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organized by
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

and
the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

with
the assistance of the Japan Patent Office (JPO)

Harare, Zimbabwe, August 28 and 29, 2018

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.30 Opening ceremony

Opening remarks by:

The representative of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), Harare

Mr. Alejandro Roca Campaña, Senior Director, Access to Information and Knowledge Division, Global Infrastructure Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

Mr. Kenichi Kasahara, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan in Zimbabwe, Harare

THEME 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT NATIONAL INNOVATION SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AND NEEDS, AS WELL AS OF FUTURE SUB-REGIONAL INNOVATION SUPPORT CAPABILITIES

9.30 – 10.00 **Topic 1 Update on Global Developments in the WIPO Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) Project**

Speaker: Representative of WIPO

10.00 – 10.30 **Topic 2 Review of Ongoing Regional TISC Networks and their Initiatives**

- Developing and maintaining quality of searches
- Mentorship programs supporting searching expertise

Speaker: Representative of WIPO

10.30 – 11.00 **Topic 3 ARIPO Innovation Support Initiatives for Member States**

Speaker: Representative of ARIPO

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.30 **Topic 4 ARIPO Member States' Reports (Maximum 10 Minutes Each)**

- Introductions – who and what they do
- Goals and priorities – national, institutional whether ministry/IPO or academic
- Current activities in technology and innovation support
- Plans for developing technology and innovation activities nationally
- Gaps and needs in implementing plans

Moderator: Representative from ARIPO

- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break
- 14.00 – 15.00 **Topic 4 ARIPO Member States' Reports (Cont'd)**
Moderator: Representative from ARIPO
- 15.00 – 15.30 Coffee Break
- 15.30 – 17.00 **Topic 4 ARIPO Member States' Reports (Cont'd)**
Moderator: Representative from ARIPO

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

THEME 2: DEVELOPING THE ARIPO REGIONAL NETWORK

- 9.00 – 10.30 **Round-table Discussions on Developing an Action Plan Establishing the Regional Network**
Elements of discussion to include the following required within the Regional Network:
 - Collective responses to individual and common gaps and needs
 - Resources available for collective response
 - Possible contributions from outside sources (e.g. WIPO, etc.)Moderators: Representatives from WIPO and ARIPO
- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00 – 12.30 **Round-table Discussions on Developing an Action Plan Establishing the Regional Network (Cont'd)**
Moderators: Representatives from WIPO and ARIPO
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

THEME 3: AGREED ACTION PLAN ESTABLISHING THE ARIPO REGIONAL NETWORK

- 14.00 – 15.00 **Round-table Recap and Agreement on Action Plan – 2019/20**
Moderators: Representatives from WIPO and ARIPO
- 15.00 – 15.30 Coffee Break
- 15.30 – 16.30 **Round-table Nomination of Steering/Implementation Committee and Agreement on its Responsibilities**
Moderator: Representative from ARIPO
- 16.30 – 17.00 Conclusions and Closing of Conference

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