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1. Opening of the session
2. Election of a Chair and two Vice-Chairs
3. Adoption of the agenda
See present document.
4. Report on the progress of the IPC revision program
See project [CE 462](https://www3.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/ief/private/ipc/en/project/4528/CE462).
5. Report on the progress of the CPC and FI revision programs
Reports by the EPO and the USPTO on the CPC and by the JPO on the FI.
6. Consideration of the need to create a new class covering semiconductor technology
 See project [CE 481](https://www3.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/ief/private/ipc/en/project/4867/CE481).
7. Amendments to the Guide to the IPC and other basic IPC documents
See projects [CE 454](https://www3.wipo.int/ipc-ief/public/ipc/en/project/4471/CE454) and [CE 455](https://www3.wipo.int/ipc-ief/public/ipc/en/project/4474/CE455).
8. Removal of non-limiting references (NLRs) from the scheme of the IPC
See project [WG 191](https://www3.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/ief/private/ipc/en/project/3700/WG191).
9. Handover of the Working Lists management from the EPO to WIPO
See projects [CE 472](https://www3.wipo.int/ipc-ief/public/ipc/en/project/4702/CE472) and [CE 492](https://www3.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/ief/private/ipc/en/project/6989/CE492).
10. Experience from offices on computer‑assisted (e.g., AI-based) classification
 Presentations by offices.
11. Survey on the IPC-related IT tools
See project [CE 509](https://www3.wipo.int/ipc-ief/public/ipc/en/project/7330/CE509).
12. Report on IPC-related IT systems
Presentation by the International Bureau. See projects [CE 446](https://www3.wipo.int/ipc-ief/public/ipc/en/project/4333/CE446), [CE 447](https://www3.wipo.int/ipc-ief/public/ipc/en/project/4489/CE447) and [CE 457](https://www3.wipo.int/ipc-ief/public/ipc/en/project/4519/CE457).
13. Closing of the Session

*The opening meeting will start on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at 10 a.m., at the Headquarters of WIPO, 34 chemin des Colombettes, Geneva.*