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**Morocco: Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC) and the Intellectual Property Sector of the United Arab Emirates sign a Memorandum of Understanding <sup>1</sup>**

During the 66th session of the WIPO Assemblies held from 8 to 17 July 2025, the Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC) and the Intellectual Property Rights Sector of the UAE Minister of Economy and Tourism signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance and strengthen bilateral cooperation in the field of intellectual property. The agreement was signed by Mr. Abdelaziz Babqiqi, Director General of OMPIC, and H.E. Dr. Abdelrahman Hassan Almuaini, Assistant Undersecretary for Intellectual Property Rights Sector at the Ministry of Economy & Tourism,, in the presence of senior officials from both countries, including Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Morocco in Geneva, Mr. Omar Zniber, and UAE Minister of Economy and Tourism, H.E Mr. Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ompic.ma/fr/actualites/signature-dun-memorandum-dentente-entre-loffice-marocain-de-la-propriete-industrielle-e-0>

## **Morocco: Morocco and WIPO Partner to Strengthen IP Protection and Safeguard Cultural Heritage <sup>2</sup>**

In July 2025, Morocco signed a memorandum of understanding with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to strengthen cooperation on intellectual property (IP) protection. The agreement focuses on copyright, related rights, and safeguarding Morocco's intangible cultural heritage. Key initiatives include the international promotion of "Label Maroc" certification (protecting cultural elements like the caftan and zellige), use of WIPO tools like WIPOCONNECT, and enhanced training and institutional support for the Moroccan Copyright Office (BMDA).

Minister of Youth, Culture and Communication, Mr. Mohammed Mehdi Bensaid highlighted Morocco's commitment to defending its heritage, particularly in the face of technological advancements like artificial intelligence. Morocco is working with WIPO to register seven additional intangible heritage elements for international protection.

## **OAPI: AfriPI Project Concludes After Five Years of Impactful IP Collaboration in Africa <sup>3,4,5</sup>**

On July 24, the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) held a closing ceremony for the Intellectual Property in Africa project, concluding a five-year collaboration with the European Union and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). OAPI Director General Denis Bohoussou highlighted the project's significant contributions to strengthening the intellectual property ecosystem across member states. While the project ended, it paves the way for future opportunities in cooperation, innovation, and sustainable development.

## **Uganda: URSB and Ministry of Trade Strengthen Partnership to Advance National IP Policy <sup>6</sup>**

On July 8, 2025, the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) met with the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives (MoTIC) to discuss ways to accelerate the coming into effect of the National Intellectual Property Policy of 2019.

Led by MoTIC's Commissioner for Business Development and Quality Assurance, Mr. Patrick Mugisha, the discussion focused on setting priority actions and strengthening collaboration to operationalize MoTIC's role in supporting Uganda's IP ecosystem. Key outcomes included plans to launch a stakeholder capacity-building initiative in the second quarter of the 2025/26 financial year and a proposal to establish a Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) to improve access to IP tools and innovation support.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://oneworldip.com/morocco-and-wipo-sign-agreement-to-boost-intellectual-property-protection-and-promote-cultural-heritage/>

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/oapi-linked\\_in\\_afripi-collaboration-oapi-activity-7354316746381484032-7cI5?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop&rcm=ACoAAFvjLSEBg2HyOPLCKy4PLvBLaj80fN\\_vgnQ](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/oapi-linked_in_afripi-collaboration-oapi-activity-7354316746381484032-7cI5?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAFvjLSEBg2HyOPLCKy4PLvBLaj80fN_vgnQ)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1D8ivhuYPK/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1LnUy4VHez/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://ursb.go.ug/2025/07/15/ursb-ministry-of-trade-align-on-fast-tracking-national-ip-policy-implementation/>

## **Zanzibar: Zanzibar Business and Property Registration Agency published revised Industrial Property official fees <sup>7,8,9</sup>**

