

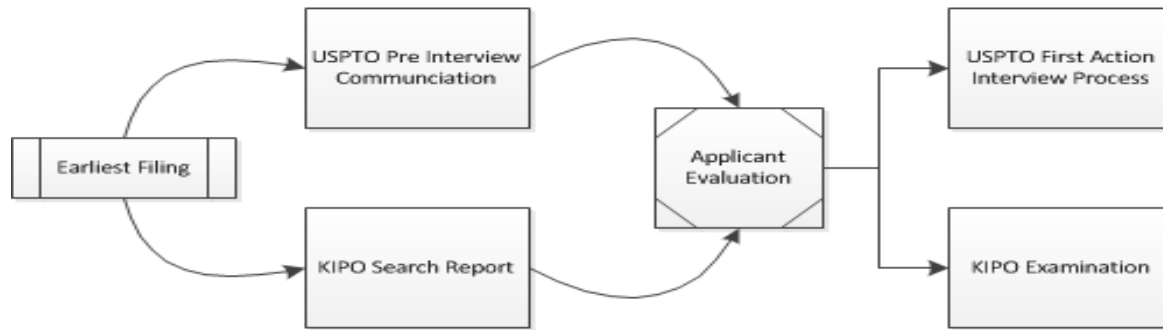
# **International Work Sharing Collaborative Search Pilots (CSP)**

UNITED STATES  
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# New Pilot Comparisons

## KIPO Pilot – Parallel Search and Evaluation Prior to Examination



## JPO Pilot – Serial Search and Evaluation Prior to Examination



# New Collaborative Search Pilots

Parallel Pilots testing prosecution efficiencies taking different approaches to initial search and examination

- JPO – **Serial search** on substantially similar claims prior to Pre Interview Communication
- KIPO – **Parallel search** on substantially similar claims
  - Both office's searches sent to applicant for consideration in response to Pre Interview Communication

# Collaborative Search Pilots (CSP)

- Applications made special for first action
- Based on First Action Interview (FAI) Program
  - Claim Limits – 3 Independent/20 Total
  - Claim Matching – claims must correspond (slight difference between JPO and KIPO)
- Applicant Requirements:
  - Petition in both offices
    - Applicant consents to permit the USPTO and its partner offices to share information with partner offices under portions of 35 USC 122
      - (a) for sending to KIPO search results from unpublished US Applications
      - (c) for receiving KIPO/JPO search results and commentary in published US applications
- Pilot Duration is Two Years
  - **JPO Pilot begins August 1, 2015**
    - 200 applications per year per office of first search
  - **KIPO Pilot begins September 1, 2015**
    - 200 applications for each office of earliest priority

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## Timeline

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with POPA on 5/11/15
- Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) with JPO and KIPO will be signed at IP5 Heads/Deputy Heads Meeting 5/20 (KIPO) and 5/21 (JPO)
- Press Release on 5/22
- Federal Register Notice 6/1 (Tentative)
- Testing/Implementation May-July
  - JPO Pilot begins August 1, 2015
  - KIPO Pilot begins September 1, 2015