ARIPO-WIPO REGIONAL TISC WORKSHOP: SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20$^{\text{TH}}$

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URSB BACKGROUNG

Autonomous Government entity/ Agency

URSB Mandate
- ❖ Intellectual Property Registration
- ❖ Civil Registration
- ❖ Business Registration
- ❖ Insolvency

TISCs BACKGROUND

❖ First TISC in 2014

❖ URSB co-ordinates 29 TISCs as of June 2019

❖ Most TISCs are hosted at the at high intuitions of learning and Research Institutions.

TISC institutions

- Uganda Registration Services Bureau
- Mbarara University of Science and Technology
- Kyambogo University
- Infectious Diseases Institute
- Busitema University
- Uganda National Council for Science and Technology

- Pharmaceutical Society of Uganda
- Uganda Industrial Research Institute
- Makerere University , Main Library
- Kampala International University-Ishaka Campus
- Kabale University
- NARO(16)

STAKE HOLDER MAPPING

Directorate URSB does continuous stake holder Mapping
- ❖ MUNI UNIVESRSITY
- ❖ Uganda Martyrs University
- ❖ MUBS

- ❖ May 2019 Kabale University became first TISC the south Western Part of the Country and due to its Geographic Locations

CAPACITY BUILDING

❖TISC focal persons National Workshop June 2019

   ❖60 Participants from both TISCs and Potential.

❖Encourage Self organized workshops

   ❖NARO 2018, (Dr. IsaacRutenberg)

   ❖Hackthon CAMTEC May 2019

   ❖Open Days

❖Pitches to Potential TISCs

❖Business Clinics

CAPACITY BUILDING CON'T

❖Encouraged to build their capacity by enrolling for both the freely available online courses

❖3 professional development courses

❖5 participants did the online courses through the TISC arrangement(Japan and ARIPO)

APPLICATIONS FROM TISCs

TISC	2018	2019
NARO	3 PATENT 2 UM	2 PATENT 2 UM
MAKERER UNIVERSITY	1 UM	
MBARARA UNIVERSITY	2 TM	
KYAMBOGO	1	

TISC SUCCESS STORY

❖ Activity not captured in 2018/19 budget but captured in 2018
❖ Social Media
❖ Website
❖ TISC stories when Pitching to potential TISCs

IP POLICY

National Policy Adapted in May 2019

❖Vision: A Uganda where innovation and creativity stimulate sustainable development.

Key Actions

❖Fast-track utilization of WIPO's Technology and Innovation Service Centers (TISC) program in higher education and research institutions

❖Fully utilize WIPO's contemporary Access to Scientific Publication and Information (ASPI); Access to Research for Development and Innovation (ARDI); and other similar resources

❖Support the creation of Technology Transfer Offices (TTOs) and processes in higher education and research institutions

IP POLICY CON'T

❖Policy existent for NARO (16)

❖IP Policy under review for MUST

❖We however we continue to encourage TISCs to conclude their IP policy since we provided a guiding Template.

CHALLENGES

❖ Skills gap amongst the focal persons in the various institutions to offer the required assistance to other researchers.

❖ Effective monitoring and evaluation of the institutions after establishment of the TISCs is a challenge.

❖ Limited training opportunities

CONCLUSIONS

❖ Despite the highlighted challenges TISC has helped to improve the innovation landscape in the country as evidenced from the increasing number of IP registrations and improvement in the country's position in the World Innovation Index.