



## **WIPO Regional Training Workshop on Online Tools and Services for Industrial Property Administration and Automation**

### **TOPIC 6 : OAPI's EXPERIENCE – ON THE ROAD TO FULL AUTOMATION OF LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND ENHANCEMENT OF ONLINE SERVICES**

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## **BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE OAPI SYSTEM**

### HISTORY

- ▶ **LIBREVILLE AGREEMENT OF 13 SEPTEMBER 1962 ESTABLISHING THE AFRICAN AND MALAGASY OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY (OAMPI)**
- ▶ **BANGUI AGREEMENT OF 02 MARCH 1977 ESTABLISHING THE AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI)**
- ▶ **REVISED BANGUI AGREEMENT OF 24 FEBRUARY 1999**
- ▶ **REVISED BANGUI AGREEMENT OF 14 DECEMBER 2015**
- ▶ **TERRITORY OF 17 MEMBER STATES, 7 808 251 KM<sup>2</sup> WITH A MARKET OF 183 MILLIONS CONSUMERS.**

# MISSIONS

**AS UNIQUE REPRESENTATION OF ITS 17 MEMBER STATES,  
OAPI IS THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN IP FIELD**

**THEREFORE, ITS MISSIONS ARE :**

- ▶ **PROTECTION OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY**
- ▶ **DOCUMENTATION, INFORMATION AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF MEMBER STATES**
- ▶ **TRAINING IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**
- ▶ **CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROMOTION OF LITERARY AND ARTISTIC WORKS**

## APPLICATIONS CAN BE SENT TO OAPI :

- ▶ **THROUGH THE NATIONAL LEVEL :**
  - National Liaison Structures (SNL) to transmit the application to OAPI
- ▶ **DIRECTLY BY THE REGIONAL ROUTE**
  - NATIONALS AND OTHER APPLICANTS RESIDING IN THE OAPI MEMBER STATES
- ▶ **THROUGH IP AGENTS IN THE MEMBER STATES (MS)**
  - COMPULSORY FOR NON-RESIDENTS

**EXAMINATION CONDUCTED UP TO NOW IS A FORMAL EXAMINATION** EXCEPT FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION

- ▶ **CENTRALISATION OF REGISTRATION PROCESS**
  - FROM RECEPTION TO PRINTING OF THE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE
- ▶ **ONE SINGLE DECISION OF PROTECTION VALID IN THE 17 MS**

## **AUTOMATION OF LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AT OAPI : FOUR MAIN CHRONOLOGICAL PHASES**

### **1. BEFORE 1998**

- **WORKING PROCESSES ESSENTIALLY  
MANUAL**
- **ARCHIVES COMPOSED OF PHYSICAL FILES**
- **USE OF TYPE-WRITING MACHINES FOR  
EDITION OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES**
- **ABSENCE OF DATABASE**
- **ONLY FEW COMPUTERS AT SECRETARIATS  
AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

## **AUTOMATION OF LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AT OAPI : FOUR MAIN CHRONOLOGICAL PHASES**

### **2. FROM 1998 TO 2012**

- **DRAW UP AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIRST INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MASTER PLAN (LAN, FIREWALL, INTERNET, ...)**
- **ACQUISITION OF COMPUTERS FOR ALL THE WORKING STATIONS WITH WIPO CONTRIBUTION THROUGH WIPOnet PROJECT**
- **DEVELOPMENT OF A DATABASE FOR IP TITLES MANAGEMENT « GESTITRE » INCLUDING EDITION OF CERTIFICATES**
- **TRAINING STAFF IN THE USE OF ICT TOOLS AND DATABASE « GESTITRE »**
- **DEVELOPMENT OF A WEB SITE AND ACQUISITION OF OAPI TOP LEVEL DOMAIN NAME « **oapi.int** »**

## AUTOMATION OF LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AT OAPI : FOUR MAIN CHRONOLOGICAL PHASES

### 3. FROM 2013 TO 2017

- REVIEW OF ALL THE REGISTRATION PROCESSES AND RELATING DOCUMENTS (CERTIFICATES) IN VIEW TO MAKE IT MORE EFFICIENT
- PUBLICATION OF OFFICIAL GAZETTE ONLINE ; PUTTING END TO PAPER FORMAT PUBLICATION
- PROGRESSIVE MIGRATION FROM DATABASE « GESTITRE » TO IPAS
- IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW PROCEDURES IN IPAS
- TRAINING STAFF MEMBERS TO THE USE OF IPAS



### 4. GUIDELINE SINCE 2017 :

**STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2022** (e.g. Objective 2.)



# **OAPI STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2022**

## **8 STRATEGIC TARGETS (ST)**

- 1. RELAUNCH AND INCREASING PRODUCTION**
- 2. UPGRADE THE INFRASTRUCTURE**
- 3. STRENGTHEN HUMAN RESOURCES**
- 4. STRENGTHEN GOVERNANCE**
- 5. PROMOTE THE STRATEGIC USE OF THE IP SYSTEM**
- 6. ENHANCE THE CAPACITY OF INTERVENTION OF NATIONAL LIAISON STRUCTURES (SNLs)**
- 7. DEVELOP COOPERATION PROGRAMS**
- 8. PREPARE OAPI FOR FUTURE CHALLENGES**

