DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRAR GENERAL

IP STATISTICS IN MALAWI

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Introduction to the Malawi Intellectual Property office
- Institutional Structure for IP
- Applications workload
- Data storage of information and statistics
- Uses of IP statistics form different organizations and the government
- Challenges for providing reliable and analytical data for use nationally and internationally

WHO ARE WE?

- A Government Department in the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs responsible for the administration of Industrial Property Rights (IPRs)

- Our Offices are currently in Blantyre, Lilongwe and Mzuzu.

- www.registrargeneral.gov.mw

OUR MANDATE

To, amongst other laws, administer the following industrial Property laws:

- The Trademarks Act (Cap. 49:01);
- The Patents Act (Cap.49:02); and
- The Registered Designs Act (Cap.49:05)

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE FOR IP

STAFF

- Six data examiners
- Three IT officers
- Three managers

ICT

- Twelve computers are allocated for data entry and management
- One server in Blantyre for system database which has 1.5TB HD, 8 GB ram intel Xeon duo processor at 3.10GHz. 64 bit OS, windows server 2008 R2 with SP1 installed

APPLICATIONS WORKLOAD

We receive a lot of applications in trademarks, designs as well as patents illustrated below

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS 2015

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		July-Sept	Oct-Dec	July-Dec
Trademarks –	Applications	257	396	653
	Registrations	249	293	542
Patents	Applications	3	3	6
	Grants	0	0	0
Designs	Applications	33	4	37
	Grants	33	1	34

DATA STORAGE OF INFORMATION AND STATISTICS

- One database server with 1.5TB HD, 8 GB ram intel Xeon duo processor at 3.10GHz. 64 bit OS, windows server 2008 R2 with SP1 installed
- Hard copies are filed in cabinets

DESIGN STATISTICS 2015

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	APPLICATIONS	REGISTRATIONS
2014	65	63
2013	27	26
2012	22	17
2011	7	7
2010	3	32
2009	25	11
2008	57	23
2007	26	16
2006	83	39
2005	46	16
TOTAL	**361**	**222**

TRADEMARKS STATISTICS

29-may-2015

	APPLICATIONS	NATIONAL
2014	1058	400
2013	980	326
2012	1164	411
2011	1199	402
2010	2039	205
2009	666	124
2008	810	183
2007	726	187
2006	778	239
2005	495	159
TOTAL	**9915**	**2636**

PATENTS STATISTICS 2015

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	APPLICATIONS	TYPE		GRANTS	TYPE	
2014	5	NAT	- 5	0	NAT	- 0
		ARIPO	- 0			
		PCT	- 0			
2013	4	NAT	- 4	0		
2012	72	NAT	- 4	15	NAT	- 4
		ARIPO	- 68		ARIPO	- 11
		PCT	- 0			
2011	358	NAT	- 3	33	NAT	- 1
		ARIPO	- 355		ARIPO	- 32
		PCT	- 0			
2010	113	NAT	- 1	42	NAT	- 1
		ARIPO	- 112		ARIPO	- 41
2009	354	NAT	- 0	63	NAT	- 0
		ARIPO	- 354		ARIPO	- 63

PATENTS STATISTICS 2015

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	APPLICATIONS	TYPE		GRANTS	TYPE	
2008	337	NAT	- 0	82	Nat	- 0
		ARIPO	- 337		ARIPO	- 82
2007	343	NAT	- 0	165	Nat	- 0
		ARIPO	- 343		ARIPO	- 165
2006	312	NAT	- 0	189	Nat	- 0
		ARIPO	- 312		ARIPO	- 189
2005	249	NAT	- 1	148	Nat	- 0
		ARIPO	- 248		ARIPO	- 148
TOTAL	**2,147**	**NAT**	**- 18**	**18**	**Nat**	**- 7**
		ARIPO	**- 2,129**	**737**	**ARIPO**	**- 730**
		PCT	**- 0**			

USAGE OF IP STATISTICS

- Used in understanding trends in policy, business and technology worldwide

CHALLENGES IN PROVIDING RELIABLE AND ANALYTICAL DATA

- Backlog capture
- Lack of new computers
- Computer literacy
- Lack of knowledge on patents, designs and trademarks

Thank you