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the Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPPI)

and
the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

Nairobi, Kenya, October 19 and 20, 2018

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Friday, October 19, 2018

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.30 Opening Ceremony

Welcome addresses by:

Mr. Sylvance Sange, Managing Director, the Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI), Nairobi

Prof. Adipala Ekwamu, Executive Secretary, Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), Kampala

Mr. Emmanuel Sackey, Chief Examiner, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization

Mr. Fumiaki HIRAI, Secretary Economic Affairs Embassy of Japan in Kenya

Ms. Joyce Banya, Senior Counsellor, Regional Bureau for Africa, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

The Representative of the Government of the Republic of Kenya, Nairobi

9.30 – 9.45 Group Photo

9.45 – 10.00 Coffee Break

THEME I INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP) AND INNOVATION FOR AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

Moderator: Prof. Adibala Ekwamu

10.00 – 13.00 **Topic 1 What is IP and Why is it Important in the Innovation-led Knowledge-based Economy?**

This session will discuss the role of IP in the context of an innovation-led and knowledge-based economy where intangible as opposed to tangible assets are the driving engines for innovation, creativity and wealth creation. It will also provide an overview of the fundamentals and the benefits of industrial property rights and copyright and related rights for universities and research institutions.

(a) The Catalytic Role of Patents and Utility Models in the Promotion of Technologies and Innovation – Regional Perspective, The Japanese Perspective

Speakers: Dr. Dick Kamugasha, Executive Director, Uganda Industrial Research Institute (UIRI), Kampala, Uganda

Professor Yoshitoshi Tanaka
Department of Industrial Engineering and Economics,
School of Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo,
Japan

(b) The Importance of Commercial Identifiers for Business Competitiveness:
- Industrial Designs
- Trademarks
- Geographical Indications

Speaker: Mr. Leonard Kosgei, Manager, Trade Marks
Kenya Industrial Property Institute, Nairobi

Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch Break

14.30 – 15.30 (c) Protecting your Publication: Copyright and Related Rights in Universities and Research Institutions

Speaker: Mr. Edward Sigei, Executive Director the Kenya Copyright Board (KECOBO), Nairobi

Discussion

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.00 **Topic 2** **Protecting New Plant Varieties to Promote Agricultural Research**

This session will discuss the importance of developing and protecting new plant varieties for the benefit of breeders, producers and farmers. It will also present the international legal framework for the protection of new plant varieties (the International Union for the Protection of New Plant Varieties (UPOV) system) and its role in promoting agricultural research and development (R&D)

Speakers: Mr. Philippe Benjamin Rivoire,
Technical/Regional Officer, International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), Geneva

Mr. Simeon Kibet, General Manager, Quality Assurance,
Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services (KEPHIS)

Discussions

End of Day One

19.00 – 21.00 Reception offered by KIPi

Saturday, October 20, 2018

	THEME II	THE EFFECTIVE USE OF THE IP SYSTEM BY UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS
9.00 – 11.00	Topic 3	The Strategic Importance of Public-Private Partnerships in Creating a Virtuous Circle
	Moderator	David Njuguna, Manager, Patents, KIPI
		<i>One of the engines of economic development is the cooperation between Research and Development (R&D) institutions, the public and the private sector for generation and exploitation of innovative products. This session will discuss the linkages between R&D results and the market, as well as available opportunities for wealth creation.</i>
		(a) From the Idea to the Market Place
		(b) Collaborative Research
		(c) Licensing, Assignment
	Speakers:	Prof. Tom Peter Migun Ogada, Associate Professor in Mechanical Engineering, International IP Consultant, Nairobi.
		The Representative of RUFORUM (TBC)
		Discussion
11.00 – 11.30		Coffee-Break
11.30 – 13.00	Topic 4	Facilitating the Use of IP for Development
		<i>This session will present WIPO's activities relevant to universities and R&D institutions for capacity building, human resource development, IP institutional framework and management of IP assets, as well as the different WIPO platforms for access to Knowledge</i>
	Moderator:	David Njuguna, Manager, Patents, KIPI
		(a) WIPO's Technical Assistance Programs:
		- National Innovation and IP Strategies and Plans
		- Institutional and Technical Infrastructure
		- Legislative Assistance and Policy Advice
		- Enhancing Human Capital – The WIPO Academy

(b) WIPO's Platforms for Access to Scientific Technological Information (TISC, WIPO Re:Search, WIPO Green)

(c) The relevance of Institutional IP Policy and Strategies for Universities in Africa

Speakers: Ms. Joyce Banya

Ms. Rose Mboya, Head of Intellectual Property Division, Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute (KIRDI), Nairobi

Dr. Dick Kamugasha

Discussion

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch Break

14.30 – 15.30 **Topic 5 The Role of the Regional IP Organizations in Promoting the Effective Use of the IP System in Africa**

Speaker: (a) ARIPO
Mr. Emmanuel Sackey, Chief Examiner, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), Harare

Speaker: (b) Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle (OAPI)
A Representative of OAPI

Discussion

15.30 – 16.30

WRAP-UP ON THE OUTCOME AND WAY FORWARD

Rapporteurs will present the outcome of discussions during the two-day meeting. Participants will agree on the way forward/next steps to be presented to the Vice Chancellors' Biennial Conference

Moderator: RUFORUM

16.30 – 17.00 Speakers All
Closing ceremony

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