



## Qatar Investment and Trade Court Inks Agreement with WIPO

The Qatar Investment and Trade Court has signed a cooperation agreement with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Arbitration and Mediation Center. The agreement was signed by Judge Khalid bin Ali Al Obaidli, President of the Investment and Trade Court, and Ignacio De Castro Llamas, Director of the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center, in the presence of Abdulbasit Al Aji, Director of the Intellectual Property Rights Protection Department, along with court officials, recently

This agreement focuses on enhancing the judicial expertise in the intellectual property (IP) rights protection, aligning Qatar's practices with the international standards, and bolstering the country's role as a hub for resolving commercial and investment disputes. This initiative builds on Qatar's broader efforts to strengthen its IP framework, including its accession to the Madrid Protocol in August 2024, which facilitates international trademark protection.

The agreement emphasizes collaboration in several areas such as exchange of the expertise in IP resolutions, arbitration and mediation to build judicial capacity, adopting the global standards to improve efficiency in handling IP-related commercial and investment cases.