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in cooperation with
the Government of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

Abidjan, September 1 to 3, 1999

Provisional Program

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Wednesday, September 1, 1999

09.00 - 10.00 Opening ceremony

Address by Mr. A. N'Diaye, Director General, African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)

Address by the Representative of the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Address by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Small Medium Enterprises of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

10.00 - 10.30 Break

10.30 – 11.30 **The New Millennium and the Role of Intellectual Property in African Development**

Speaker: Mr. Craig Burton-Durham, Deputy Registrar, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Pretoria, South Africa

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Discussion

11.30 - 12.30 **History of Invention and Innovation in Africa**

Speaker: Dr. Hassane Idrissa Souley, President, Nigerian Association for the Promotion of Invention and Innovation (ANPII), Niamey, Niger

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Discussion

12.30 - 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 - 15.30 **Where are the African Inventors? What do they invent?**

How to Encourage African Inventors to Apply their Knowledge?

Speaker: Mr. Mamadou Traoré, President, Ivorian Association for the Promotion of Invention and Innovation (AIPI), Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

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Discussion

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15.30 - 16.30 **Needs for Establishing Support Services for Inventors, Innovators, Small Medium Enterprises and R&D Organizations in African Countries**

Speakers: Mr. Craig Burton-Durham, South Africa

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Dr. David A. Okongwu, Director, National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP), Lagos, Nigeria

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Discussion

16.30 - 16.45 Break

16.45 - 17.30 **Role and Functions of an Innovation Centre**

Speakers: Mr. Michel Levy, General Manager, Cabinet Léonard, Paris, France

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Mr. Nkosanah Nick Ndaba, Director, Information Technology Department, Botswana Technology Centre (BOTECH), Gaborone, Botswana

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Discussion

17.30 - 18.15 Film: "Le quitte ou double d'un inventeur"

18.30 Reception hosted by WIPO

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9.00 - 11.00 **Encouraging Innovation and Commercializing Inventions in Africa**

Speakers: Mr. Christopher Kiige, Examination Officer, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), Harare, Zimbabwe

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Mr. Abdoulaye Touré, Director for Technological Development and Training, African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), Yaoundé, Cameroon

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11.00 - 11.15 Break

11.15 - 12.30 Speakers: Mr. Koffi Goli, Consellor of the Director General, National Center for Agronomic Research (CNRA), Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

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Dr. Ousmane Kane, Executive Director, African Regional Center of Technology (ARCT), Dakar, Senegal

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Discussion

12.30 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 - 15.30 **Patent Documents as a Source of Information for R&D Organizations and for Inventors - the WIPO Net Contribution**

Speakers: Mr. Christopher Kiige, ARIPO

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Mr. Abdoulaye Touré, OAPI

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15.30 - 16.30 **WIPO Patent Information Services for Developing Countries (WPIS)**

Speaker: Mr. Vladimir Yossifov, Director, Division for Infrastructure Services and Innovation Promotion, WIPO, Geneva, Switzerland

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Discussion

16.30 - 16.45 Break

16.45 - 16.30 **Evaluation and Assessment of Inventions and Research Results for their Marketing and Commercialization**

Speakers: Mr. Michel Levy, France

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Dr. David A. Okongwu, Nigeria

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Mr. Gérard Bossey, Head, Engineering and Implementation Department, Ivorian Company of Tropical Technology (I2T) Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

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17.30 - 18.15 **Role of Entrepreneurs in the Commercialization of Inventions and Research Results**

Speaker: Mr. Michel Levy, France

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18.15 - 19.00 Film: "La saga du Stabilo Boss"

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9.00 - 11.00

Promoting and Financing the Development of Inventions and Research Results into Commercial Products

Speaker: M. Mamadou Traoré, Côte d'Ivoire

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Use of Microcredits for Development of Inventions and Research Results

Speaker: Ms. Aïssatou Cissé, Assistant Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

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Discussion

11.00 - 11.15

Break

11.15 - 12.30

Role and Functions of Inventors' Associations

Speakers: Mr. Farag Moussa, President, International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA), Geneva, Switzerland

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Mr. Abdoulaye Sanokho, President, Senegalese Association for the Promotion of Invention and Innovation (ASPI), Dakar, Senegal

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Mr. Kouadio Asman Lambert, President of Ivorian Inventors, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

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Mr. Abdelwahab Musa, President, Sudan Inventors Association, Khartoum, Sudan

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| 12.30 - 14.30 | Lunch break |
| 14.30 - 15.00 | Film: "OPA sur la peinture chauffante" |
| 15.00 - 17.30 | Reports by participants and Round Table on a Future Programme for Promoting Invention and Innovation for Economic Development in Africa |
| 17.30 - 18.00 | Closing of the Seminar |
| 18.00 | Cocktail offered by the Government of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire |

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