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*Reports from FICPI national
sections and associations*
Highlights from responses
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This marks the first occasion on which the Communications Committee has published the Country Report in journal format. The aim is to make the material compiled by delegates and country representatives more readily accessible to fellow FICPI member IP attorneys.

Delegates submit country reports annually. The Communications Committee aims to produce another special issue in 2027.

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What is the FICPI Country Report?

The FICPI Country Report is a regular survey of FICPI Associations and Sections, presenting a 'state of the industry' report across legislation, cases and predicted impacts on the profession.

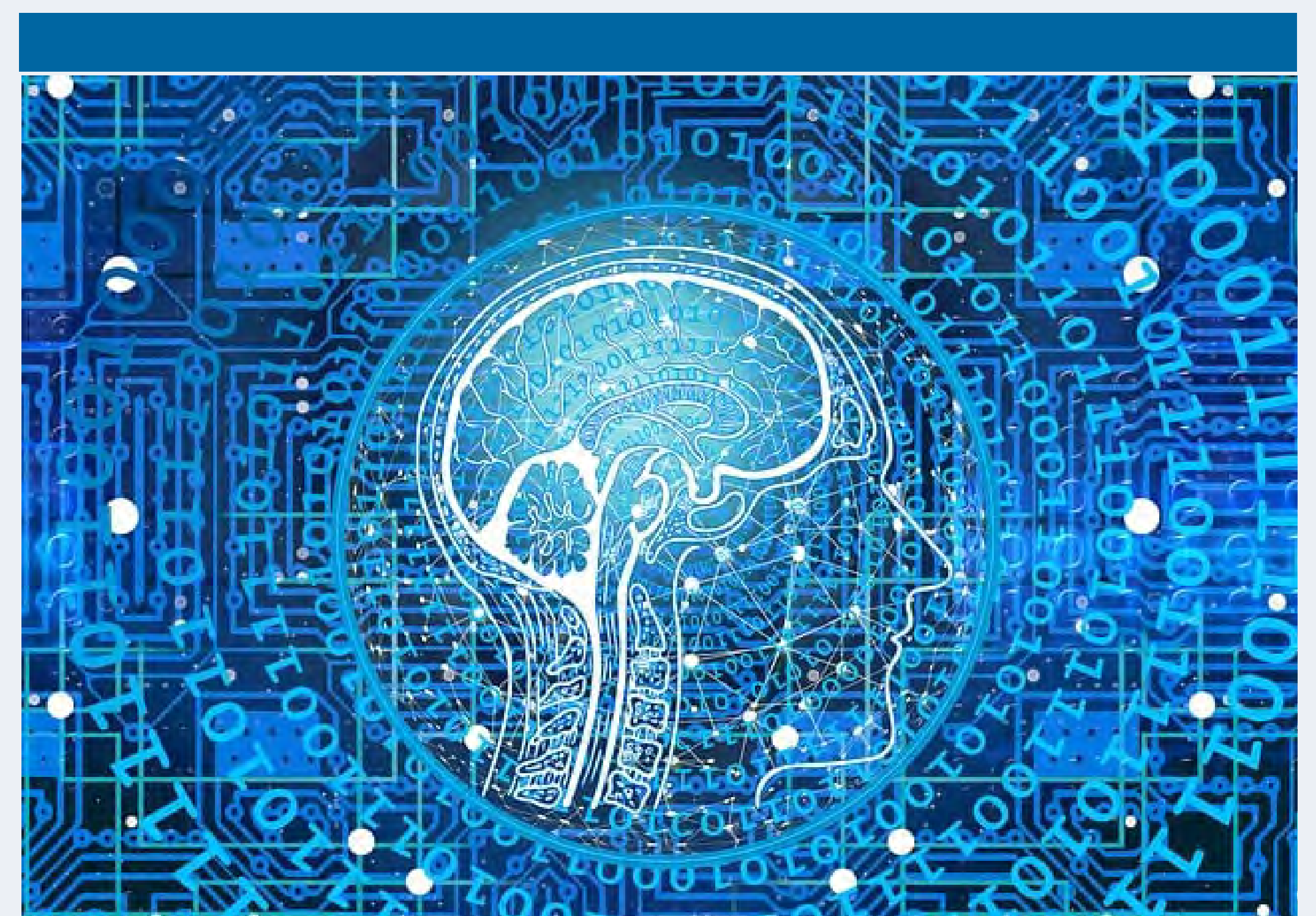
Full story on Page 04.