The Zanzibar Business and Property Registration Agency has published a revised schedule of fees and charges relating to Industrial Property in the Legal Supplement (Part II) to the Zanzibar Government Gazette Vol. CXXXIV No. 7369 of 18 July 2025. The revised schedule covers patents, utility model certificates, industrial designs, marks, layout designs, and geographical indications. While certain fees, such as the application fee for a patent (TZS 50,000, ≈USD 20.00, JPY 3,000) and utility model certificate (TZS 35,000, ≈ USD 14.00, JPY 2,100), remained unchanged, most fees increased. Publication fees for patents and industrial designs have increased by 50%, and annual renewal fees for patents have been escalated substantially, with the first anniversary fee increasing from TZS 30,000 (≈USD 12.00, JPY 1,800) to TZS 80,000 (≈USD 32.00, JPY 4,800) and the twentieth anniversary fee from TZS 220,000 (≈USD 88.00, JPY 13,200) to TZS 650,000 (≈USD 260.00, JPY 39,000). Utility model renewal fees have followed a similar upward trajectory. Surcharges for late payment of annual or renewal fees for patents and utility models increased from TZS 20,000 (≈USD 8.00, JPY 1,200) to TZS 150,000 (≈USD 60.00, JPY 9,000), and fees on request for hearing have increased from TZS 40,000 (≈USD 16.00, JPY 2,400) to TZS 250,000 (≈USD 100.00, JPY 15,000).

## **2. Additional topics**

### **Africa:**

New IP Guide Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in Africa

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Copyright Symposium on Online Infringements in the Digital Age

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/africaipr\\_ip-anticounterfeiting-ip4africa-activity-7346541134657028096-vUeK/?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAVxn4UBmx6eu6dZ8acBthTL72F5G8jB4Aw](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/africaipr_ip-anticounterfeiting-ip4africa-activity-7346541134657028096-vUeK/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAVxn4UBmx6eu6dZ8acBthTL72F5G8jB4Aw) (04.07.2025)

The EUIPO Empowers African Industry to Protect Heritage Products and Boost Economic Prospects

<https://afripi.org/en/news/euipo-empowers-african-industry-protect-heritage-products-and-boost-economic-prospects>  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Etz45BfgN/> (10.07.2025)

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<sup>7</sup> [The Zanzibar Business and Property Registration Agency Act Vol. CXXXIV No. 7369 of 18 July 2025](#)

<sup>8</sup> [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/kisch-ip\\_important-update-implementation-of-increased-activity-7356672530876641280-3KmJ?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop&rcm=ACoAABBHjSUBNe6s9vY5YuQjfdO8l9hJ34ephvQ](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/kisch-ip_important-update-implementation-of-increased-activity-7356672530876641280-3KmJ?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAABBHjSUBNe6s9vY5YuQjfdO8l9hJ34ephvQ)

<sup>9</sup> [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/inner-works-consultants\\_zanzibar-legalupdate-bpra-activity-7356302952682110979-jiUR?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop&rcm=ACoAABBHjSUBNe6s9vY5YuQjfdO8l9hJ34ephvQ](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/inner-works-consultants_zanzibar-legalupdate-bpra-activity-7356302952682110979-jiUR?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAABBHjSUBNe6s9vY5YuQjfdO8l9hJ34ephvQ)

EUIPO Director Meets African IP Representatives at WIPO Assembly in Geneva

<https://afripi.org/en/news/euipo-director-meets-african-ip-representatives-wipo-assembly-geneva>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1C27nfC8Kx/> (16.07.2025)

Manual for Geographical Indications (GIs) in Africa published in 2 additional languages, Portuguese and Arabic

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1BWeAroXJa/> (17.07.2025)

EUIPO webinar recording: Energising Africa - Exploring Renewable Energy Opportunities

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1AjZYVQXDF/> (22.07.2025)

#### **Algeria:**

On the sidelines of the 66th session of the meetings of WIPO Societies in Geneva, The National Court for the Rights of Author and Neighboring Rights strengthens its strategic partnership with the World Intellectual Property Organization

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Cc2v51TzR/> (15.07.2025)

