

# WIPO Support for Promoting the Madrid System

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Raising awareness



### Promoting Madrid System advantages

Providing information on Madrid System

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### Audience



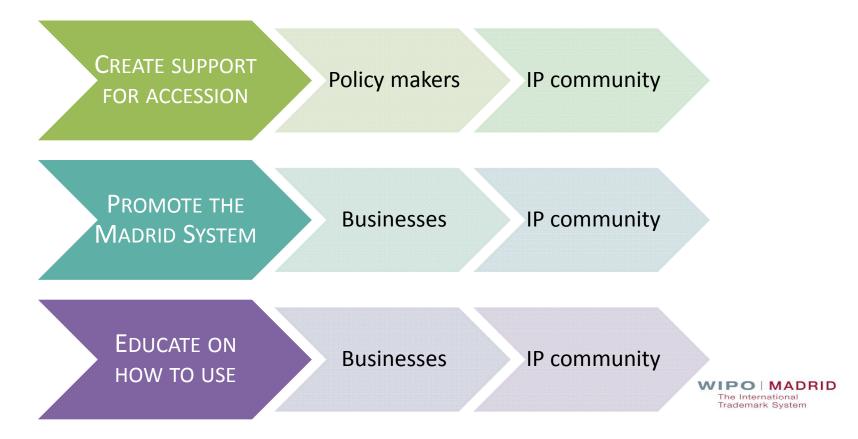
Policy makers

### IP community (attorneys, industry groups)



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## **Objectives**



# **Create Support for Accession**

#### **POLICY MAKERS**

- Political importance accession
- Situation of local export industry
- Likely position of local agents
- Political time frame

### **IP COMMUNITY**

- Knowledge of the Madrid System
- Way it can affect them
- Benefits to them and to their clients

## Promote the Madrid System

#### **B**USINESSES

- Benefits: Convenient, global and costeffective
- Appeal for businesses of all sizes and industries

### **IP COMMUNITY**

- Benefits of change: New local and international clients
- Streamlined processes

# Educate on Use of the Madrid System

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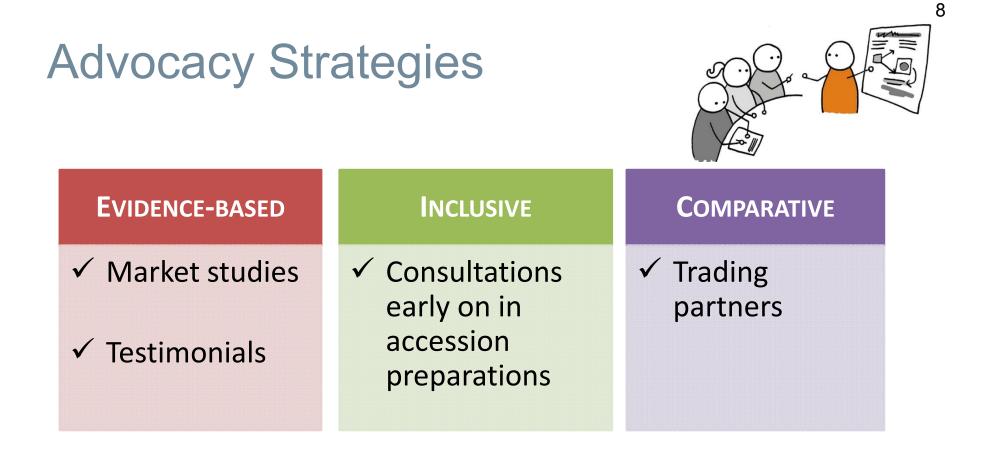
High level:

- Suitability based on business needs
- Eligibility rules
- Costs

### **IP COMMUNITY**

Detailed :

- Legal requirements and formalities
- Madrid tools



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## How WIPO Can Help

#### **Tailored promotional** material

#### Joint events

#### Web content and training

Get Ahead Globally



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Since its inception, the Madrid System has become the system of choice for protecting marks internationally, with over one million marks registered and 98 members representing 114 countries.

The "Brands and the Madrid International Trademark System" event took place on November 15 and 16, 2016, in Qingdao, China. The occasion commemorated 125 years of the Madrid System, and highlighted the System's growth as it continues to support multinationals, SMEs and entrepreneurs across the globe.





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## Case Study: Qingdao Phenomenon

- Joint initiative between WIPO and the Qingdao Government
- 2011-2015 study on use of the Madrid System in China to promote local economic development



# **Study Findings**

Principal roadblocks to international trademark registration:

Awareness of the importance of trademarks in international commerce

Availability of government support for international trademark registration

Level of expertise among trademark agencies

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# **Strategies for Overcoming Barriers**

- Active collaboration with WIPO
- Improving trademark awareness among entrepreneurs
- Encouraging international registration of trademarks
- Improving quality and capacity of trademark agencies

# **Outstanding Results**



### Targeted promotional, educational, incentivebased program yields results:

- 1,836 filings international applications in 5 years
  31-fold increase (compared to 59 filings between 2006 and 2011)
  - □ 800 applications in 2015 → 35 percent of total filings from China
- Qingdao total cumulative exports grew 2 percentage points higher than the national average

### **Next Steps**

- Focus on developing awareness amongst SMEs and startups
- Expanding program and applying lessons learned to other areas