# Seychelles Intellectual Property Office

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## The Seychelles Context

- Seychelles is equipped with laws to protect IP rights.
- Industrial Property Act, 2014 (TRIPS Compliant)
- World Intellectual Property Organization Acceded in 2000
- Patent Co-Operation Treaty (PCT)(Washington) Acceded 2002
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Acceded in 2015

#### Intellectual Property Rights in Seychelles

The Registrar General's office is the responsible authority in Seychelles who administers intellectual property rights regime (the Industrial Property Act of 2014).

The Registrar General maintains separate registers for patent, trademark, industrial design, layout-design and others.

The Office examines each application and grants certificate of registration if it meets the requirements of the Industrial Property Act of 2014.

#### The status of automation

- ▶ Total number of registered TM 12,226
- ▶ IPAS 6,732 (Captured files)
- Uncaptured files 5494
- For the time being the process (workflow) in IPAS is not yet completed.
- We are also working on new templates to accommodate the new regulation

# Future plans for Search and Examination

- To incorporate the new IP Law in the system
- i.e patent, trademark, industrial design, layout-design and others.
- To fully update all our records in the IPAS system
- To use the IPAS system to the maximum.
- We will need more training to better equip ourselves how to use the IPAS system.
- Review of laws to ensure it remains easy to implement and understood.
- Building more awareness for the users of our service and for other stakeholders.

#### Thank You.

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