

SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND  
EFFECTIVE USE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY STATISTICS  
ARIPO MEMBER FOR STATES

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# HIGHLIGHTS

- GHANA IP OFFICE-
- STRUCTURE OF THE IP OFFICE
- WORKLOAD & STATISTICS
- DATA STORAGE
- USE OF IP STATISTICS
- CHALLENGES
- CONCLUSION

# Ghana IP Office

- The Registrar-General's Department and the Copyright Office administer Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in Ghana.
- Both offices are under the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General's Department.
- The Registrar-General's Department was registered as a Department of the Attorney-General by the Civil Service(Structure) Regulations, 1961 (L.I. 139) to administer a number of Laws for the purposes of registration.
- Its mandate Include Industrial Property Rights, Registration of Businesses and Marriages, Administration of Estates, Official Liquidations etc.
- Generally , the Registrar General's Department is staffed by State Attorneys and Personnel from the Office of the Head of Civil Service

# Structure of the Ghana IP Office

- Managerial: Registrar -General and Head of IP
- Examiners: Ten Attorneys
- Supporting Staff: 17 (Data entry clerks, Search officers, Primary examiners)
- ICT: 2

# WORK LOAD & STATISTICS

YEAR	Trademarks		Patents		Industrial Design/Textiles		Utility Model
	Applied	Registered	Applied	Granted***	Applied		
2012	2559	1629	32	11	7/353		2
2013	2867	1058	31		4/219		1
2014	3034	855	26	4	7/447		4
2015	2283	1021	18	1	6/689		3
2016	1602	714	18	4			
*** Excludes ARIPO Grants							

# Workload & Statistics cont'd

- Trademark application received on average per month: 223
- Registered Trademark application on average per month: 1140
- Patent applications received average per year: 27
- Industrial Designs received on average per year: 6
- Textile design applications average per year: 427
- Utility Models applications average: 3

# DATA STORAGE

- Both manual and digital (Partly automated)
  - IPAS
  - Manual Registers
  - Physical Files
- A manual system is used in the administration of Industrial Designs. This means the applications of various forms of designs are done manually ie- manual searches, examination and issuing of certificates.
- Currently textiles are captured on an excel spreadsheet
- Trademark is fully automated
- Patent applications are partly automated

# USAGE OF IP STATISTICS

- Generally as and when information is required the Office makes it available to the users.

Example Ministries, Institutions, Industries, Private sector, research students etc

- The National Statistical Service requires the information from us to meet their mandate which is to advise government and all stakeholders on matters relating to fiscal planning.



# CHALLENGES

- Need for a Research and Statistics Unit
- Lack of training in research, data analytics and interpretation of data
- IP office requires full automation of its work process
- One major challenge is that, apart from IP, Attorneys at the department are required to work on other schedules including Business registration, Administration of Estates and and Marriages, Court Cases, Official Liquidations etc...
- This goes a long way to affect the out put as far as IP applications in the department is concerned.

# GOING FORWARD

- Office has embarked on Public Education to encourage the filling of applications for the various IP rights
- IP staff are working overtime to clear the backlog of applications towards the objective of becoming fully automated and to consequently have a credible database.
- With Ghana's new IP Policy in place, the mandate of the IP office has been extended to include the industrial and information unit at the National IP Office.

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