The speech of Mr. Samir Thaalabi, Director General of the National Council for the Rights of Author and Adjacent Rights at the General Assembly of the International Intellectual Property Organization

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/197cq9ZsYw/>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19LUfXKEdV/> (15.07.2025)

National Council for Authorities and Neighboring Rights today participated in a high-level digital seminar aimed at discussing the “African Hub” platform

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/174accsRyc/> (17.07.2025)

Signing of a Cooperation Agreement between the National Court for the Rights of Author and Neighboring Rights and the General Directorate of National Security

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19pEpNJRmq/> (24.07.2025)

#### **ARIPO:**

An ARIPO Online Services Sensitization Workshop is happening in Victoria, Seychelles

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/african-regional-intellectual-property-organization\\_ip-aripo-ip-activity-7346101314424057857-](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/african-regional-intellectual-property-organization_ip-aripo-ip-activity-7346101314424057857-)

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Statement of the ARIPO DG at the Opening of the 66th WIPO Assemblies

<https://www.aripo.org/public/news/Statement+of+the+ARIPO+at+the+Opening+of+the+66th+WIPO+Assemblies-1752139511>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/15gs9X9ztj/>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/15vxF1kQ7p/> (10.07.2025)

Explainer: ARIPO's role in Plant Variety Protection

[https://www.lifesciencesipreview.com/africa/explainer-aripos-role-in-plant-variety-protection?fbclid=IwY2xjawLltfNleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHuAW3cBcZKEngV40Knak3rREc-iVfg-oX6yR4yAA9Kpd6C1lwkt85iBG7\\_aem\\_admBwudOj2hY-Ut4-W3VQQ](https://www.lifesciencesipreview.com/africa/explainer-aripos-role-in-plant-variety-protection?fbclid=IwY2xjawLltfNleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHuAW3cBcZKEngV40Knak3rREc-iVfg-oX6yR4yAA9Kpd6C1lwkt85iBG7_aem_admBwudOj2hY-Ut4-W3VQQ) (15.07.2025)

The WIPO Assemblies concluded yesterday

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/bemanya-twebaze-922255192\\_wipoga-ugcPost-7351886528622620672-1dFN?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop&rcm=ACoAAFvjLSEBg2HyOPLCKy4PLvBLaJ8OfN\\_ygnQ](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/bemanya-twebaze-922255192_wipoga-ugcPost-7351886528622620672-1dFN?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAFvjLSEBg2HyOPLCKy4PLvBLaJ8OfN_ygnQ) (18.07.2025)

2024 IP Filing Trends: Key Insights from ARIPO's Top Applicants

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/african-regional-intellectual-property-organization\\_2024-aripo-ip-filing-trends-activity-7353418739687550976-1lwW?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop&rcm=ACoAAFvjLSEBg2HyOPLCKy4PLvBLaJ8OfN\\_ygnQ](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/african-regional-intellectual-property-organization_2024-aripo-ip-filing-trends-activity-7353418739687550976-1lwW?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAFvjLSEBg2HyOPLCKy4PLvBLaJ8OfN_ygnQ) (22.07.2025)

ARIPO and BRELA Host IP Asset Management Workshop for Tanzanian SMEs

<https://www.aripo.org/public/news/ARIPO+and+BRELA+Host+IP+Asset+Management+Workshop+for+Tanzanian+SMEs-1753343077> (23.07.2025)

Driving IP awareness for socio-economic impact!

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/african-regional-intellectual-property-organization\\_daressalaam-ip-aripo-activity-7354060458972135425-BCcY?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop&rcm=ACoAAFvjLSEBg2HyOPLCKy4PLvBLaJ8OfN\\_ygnQ](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/african-regional-intellectual-property-organization_daressalaam-ip-aripo-activity-7354060458972135425-BCcY?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAFvjLSEBg2HyOPLCKy4PLvBLaJ8OfN_ygnQ) (23.07.2025)

