



## **Contribution of the Funds-In-Trust Japan to the WIPO's assistance program for Africa and LDCs**

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# Japan Funds-In-Trust/IP-Africa & LDCs

FIT supports technical assistance and capacity building in the field of industrial property in Africa and LDCs

- Established in 2008, following the adoption of recommendation under the WIPO Development Agenda
- Government of Japan has annually contributed 1.1 million Swiss Francs
- Administered by the Regional Bureau for Africa at WIPO

# Supports

Japan FIT/IP - Africa & LDCs supports various activities.

- Events for key IP actors
- IP Office Modernization
- Capacity Building

# Events for key IP actors

Helping keep law-makers up-to-date with the very latest developments in the field of IP.

## ■ June 10 and 11, 2014, Lomé (Togo)



Parliamentarians and Mr. Hideo Hato, the Commissioner of the Japan Patent Office. (Photo: WIPO)

# IP Office Modernization

Helping IP offices modernize their infrastructure and working practices.

## ■ Data capture

- 2014 - Ethiopia, Nigeria, OAPI
- 2013 - Zimbabwe
- 2012 - Mauritius

## ■ IPAS deployment

EDMS for IPAS was deployed in the following countries.

- 2014 - Botswana, Kenya, Malawi, and Namibia

# Capacity Building

Offering scholarships for WIPO-supported programs.

## ■ Master's degree in Intellectual Property (MIP)

Up to 10 students per program

- Zimbabwe – jointly offered with Africa University, ARIPO, WIPO Academy
- Cameroon – jointly offered with University of Yaoundé II, OAPI, WIPO Academy

## ■ WIPO Summer School

Up to 10 students

# IP office website pilot project

Website can benefit IP offices and users in various ways.

- User-friendliness
- Efficiency
- Promotion of activities

# User-friendliness

Giving IP system users easy access to information.

- [Forms](#), [Fee schedule](#), [Regulations](#), [List of agents](#)
- [IP Journals](#), [Official gazettes](#)
- [Annual reports](#), [Statistics](#)



# Efficiency

Increasing efficiency of business procedures in IP office.

- Electronic filing system
- Online database
- FAQ

# Promotion of activities

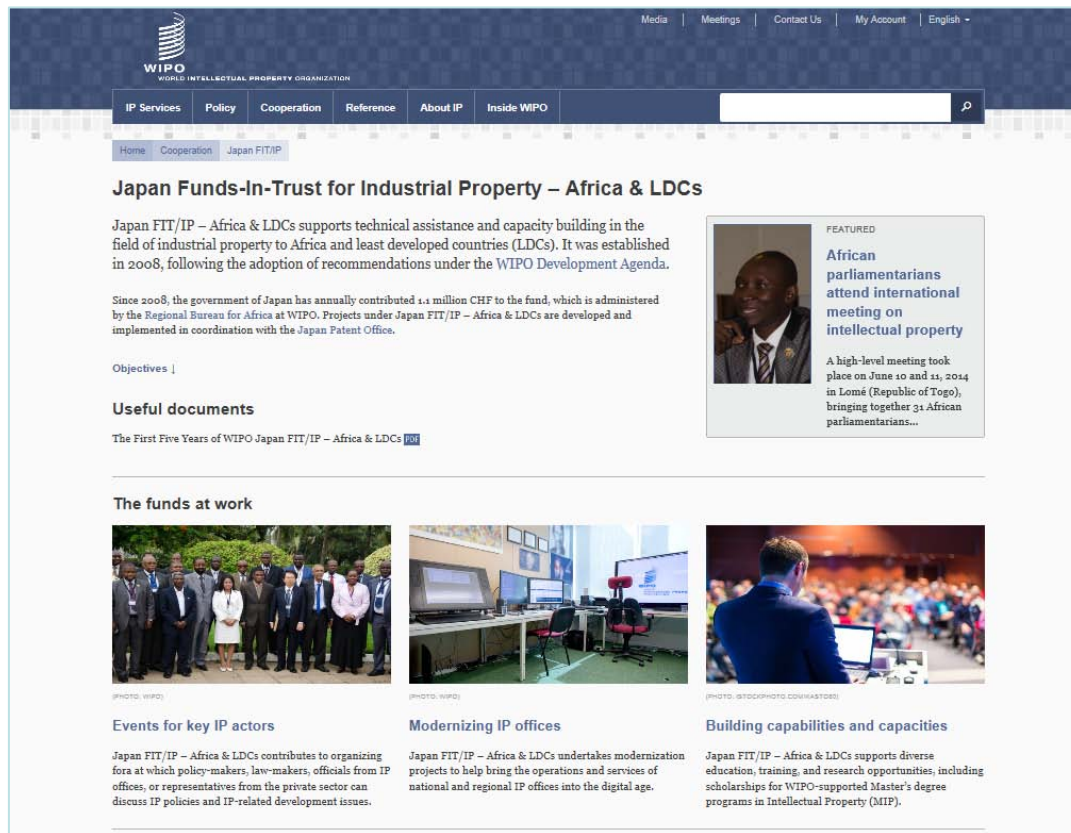
Reaching a wide audience through IP office website.

- News, Events
- Magazines, Awards, IP Trade
- TISC (Technology and Innovation Support Center)

# Website of Japan FIT/IP-Africa & LDCs

This is a website for Africa and LDCs.

■ [http://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds\\_in\\_trust/japan\\_fitip/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/cooperation/en/funds_in_trust/japan_fitip/index.html)



The screenshot shows the WIPO website page for Japan FIT/IP-Africa & LDCs. The page features a dark blue header with the WIPO logo and navigation links. Below the header is a search bar and a menu with categories like IP Services, Policy, Cooperation, Reference, About IP, and Inside WIPO. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: Home > Cooperation > Japan FIT/IP. The title is "Japan Funds-In-Trust for Industrial Property – Africa & LDCs". The text describes the fund's purpose and establishment in 2008. A featured section highlights an international meeting on intellectual property in Lomé, Togo, in 2014. Below this are sections for "Useful documents" and "The funds at work", which includes three sub-sections: "Events for key IP actors", "Modernizing IP offices", and "Building capabilities and capacities". Each sub-section has a representative image and a brief description of the activities.

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## Japan Funds-In-Trust for Industrial Property – Africa & LDCs

Japan FIT/IP – Africa & LDCs supports technical assistance and capacity building in the field of industrial property to Africa and least developed countries (LDCs). It was established in 2008, following the adoption of recommendations under the WIPO Development Agenda.


Since 2008, the government of Japan has annually contributed 1.4 million CHF to the fund, which is administered by the Regional Bureau for Africa at WIPO. Projects under Japan FIT/IP – Africa & LDCs are developed and implemented in coordination with the Japan Patent Office.

Objectives |

### Useful documents

The First Five Years of WIPO Japan FIT/IP – Africa & LDCs PDF


### The funds at work



(PHOTO: WIPO)

#### Events for key IP actors


Japan FIT/IP – Africa & LDCs contributes to organizing fora at which policy-makers, law-makers, officials from IP offices, or representatives from the private sector can discuss IP policies and IP-related development issues.



(PHOTO: WIPO)

#### Modernizing IP offices

Japan FIT/IP – Africa & LDCs undertakes modernization projects to help bring the operations and services of national and regional IP offices into the digital age.



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#### Building capabilities and capacities

Japan FIT/IP – Africa & LDCs supports diverse education, training, and research opportunities, including scholarships for WIPO-supported Master's degree programs in Intellectual Property (MIP).

Thank you

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