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April 25 and 26, 2022 – Host: Government of Rwanda

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Monday, April 25, 2022

Moderator: **Rwanda Development Board (RDB)**

9.00 – 10.00 Opening Ceremony (5 min each)

Welcome addresses by:

The representative of the Government of Rwanda (Host)

The representative of the East African Community Science and Technology Commission (EASTECO) – Mr. Fortunate Muyambi, Executive Secretary

The representative of African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) - Mr. Bemanya Twebaze, Director General

The representative of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) – M. Denis L. Bohoussou, Director General

The representative of the Japan Patent Office (JPO)

The representative of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) – Ms. Cristina Duarte, Under-Secretary-General

The representative of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) – Mr. Hasan Kleib, Deputy Director General

10.00 – 10.30 **Topic 1 Intellectual Property (IP) Fundamentals and Principles**

Speaker:
Prof Nyasse, Intellectual Property Expert, Cameroon

10.30 – 11.00 **Topic 2 IP as a Driver of Entrepreneurship**

Speaker:
Mr. Julius Akinyemi
Founder/CEO-UWINCorp - *The Mobile Commodity MarketPlace* - Entrepreneur-In-Residence, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA

11.00 – 11.30 **Topic 3 IP, an Innovation Enabler**

Speaker:
Prof. Keo Motaung
Director: Technology Transfer & Innovation, at The Durban University of Technology and Founder and CEO of Global Health Biotech.

11.30 – 12.00	Topic 4	IP Generating Startup vs IP Consuming Startup Speaker: Dr. McLean Sibanda Managing Director Bigen Global Limited, and Founder Megethos Legacy Catalyst, South Africa
12.00 – 12.30		Question/Answer/Discussion
<u>Tuesday, April 26, 2022</u>		
Moderator:		Rwanda Development Board (RDB)
9.00 – 10.00	Topic 1	Sharing experience, success, challenges, provide advice on fund raising aspects, etc. Speaker: 1. Mr. Seiya Ashikari CEO at Ecologgie.inc 2. Mr. Ivan Atuyambe Director, YouLead Africa Program Head of Leadership and Governance Academy Training Centre for Development Cooperation 3. Mr. Ange Frédéric Balma Founder & CEO, Ivorian startup LIFI-LED (Light-based ICT solutions) and Sinilux 4. Ms. Fadima Diawara Founder & CEO, Guinean startup KUNFABO
10.00 – 10.30	Topic 2	IP and Innovation as basis for future industries and competitiveness Speaker: Dr. Mafini Dosso Project Management Professional (PMP)® Economist & Policy Analyst Project Leader "Smart specialization in Innovative and Informal African Economies"
10.30 – 11.00	Topic 3	Using IP Databases Speakers: WIPO - TISD – Mr. Elangi Ituku WIPO - Industrial Property Information Officer

11.00 – 11.30	Topic 4	WIPO IP Diagnostics Tool + Practice Speakers: WIPO – IPBD – Mr. Christopher Kalanje Counsellor
11.30 – 13.00	Topic 5	Round table: How policy makers can facilitate the establishment of an IP Ecosystem for the growth of youth entrepreneurship and Start-ups. [All speakers to participate] Speakers: ➤ Rwanda Ministry of Trade and Industry (15 min) ➤ East Africa Community Science and Technology Commission (EASTECO) (15min) ➤ Mr. Kei Tagawa: Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) (15min) Moderator: Mr. Ivan Atuyambe and Dr. Mafini Dosso
13.00 – 13.30		Way forward / Next steps 1. Establishment of an IP platform for Startups 2. Mentoring and Coaching for Pilot sample - Timeframe 3. Drafting of IP Policy/Strategy guidelines for Startups – Roadmap
13:30		Closing (Rwanda Ministry of Trade and Industry)

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