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Christine Bonvallet has served as Director of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) International Cooperation Division, PCT Legal and International Affairs Department, Patents and Technology Sector of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva, Switzerland, since 2020.

In her role, Ms. Bonvallet is responsible for promoting a better understanding of the PCT among Offices' staff, Intellectual Property (IP) practitioners and users covering *inter alia* operational, including substantive patent examination, technical, legal and training activities, contributing to the efficient functioning of the PCT. Her division is responsible for the development and the implementation of cooperation (technical assistance: impactful awareness raising and capacity building) activities to PCT Member States in their various capacities and States considering accession to the PCT.

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A national of France and Switzerland, Ms. Bonvallet joined WIPO in 2003. Prior to her current role, she has served several legal roles at WIPO, all within the Patents and Technology Sector that administers the PCT.

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