Changes in IP Offices

FICPI Sections and Associations report on recent changes to operating procedures in their countries and regions.

Full story on Page 15.



Predictions of the future of AI on the AI profession

Has AI provided new ways of providing services to clients or dealing with the national/regional IP Office?

Of the 27 country/region respondents, 20 replied 'yes', 5 replied 'no' and 2 did not answer

Full story on Page 20.

What is the FICPI Country Report?

Each year, FICPI invites its Executive Committee (ExCo) delegates and alternate delegates to complete a structured questionnaire reporting on developments within their national sections and associations. These responses, traditionally referred to as the Country Reports, provide a snapshot of professional activity, legal change, and practice trends across the FICPI community.

The individual submissions are made available to ExCo delegates and, together with the ExCo minutes, form part of the background material for the Executive Committee meeting. Given the volume of material received and the variety of formats in which it is submitted, FICPI has over time explored different ways of making this information easier to absorb, including oral summaries at the ExCo and short presentations by selected member groups.

This publication serves a different purpose. It is not intended to be a complete or exhaustive record of the Country Reports. Rather, it is a curated digest, highlighting selected developments that may be of interest to the wider FICPI membership.

The Country Report questionnaire, and the material drawn from it, is divided into three sections:

- **Section A** covers the activities and internal matters of FICPI national sections and associations. This material is confidential to ExCo delegates. Only non-sensitive, high-level information (such as positive membership trends) is reflected in this digest.
- **Section B** covers changes in IP law, case law, and official practice.
- **Section C** covers changes in IP law, case law, and official practice.

Sections B and C are published on FICPI's website following the ExCo.

In parallel, FICPI is developing new ways of publishing Country Report information online so that it can be organised by country or region, by questionnaire topic, and made searchable.

Introduction

Responses to the 2025 Country Report questionnaire were received from 27 countries and regions: the Andean Section (Colombia/Ecuador), Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and Türkiye.

Most national and regional groups reported good or cooperative relationships with local IP authorities, with 16 respondents reporting meetings with IP Offices or associations during the year.

A number of groups were active in making submissions to local IP authorities or lawmakers, notably Argentina, Australia, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, India, Republic of Korea, Romania, Spain, Sweden, and Türkiye. Several groups provided copies of FICPI resolutions with their submissions, and FICPI hopes that the resolutions can serve as a tool for strengthening engagement with IP authorities more broadly.

It remains a concern that many IP Offices do not actively promote the use of qualified IP professionals to applicants, with some Offices suggesting that applicants proceed without professional advice. Some offices continue to provide advisory services that go beyond the provision of information. FICPI's longstanding positions on these issues are set out in resolutions [EXCO/ES07/RES/002 \(IP Information Services and Helpdesks Provided by Public Authorities\)](#) and [EXCO/IT13/RES/002 \(Legal Advice by IP Authorities\)](#).

In France, rules governing the composition of IP firms have been reinforced, strengthening the requirement that more than 50% of shareholders in an IP firm must be qualified IP attorneys.

Among the highlights covered in this digest: Argentina is actively engaged in discussions around potential PCT accession; Korea has tabled proposals for a discovery system that would significantly strengthen IP enforcement; and across many jurisdictions, AI-based tools have seen meaningful uptake in daily IP practice since March 2024.

