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Harare, Zimbabwe, July 10 to 12, 2012

PROGRAM
prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 10.00 Opening ceremony

Welcome addresses by:

Mr. Yonezo Fukuda, Ambassador, Embassy of Japan in Zimbabwe

Mr. Lutz Mailänder, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

Mr. Gift Sibanda, Director General, ARIPO

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee Break

10.30 – 12.00 **Topic 1 Challenges and Options in Patent Examination**

Moderator: Mr. Lutz Mailänder, Head, Patent Information Section, Global Information Service, Global Infrastructure Sector, WIPO

Brief Presentations by participants

Discussions

12.00 – 12.30 **Topic 2 Japan Patent Office Cooperation for Developing Countries**

Speaker: Mr. Kenji Kumagai, Assistant Director, International Affairs Division, General Affairs Department, JPO

12.30 – 13.45 Lunch Break

13.45 – 14.30 **Topic 3 Patent Family Concepts**

Speaker: Mr. Lutz Mailänder

14.30 – 15.15 Exercise A: Checking and Determining the Family Context of Selected Sample Patent Applications (Legal and Technical Families) by Using Respective Information Resources

Coordinator: Mr. Lutz Mailänder

Discussions All Participants and Speakers

15.15 – 16.15	Topic 4	Retrieving and Utilizing External Results: 1. Sources and Types of External Results
		Speaker 1: Mr. Lutz Mailänder Speaker 2: Mr. Kenji Kumagai
16.15 – 16.30	Coffee Break	
16.30 -17.15		Exercise B: Retrieving Search/Examination Reports or Granted Patents, and Performing File Inspection for Selected Sample Families (Based on Family Information Obtained in the Exercise A)
		Coordinator: Mr. Lutz Mailänder
	Discussions	All Participants and Speakers
<u>Wednesday, July 11, 2012</u>		
9.00 – 9.30	Topic 5	Retrieving and Utilizing External Results: 2. Presentation of ARIPO on their experience with utilization of external results
		Speaker: Mr. John Kabare, ARIPO
9.30 – 10.15	Topic 6	Claims Drafting: Defining the Scope of Search and Examinations
		Speaker: Mr. Lutz Mailänder
10.15 – 10.45		Exercise C: Case Study on Various Sets of Original Claims as Submitted by Applicants and Assessment of their Utility for Search Purposes
		Coordinator: Mr. Lutz Mailänder
	Discussions	All Participants and Speakers
10.45 – 11.15		Exercise D: Case Studies on One and Two Part Claims for Selected Samples of Inventive Subject Matter and Related Prior Art
		Coordinator: Mr. Lutz Mailänder
	Discussions	All Participants and Speakers
11.15 – 11.30	Coffee Break	
11.30 – 12.15	Topic 7	Interpreting and Utilizing Search and Examination Reports

		Speaker:	Mr. Lutz Mailänder
12.15 – 14.00	Lunch Break		
14.00 – 15.00		Exercise E:	Case Study on Poor and Good Samples of Examination Reports
		Coordinator:	Mr. Lutz Mailänder
	Discussions		All Participants and Speakers
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee Break		
15.30 – 16.00	Topic 8	Utilizing Claims of Granted Patents	
		Speaker:	Mr. Yohei Noda, Deputy Director, International Affairs Division, General Affairs Department, JPO
16.00 – 16.30		Exercise F:	Comparative Study on Claims Granted for Different Family Members by Different Intellectual Property Offices (IPOs)
		Coordinator:	Mr. Lutz Mailänder
	Discussions		All Participants and Speakers
16.30 – 17.15	Topic 9	Specific Requirements of Patentability: Exemptions, Unity, Technical Nature, Sufficient Disclosure, Additions to Initial Disclosure	
		Speaker:	Mr. Lutz Mailänder
17.15 – 18.00		Exercise G:	Case Study on Selected Samples of Applications which do not Meet the Specific Requirements
		Coordinator:	Mr. Lutz Mailänder

Thursday, July 12, 2012

9.00 – 9.30	Topic 10	Preparing grant and publication	
		Speaker:	Mr. Lutz Mailänder
9.30 – 10.15		Exercise H:	Case Study on Selected Samples of Specifications for Proper Publication
		Coordinator:	Mr. Lutz Mailänder
	Discussions		All Participants and Speakers

10.15 – 10.30	Coffee Break	
10.30 – 11.30	Topic 11	Rejections:
		Speaker 1: Mr. Lutz Mailänder
		Speaker 2: Mr. Yohei Noda
11.30 – 12.15		Exercise I: Preparation of a Rejection Ruling
		Coordinator: Mr. Lutz Mailänder
	Discussions	All Participants and Speakers
12.00 –13.30	Lunch Break	
13.30 –17.00		Additional Exercises, Review and Wrap-up
	Discussions	All Participants and Speakers
17.00	Closing ceremony	

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