

Brazil joins the Budapest Treaty: a milestone for Biotechnology and Intellectual Property

On October 20th, 2025, Brazil has officially filed its instrument of accession to the **Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for Patent Procedure** at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva, thus becoming the 92nd contracting party to the Treaty.

This important step enables Brazil to designate **local institutions as International Depositary Authorities (IDAs)**. This, in turn, will strengthen the country's intellectual property system and support the growth of national biotechnology, significantly reducing costs and logistical barriers for researchers and inventors who need to file a biological material for patent applications.

The joining sides with Brazil's public policies to foster innovation, protect biodiversity, and advance scientific and technological development, and constitutes a landmark achievement as the country prepares to host COP-30.

At the same time, WIPO signed an agreement of cooperation with the Brazilian PTO (BRPTO) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to establish a South-South Cooperation Fund for projects with partners in Latin America and Africa. The fund will operate for four years, with an investment of R\$1.5 million from the BRPTO budget.

This initiative **reinforces Brazil's role as a key player in promoting sustainable innovation and international collaboration in Intellectual Property.**

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