#### OVERVIEW AND NEW DEVELOPEMNTS IN TISC IN NAMIBIA

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# About BIPA

- The Business and Intellectual Property Authority (BIPA) was established as statutory body;
- Under the BIPA Act, (Act No.8 of 2016).





- To regulate and administer the registration of business and industrial property under the applicable legislations;
- Maintain accurate, current and relevant information concerning business and intellectual property;
- Promote, expedite and simplify the flow of information between BIPA and the business community, users of business and intellectual property, public, regulatory authorities and institutions of State



# **BIPA FUNCTIONS**

- To register and grant intellectual property rights in Namibia.
- Promote the creation
- Use and protection of IP
- Contribute to the development of domestic, regional and international IP legal framework.
- In a nutshell, it's the administration, protection and promotion of IP services



TISCs in Namibia

- Namibia and WIPO signed the TISC MoU in 2017
- The first training/seminar by WIPO in 2018
- Four Namibia to-be TISC host institutions signed Institutional agreement with BIPA on March 2019.(IUM, UNAM, NCRST)
- Password to be sent by WIPO





# TRAINING

- Eleven Namibians from 3 TISC host institutions completed on-line trainings, e.g.
- Patent Drafting
- IP management; Collective management of copyright and related rights for CMOs; IP management; Collective management of copyright and related rights for policy makers
- Namibia(BIPA) participated in TISC Trainings by WIPO-ARIPO (today)

### AWARENESS

- Participates in annual young scientists fair
- Promote the importance of IP protection and TISC through our stakeholders<sup>o</sup> engagement plan

### Thank you Maitabasa Tangi Baie dankie

