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Study Visit: Intellectual Property Focal Persons of the African Regional Economic Communities and Executive Bodies of the African Union

organized by
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

in cooperation with the
Japan Patent Office (JPO)

WIPO Headquarters, Geneva, May 17 to 19, 2016
Bilger Room; AB Building

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO

14.30 – 15.30 **Topic 3 Development Sector: Facilitating the Use of IP for
(cont'd) Development**

Speaker: Development Agenda Coordination Division

Discussions

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee Break

15.45 – 17.30 **Topic 4 Global Issues**

This session will examine the various programs covered by the Sector that address cross-cutting issues, including traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions, and genetic resources; building respect for IP; IP and global challenges; external relations; and IP and competition policy

Speakers: Global Issues Sector

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

9.30 – 10.30 **Topic 5 IP Situational Reports: Exchange of Experiences**

Speakers: From the African Union (AU)

From the Regional Economic Communities (REC)

From the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)

Discussions

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee Break

10.45 – 12.30 **Topic 5 IP Situational Reports: Exchange of Experiences
(Cont'd)**

Speakers: From AU/RECs/NEPAD

Discussions

12.30 – 14.30 Lunch Break

14.30 – 16.00 **Topic 6 Brands and Designs**

This session will discuss the significance of trademarks, industrial designs, utility models and geographical indications for commerce and their work in the development of a balanced multilateral legal framework for those IPRs that is responsive to the technological, geo-economic, social and cultural evolution in Member States

Speaker: Brands and Designs Sector, WIPO

Discussions

16.00 – 16.15 Coffee Break

16.15 – 17.30 **Topic 7 Culture and Creative Industries**

This session will elaborate on the normative copyright and related rights framework with specific reference to the Beijing Treaty and Marrakesh Treaty and the development of an infrastructure for creativity in order to respond to the rapidly evolving technological, geo-economic, social and cultural environment and development strategies with specific reference to Africa. It will also elaborate on technical assistance and capacity building programs and projects for African countries in the field of copyright and related rights, aimed at facilitating the use of the copyright system to extract greater economic value from their cultural and other creative works.

Speakers: Culture and Creative Industries Sector

Thursday, May 19, 2012

9.00 – 9.30 **Topic 8 Overview of the Importance and Impact of Plant Variety Protection with Specific Reference to Africa**

Speakers: International Union for the Protection of
New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)

9.30 – 10.15 **Topic 9 Patents and Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) System**

This session will elaborate on WIPOs PCT system and how it works

Speakers: From PCT

From PLD

Discussions

10.15 – 11.00 **Topic 10 Economic Studies, Statistics and Analysis**

This session will look at WIPO's work in creating high quality empirical information and analysis to inform policy-makers on the economic impacts of the IP system, particularly with respect to developing countries

Speaker: Economics and Statistics Division, WIPO

Discussions

11.00 – 11.45 **Topic 11 Small and Medium Sized Enterprises(SMEs) and Entrepreneurship Support Division**

This session will discuss what the Division's activities aimed at enabling a greater and more effective use of IP asset management strategies by SMEs for strengthening their competitiveness in developing and least developed countries (LDCs) with specific reference to Africa

Speaker: SMEs and Entrepreneurship Support Division

Discussions

11.45 – 12.30 **Topic 12 Global IP Infrastructure**

The Session will elaborate on WIPO cooperation with IP offices, users and other stakeholders to develop shared IP tools, services, standards, databases and platforms. The technical infrastructure is designed to help IP institutions collaborate more effectively and deliver more efficient services to their users; as well as enabling innovators and information-seekers worldwide to freely access the knowledge contained in the IP system

Speaker: Global Infrastructure Sector, WIPO

Discussions

12.30 – 14.30 Lunch Break

14.30 – 15.30 **Brainstorming**

15.30 – 16.45 **Round Table Discussion – Way Forward for Implementation of the Dakar Declaration on Intellectual Property for Africa**

Moderator: From WIPO

16.45 – 17.00 Closing Remarks

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