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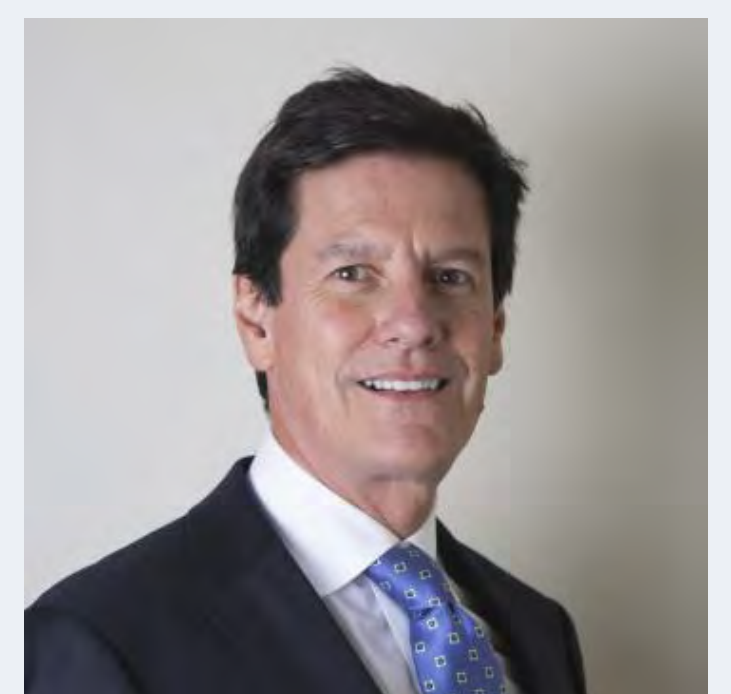


