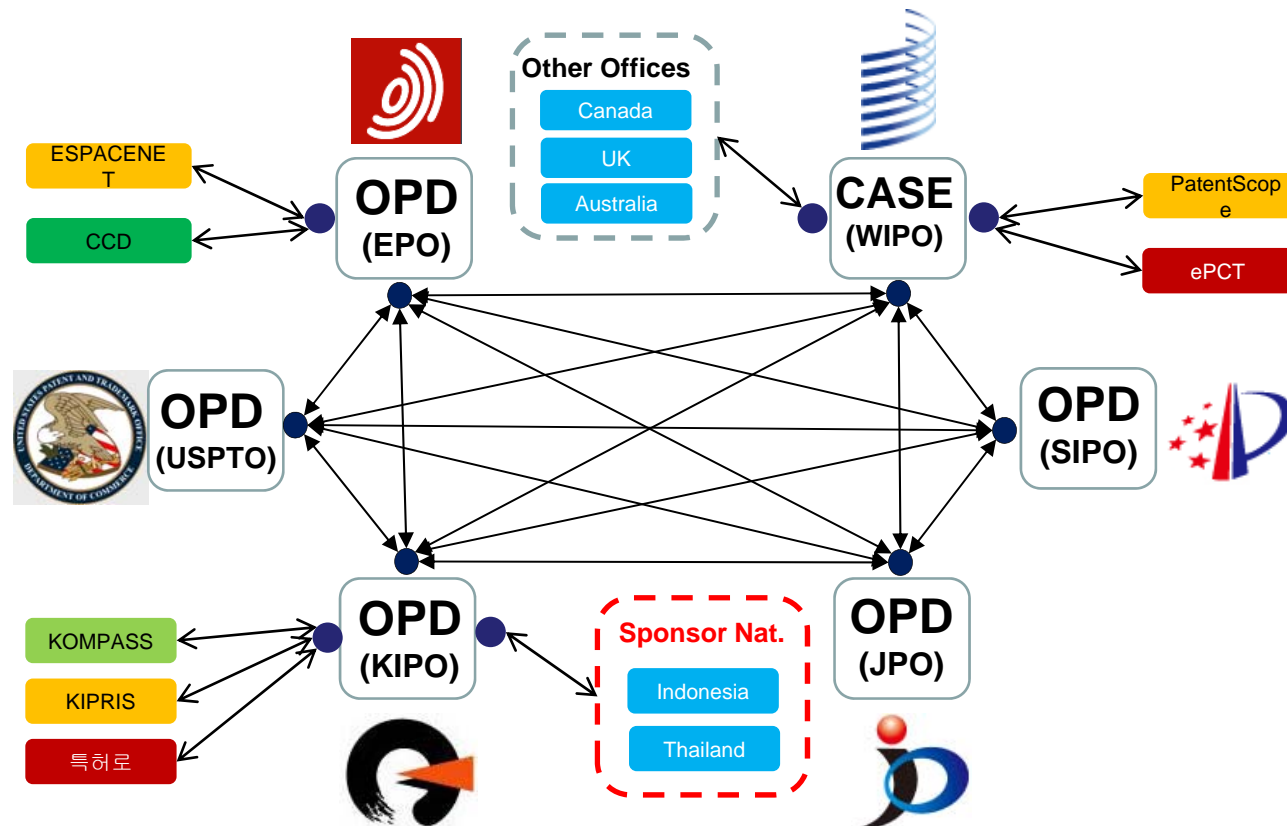
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- Currently USPTO Examiners can access individual dossiers from select foreign Patent Offices using multiple different existing systems
 - In practice, little used by examiners
 - Only public information included
- OPD system to be available to Examiners by end of year(?)
 - One system for all IP5 offices
 - Will also be able to access other countries through WIPO - CASE
 - Each country not using English will provide their own translation, both in and out
 - Questions, if it will only be post-publication information
- Thereafter will address user access to this information and availability for 3rd parties

- US is currently making their dossier information available through CASE, to those countries currently having access to CASE
- WIPO is interested in expanding CASE to other countries. With some countries the information will reside in the CASE system, with other countries CASE will be used only to access the information
- WIPO will also be offering the CASE system for other groups of countries, e.g., ASEAN countries
- Concept for GD is still as presented by KIPO at the Hague Task Force Meeting, where CASE is just one additional available choice on the GD system

Concept Diagram of Global Dossier



If an IP office, which neither belongs to the IP5 nor Vancouver group, wishes to join the Global Dossier (through the WIPO-CASE or a Sponsor Office)?