

REGIONAL MEETING ON DEVELOPING THE REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION SUPPORT CENTER (TISC) NETWORK

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INTRODUCTION

- In July 2012, the Government of Sierra Leone passed into law the new Patent and Industrial Design Act.
- Action plans have been put in place to be achieved on a national basis and some activities have been done in relation to technology and innovation.

AWARENESS

- Innovation Idea Challenge hosted by The Directorate of Science, Technology, & Innovation (DSTI)
- Promoting the use of Access to Research for Development & Innovation (ARDI) and Access to Specialized Patent Information (ASPI).
- Identification of various stakeholders to customized awareness actions
- The Administrator and Registrar General with some of her staff undertook an awareness raising activities.

CAPACITY BUILDING

- The University of Sierra Leone's Institute of Public Administration and Management (IPAM) and the DSTI created an innovation hub.
- Setting up TISC center in the National IP Office
- Training of trainers to be done by experts.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT & GOVERNANCE

- Sierra Leone is looking forward to establish an institutional policy for IP management with the support of ARIPO & WIPO at the regional level.
- A meeting will be schedule with different national stakeholders to recommend ways in which ARIPO would govern the establishment of the ARIPO TISC Sub-Regional Network
- Decision in nominating a TISC sub-regional network focal point in ARIPO.

CHALLENGES

Funding.

Inadequate technical expertise.

lack of institutional capacity for the administration of these centers.

CONCLUSION

- In conclusion, an official request will be sent to WIPO proposing the national TISC project and seeking WIPO's assistance in its implementation.
- Stakeholders will recommend ways on how to create a regional platform to disseminate relevant technology to overcome technical problems.