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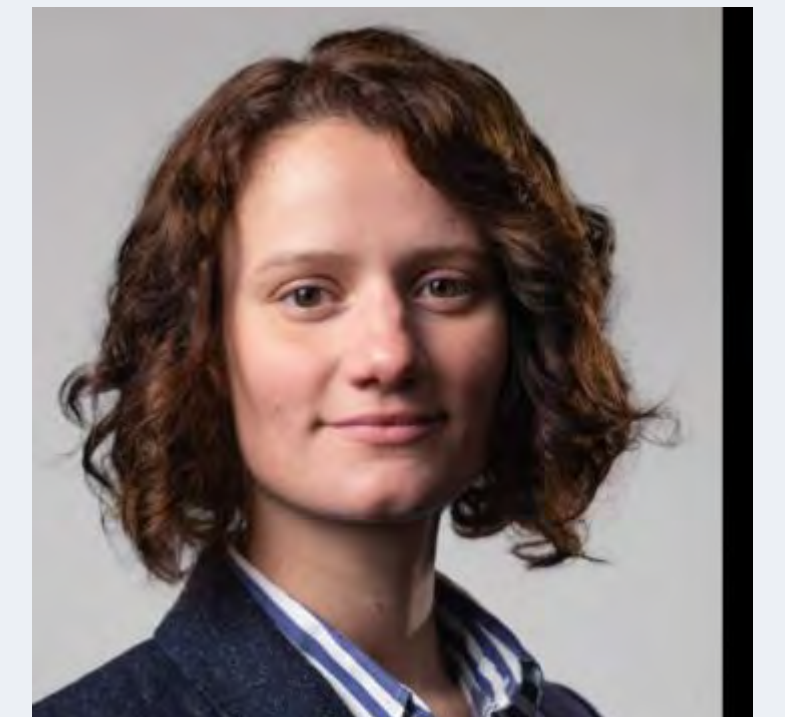
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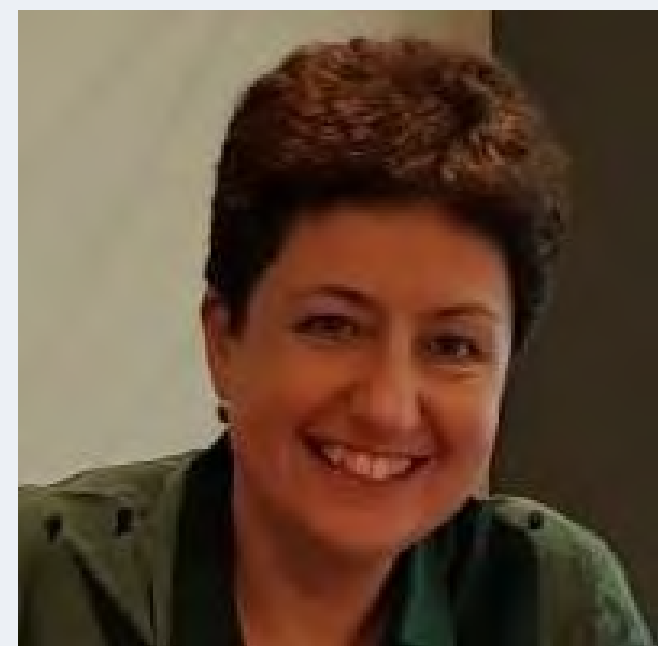
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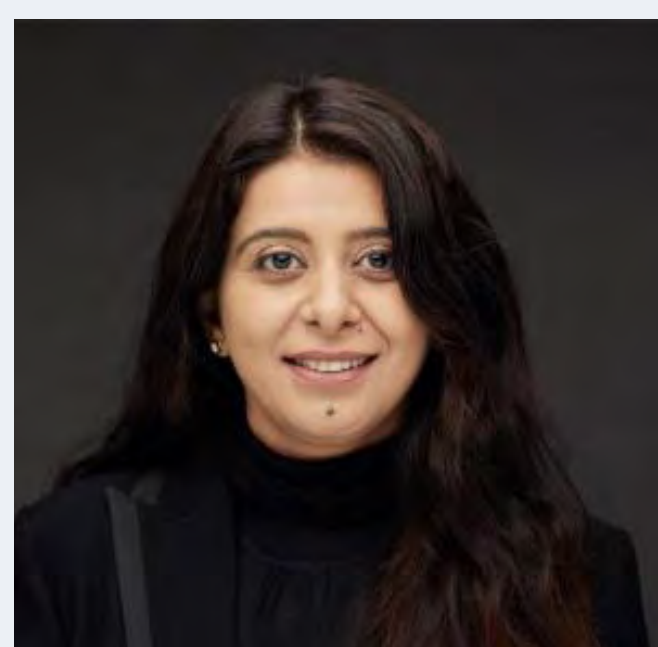