2024 ARIPO filers insights revealed a significant interest in design protection

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/african-regional-intellectual-property-organization\\_aripo-design-consumerproducts-activity-7355890461212893184-C6\\_b?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop&rcm=ACoAAFvjLSEBg2HyOPLCKy4PLvBLaJ8OfN\\_ygnQ](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/african-regional-intellectual-property-organization_aripo-design-consumerproducts-activity-7355890461212893184-C6_b?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAFvjLSEBg2HyOPLCKy4PLvBLaJ8OfN_ygnQ) (29.07.2025)

**Benin:**

Official opening of the National Intellectual Property Week in Cotonou

<https://commerce.gouv.bj/actualite/ouverture-officielle-de-la-semaine-nationale-de-la-propriete-intellectuelle-a-cotonou> (01.07.2025)

**Cape Verde:**

IGQPI participated today in a bilateral meeting with INPI within the framework of the WIPO General Assemblies in Geneva

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1C3qJiHuaK/> (16.07.2025)

**Egypt:**

Decision of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority to extend the legal deadlines from 7/7/2025 to 10/7/2025

<http://www.egypo.gov.eg/pdfs/decision41.pdf> (31.07.2025)

**Ethiopia:**

The Ethiopian delegation participating at the 66th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies held discussions with Mr. Daren Tang, Director General of WIPO, to explore potential areas of cooperation between Ethiopia and WIPO

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BDpxfBbDX/> (15.07.2025)

**Ghana:**

Copyright Symposium on Online Infringements in the Digital Age

<https://afripi.org/en/news/euipo-supports-ghana-it-pursues-geographical-indication-its-shea>

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/africaipr\\_gi-afripi-activity-7348358073712832514-](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/africaipr_gi-afripi-activity-7348358073712832514-J2uq?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAVxn4UBmx6eu6dZ8acBthTL72F5G8jB4Aw)

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**Kenya:**

Kenya has released the 2025 Consumer & Firm-Level Survey Reports! The Consumer-Level Survey Report 2025, explores how Kenyan consumers perceive and respond to counterfeit goods, revealing valuable insights into behaviors, awareness levels, and the challenges posed by digital platforms

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/anticounterfeithauthority\\_stopcounterfeits-buysafebuysmart-activity-7345334907277082625-](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/anticounterfeithauthority_stopcounterfeits-buysafebuysmart-activity-7345334907277082625-BolO?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAFvjLSEBg2HyOPLCKy4PLvBLaJ8OfN_ygnQ)

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Government to Introduce Medical Code to Curb Sale of Counterfeit Drugs, Says Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale

<https://www.kenyans.co.ke/news/114256-govt-introduce-medical-code-curb-sale-counterfeit-drugs-says-cs-duale> (17.07.2025)

Health Cabinet Secretary Duale Launches Nationwide Crackdown on Fake Drugs in Pharmacies

<https://www.kenyans.co.ke/news/114492-health-cs-duale-launches-nationwide-crackdown-fake-drugs-pharmacies> (24.07.2025)

Kenya at the WIPO 66th Meetings: Driving innovation and global IP engagement

<https://www.kipi.go.ke/index.php/kenya-wipo-66th-meetings-driving-innovation-and-global-ip-engagement> (25.07.2025)

#### **Liberia:**

The Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO), in collaboration with the African Methodist Episcopal University (AMEU), is proud to announce a two-day intensive workshop under the theme: "Understanding Intellectual Property Rights: Empowering Academic Innovation"

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/14GAggrJbkB/> (01.07.2025)

The Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO) and the African Methodist Episcopal University (AMEU) have officially signed a Service Level Agreement (SLA) for the establishment of a Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) at AMEU

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1C8ZUMgAsk/> (03.07.2025)

#### **Mauritius:**

Mauritius emerged as the top filer of patent applications for 2024 among the ARIPO Member States

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/african-regional-intellectual-property-organization\\_mauritius-aripomemberstates-zimbabwe-activity-7353701259851235328-p9\\_P?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop&rcm=ACoAAFvjLSEBg2HyOPLCKy4PLvBLaJ8OfN\\_ygnQ](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/african-regional-intellectual-property-organization_mauritius-aripomemberstates-zimbabwe-activity-7353701259851235328-p9_P?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAFvjLSEBg2HyOPLCKy4PLvBLaJ8OfN_ygnQ) (23.07.2025)

