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**WIPO/LAS FOURTH ARAB REGIONAL COORDINATION  
MEETING FOR DIRECTORS OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND  
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organized by  
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

and  
the League of Arab States (LAS)

in cooperation with  
the Government of Tunisia

**Tunis, June 27 to 29, 2007**

PROGRAM

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Wednesday, June 27, 2007

8.30 – 9.30      OPENING CEREMONY

Welcome addresses by:

Mr. Chedli Neffati, Arab League Deputy Secretary-General and  
Chairman of the Tunis Center, Tunis

Dr. Kamil Idris, Director General of the World Intellectual  
Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

Mr. Mohamed El Aziz Ibn Achour, Minister of Culture and  
Heritage Preservation, Tunis

9.30 – 10.00      Coffee break

10.00 – 10.30      Presentation of the Meeting Agenda:

- (a) Working Methods
- (b) Subjects for Discussion

Speaker: Mrs. Nahla Haidar, Director, Technical Assistance and  
Capacity Building Bureau for Arab Countries, WIPO

10.30 – 11.30      International and Regional Cooperation:

- (a) Recent Developments and Events at the International Level

Speaker: Mr. Georges Ghandour, Consultant, Technical Assistance  
and Capacity Building Bureau for Arab Countries, WIPO

- (b) Recent Developments and Events at the Regional Level

Speaker: Mrs. Maha Bakheet, Chief, Intellectual Property Unit,  
Office of the Secretary-General, League of Arab States  
(LAS), Cairo

11.30 – 12.30      Importance of Information Technologies:

- (a) Automation: Current Situation and Future Prospects (Report of  
the Regional Workshop on Automation, Cairo April 2007 )

Speakers: Mr. Inayet Syed, Director, Division for Intellectual  
Property Office Support Services, WIPO

Mr. Hisham Fayed, IT Consultant, Division for Intellectual  
Property Office Support Services, WIPO, Cairo

12.30 – 14.00      Lunch Break

- 14.00 – 16.00 Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore:
- (a) Presentations of the Work of the Arab Consultation Group
- Speakers: representatives from Egypt, Sudan, Tunis and Yemen
- (b) Institutional Situation and Regional Assessment
- Speaker: Mr. Ahmed Aly Morsi, Professor, Folklore and Traditional Knowledge, University of Cairo
- 16.00 – 17.00 Technology Transfer and Importance of Research and Development: Tunisian and Moroccan Experience
- Speakers: Mr. Adel Al-Maliki, Director, Moroccan Commercial and Industrial Property Office (*OMPIC*), Casablanca
- Mr. Amine Fourati, Research Director, Tunisian Chemical Group, Sfax
- 17.00 – 18.00 Discussions

Thursday, June 28, 2007

- 9.00 – 10.00 Development and Current Status of Copyright and Related Rights in the Arab Region:
- (a) Collective Management of Copyright and Related Rights: the Maghreb Experience
- Speakers: Mr. Kheireddin Abdel Ali, Director General, Tunisian Copyright Protection Organization (*OTPDA*), Tunisia
- Mr. Lounes Abdoun, Deputy Director General, Algerian National Office for Copyright and Related Rights (*ONDA*), Algeria
- Mr. Mokhtar El Amrani, Head, Adhesions, Documentation and Communication Division, Moroccan Copyright Office (*BMDA*), Ministry of Communication, Morocco
- (b) Automation of Copyright Operations
- Speakers: Mr. Inayet Syed
- Mr. Hisham Fayed

- 10.00 – 11.30 Strategic Planning and Integration of Intellectual Property:
- Speakers: Mrs. Nahla Haidar
- Mrs. Fatima Daboussi, Deputy Director, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Bureau for Arab Countries, WIPO
- (a) Different Experiences of Intellectual Property Coordination and Integration
- Speakers: Representatives from Egypt, Jordan, Sudan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- 11.30 – 12.30 Presentation of Results of Analytical Sheet
- 12.30 – 13.00 Setting-Up of Working Groups
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch Break
- 14.30 – 17.30 Group Work
- 17.30 – 20.00 Drafting Committee Report

Friday, June 29, 2007

- 9.00 – 10.30 Presentation and Discussion of the Report
- 10.30 – 12.30 Main Lessons Learnt and Program Adjustments:
- (a) New Strategic Directions and Priorities for Action Established at the Regional and National Level
- (b) Summary of Results and Analysis of WIPO's Contribution
- 12.30 – 13.00 CLOSING CEREMONY:
- Mr. Afif Chelbi, Minister of Industry, Energy and Small and Medium Enterprises, Tunis
- Mr. Chedli Neffati, Arab League Deputy Secretary-General and Chairman of the Tunis Center, Tunis
- Mr. Narendra K. Sabharwal, Deputy Director General, WIPO