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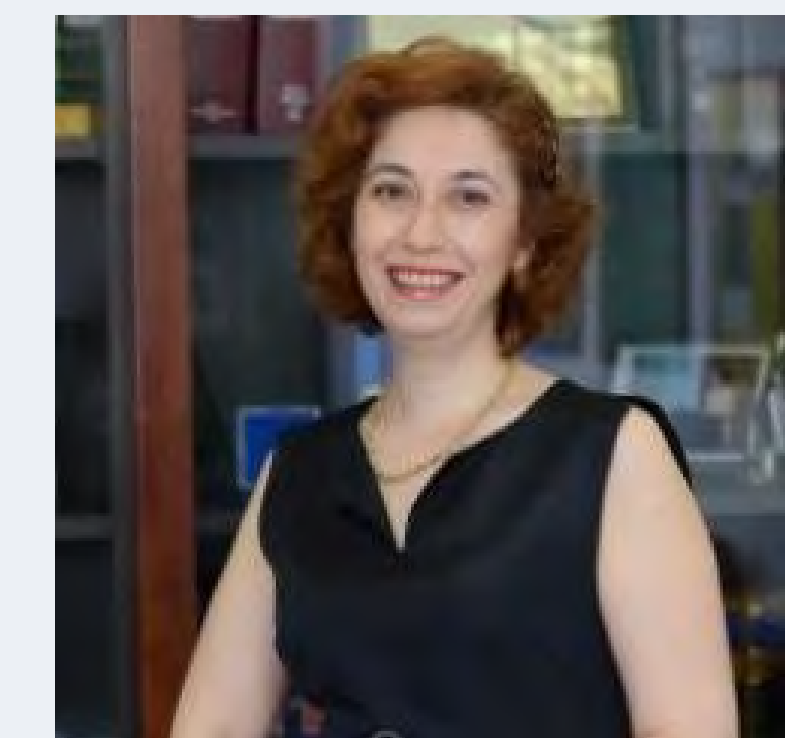
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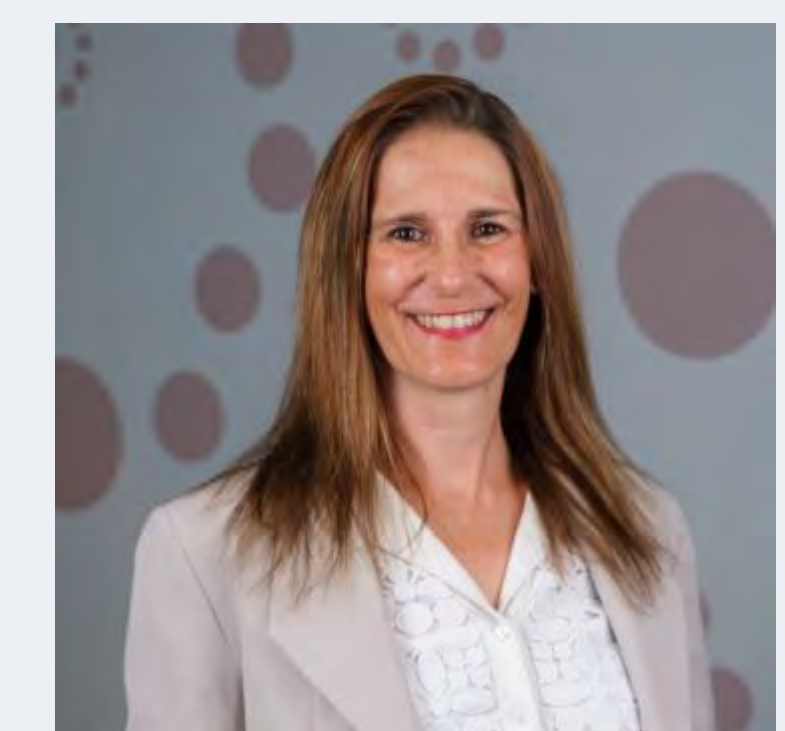
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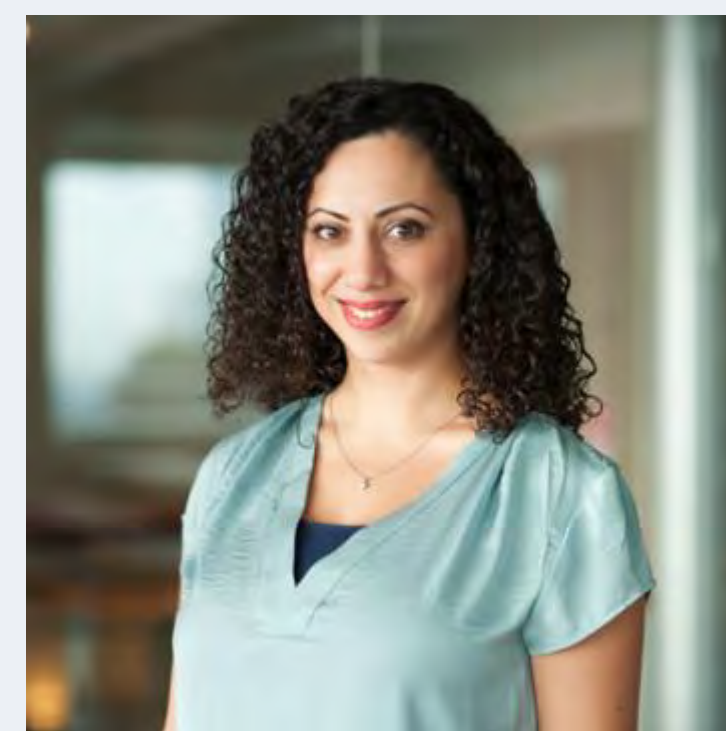


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