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# **Regional Workshop on Human Resource Development of Patent/Trademark Agents for ARIPO Member States and Observer States**

organized by  
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

the Japan Patent Office (JPO)

and  
the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

Harare, Zimbabwe, October 27 and 28, 2014

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

*prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO*

Monday, October 27, 2014

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.30 – 10.30 Opening Ceremony

Welcome addresses by:

Mr. Shinichiro Hara, Deputy Director, International Cooperation Division,  
Japan Patent Office (JPO), Tokyo

Mr. Marc Sery-Koré, Director, Regional Bureau for Africa, Department for  
Africa and Special Projects, Development Sector, World Intellectual Property  
Organization (WIPO), Geneva

Mr. Fernando Dos Santos, Director General, African Regional Intellectual  
Property Organization (ARIPO), Harare

The Deputy Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs of the  
Republic of Zimbabwe, Honourable Fortune Chasi (MP)

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 11.30 **Topic 1** **Outline of Patent Attorneys Act and its History of  
Revisions with a View to Further Improving the Quality  
of Patent Attorneys in Japan**

Speaker: Mr. Shinichiro Hara, Deputy Director, JPO

11.30 – 12.00 **Topic 2** **Activities of Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA)**

Speaker: Mr. Takao Matsui, Patent Attorney, Japan  
Patent Attorneys Association, Tokyo

12.00 – 13.00 **Topic 3** **Importance of the Role of Patent and Trademark Agents  
for the Well-functioning of the Intellectual Property (IP)  
System**

Speaker: Mr. C.J.Kiige, Director Industrial Property,  
ARIPO

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.00 **Topic 4** **Recent Updates of Laws, Regulations, and Standards in  
ARIPO**

Speaker: Mr. C.J.Kiige, Director Industrial Property,  
ARIPO

- 15.00 – 16.30 **Topic 5** **Case Study – Trademark**
- Study A: Frequent Procedural Mistakes in the Prosecution of Trademark Applications
- Coordinator: Mrs Nancy Samuriwo, Gill, Godlonton & Gerrans
- Discussions
- 16.30 – 17.00 Coffee Break
- 19.00 – 21:00 Cocktail Reception

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

- 9.00 – 9.20 **Topic 6** **Contribution of the Funds-In-Trust Japan to the WIPO's assistance program for Africa and Least-Developed Countries (LDCs)**
- Speaker: Mr. Shingo Tsuda, Program Officer, Regional Bureau for Africa, Department for Africa and Special Projects, Development Sector, WIPO
- 9.20 – 10.50 **Topic 7** **Case Study – Patent**
- Study B: Frequent Procedural Mistakes in the Prosecution of Industrial Design Applications
- Study C: Frequent Procedural Mistakes in the Prosecution of Patent Applications
- Coordinator: Mr. C.J.Kiige
- 10.50 – 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00 – 12.30 **Topic 8** **Case Study – Patent**
- Study D: Case Studies on Novelty and Inventive Step for Selected Samples
- Coordinator: Ms Flora Mpanju, Senior Patent Examiner, ARIPO
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

- 14.00 – 14.45 **Topic 9** **WIPO's Automation Project for ARIPO Member States:  
Industrial Property Automation System (IPAS)**
- Speaker: Mr. Ramsay Shonge, WIPO Automation  
Expert, Harare
- 14.45 – 15.30 **Topic 10** **Round Table : Patent and Trademark Agents in Africa :  
Action Points and the Way Forward**
- Moderator : Director General, ARIPO
- 15.30 – 16.00 Closing Ceremony
- 16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break and End of Workshop

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