#### **Morocco:**

Appointment to senior positions at OMPIC

<http://www.ompic.ma/fr/actualites/nomination-aux-postes-de-responsabilite-lompic> (07.07.2025)

Opening of the 66th series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

<http://www.ompic.ma/fr/actualites/ouverture-de-la-66eme-serie-de-reunions-des-assemblees-des-etats-membres-de-lorganisation> (09.07.2025)

Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for the Accelerated Processing of Patent Applications - Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) - between OMPIC and Commercial and the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)

<http://www.ompic.ma/fr/actualites/signature-dun-memorandum-dentente-pour-le-traitement-accelere-des-demandes-de-brevet> (10.07.2025)

OMPIC participation in the first meeting of the Francophone Alliance for Intellectual Property

<http://www.ompic.ma/fr/actualites/participation-de-lompic-la-premiere-reunion-de-lalliance-francophone-de-la-propriete> (11.07.2025)

Meeting between the Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property and the African Intellectual Property Organization, on the sidelines of the 66th series of meetings of the assemblies of the member states of WIPO

<http://www.ompic.ma/fr/actualites/rencontre-entre-loffice-marocain-de-la-propriete-industrielle-et-commerciale-et> (15.07.2025)

Meeting between the Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property and the Ivorian Office of Intellectual Property

<http://www.ompic.ma/fr/actualites/rencontre-entre-loffice-marocain-de-la-propriete-industrielle-et-commerciale-et-loffice> (16.07.2025)

#### **Nigeria:**

AI and IP law: What is the Nigerian legal perspective?

<https://www.worldipreview.com/artificial-intelligence/ai-and-ip-law-a-nigerian-legal-perspective> (07.07.2025)

Director-General, Nigerian Copyright Commission Pays Courtesy Visit to EVC Nigerian Communications Commission

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1CFb5xGA4z/> (10.07.2025)

Nigerian Copyright Commission Holds Capacity Building Workshop on Effective IP Management at Nasarawa State University Keffi

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19gsJNfCi4/> (20.07.2025)

The Director-General, Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), Dr. John Asein presided over the 10th Annual General Meeting and Scientific Conference of the Medical and Dental Consultants' Association of Nigeria, Federal Medical Center Abuja (MDCAN FMCA) Chapter

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Hfzpv3Jn6/> (25.07.2025)



**OAPI:**

New intellectual property skills for Africa: closing of the 15th OAPI Master's program

<https://oapi.int/2025/07/01/de-nouvelles-competence-en-propriete-intellectuelle-pour-lafrique-cloture-de-la-15e-promotion-du-master-de-loapi/>

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/oapi-linked\\_in\\_yaoundaez-cameroun-burkinafaso-activity-7345008204159893505-hkGu/?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAVxn4UBmx6eu6dZ8acBthTL72F5G8jB4Aw](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/oapi-linked_in_yaoundaez-cameroun-burkinafaso-activity-7345008204159893505-hkGu/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAVxn4UBmx6eu6dZ8acBthTL72F5G8jB4Aw)

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[hkGu/?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAVxn4UBmx6eu6dZ8acBthTL72F5G8jB4Aw](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/oapi-linked_in_yaoundaez-cameroun-burkinafaso-activity-7345008204159893505-hkGu/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAVxn4UBmx6eu6dZ8acBthTL72F5G8jB4Aw) (01.07.2025)

OAPI at the 5th Meeting of Francophone Entrepreneurs (REF) in Brazzaville

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EUIPO under the AfrlPI project, cooperated with the Government of Seychelles and the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) to host a pivotal stakeholder workshop to advance Seychelles' honey as a Geographical Indication (GI) from 26 to 27 June 2025.

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Seychelles is pursuing Geographical Indication (GI) status for its honey

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Tanzania participates in the 66th General Meeting of the Member States of the Organization of Innovation (WIPO)

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