## **Acronyms**

AIPN	··· Advanced Industrial Property Network	
APEC	· · · Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation	
ARIPO	··· African Regional Intellectual Property Organization	
ASEAN	··· Association of Southeast Asian Nations	
CAF	· · · Common Application Format	
CHC	· · · Common Hybrid Classification	
CIPTC	··· China Intellectual Property Training Center	
CTMO	··· China Trademark Office	
DAS	· · · Digital Access Service for Priority Documents	
ECLA	· · · European Classification	
EPA	··· Economic Partnership Agreement	
EPC	· · · European Patent Convention	
EPO	··· European Patent Office	
EU	··· European Union	
FA	··· First Action	
FI	··· File Index	
FTA	··· Free Trade Agreement	
INPIT	··· National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training	
IPC	··· International Patent Classification	
IPDL	··· Industrial Property Digital Library	
IPEG	··· Intellectual Property Rights Experts Group	
IPR	··· Intellectual Property Rights	
JPO	··· Japan Patent Office	
KIPO	··· Korean Intellectual Property Office	
LDC	··· Least Developed Country	
METI	··· Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry in Japan	
MEXT	··· Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science & Technology in Japan	
NCL	· · · Nice Classification	
OAPI	··· Organisation Africaine de la Propriété Intellectuelle	
OHIM	··· Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market	
PAJ	· · · Patent Abstracts of Japan	
PCT	· · · Patent Cooperation Treaty	
PPH	··· Patent Prosecution Highway	
SA	· · · Second Action	
SAIC	··· State Administration for Industry and Commerce of the People's Republic of Chir	na
SIPO	··· State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China	
TLO	··· Technology Licensing Organization	
TRIPS	··· Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights	
USPTO	··· United States Patent and Trademark Office	
WIPO	··· World Intellectual Property Organization	
WTO	··· World Trade Organization	