## **ST2: UPGRADE THE INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **Four actions :**

- ▶ **Action 1 :** Setting up a stable and efficient information system
- ▶ **Action 2 :** Establishment of online services
- ▶ **Action 3 :** Continuation of the construction and equipment of intellectual property documentation centers in Member States
- ▶ **Action 4 :** Improvement of the physical environment of work and accommodation

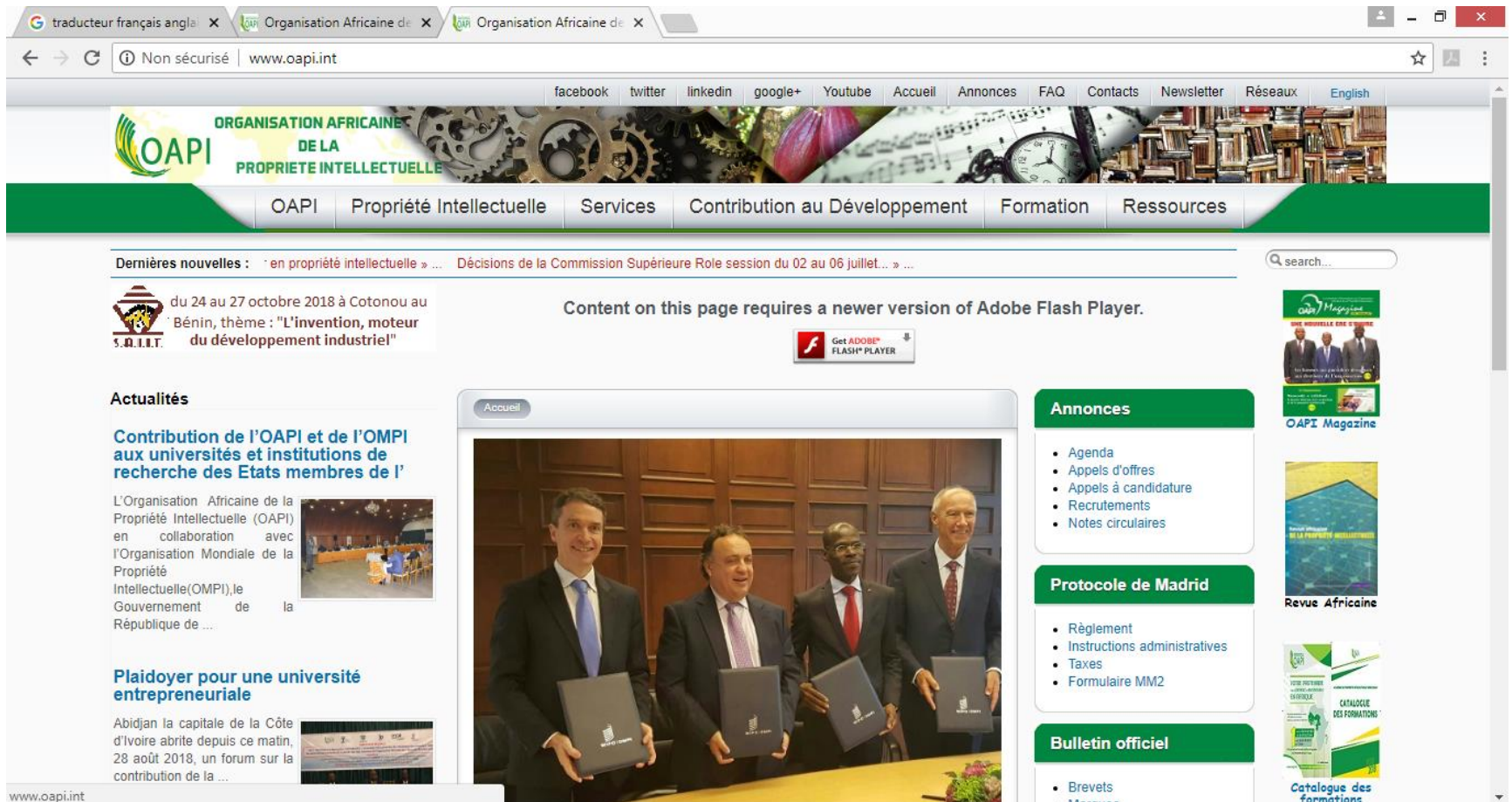
## SETTING UP A STABLE AND EFFICIENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

### ACHIVEMENTS :

- ▶ **EFFECTIVE MIGRATION OF TRADEMARKS AND PATENTS MANAGEMENT FROM « GESTITRE » TO IPAS**
- ▶ **FEE MANGEMENT IN « GESTITRE »**
- ▶ **ACCOUNTANCY IN SAARI**
- ▶ **ONGOING PROCESS OF DRAFTING A NEW INFORMATION SYSTEM MASTER PLAN**
- ▶ **CONTACT WITH PARTENAIRES TO REDESIGN THE INFORMATION SYSTEM INTO AN INTEGRATED ONE (OMPIC, KIPO/KIPI, WIPO)**

## CURRENT SITUATION :

### ► WEB SITE



The screenshot shows the OAPI website interface. At the top, there are social media links for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+, and YouTube, along with navigation links for Accueil, Annonces, FAQ, Contacts, Newsletter, Réseaux, and English. The main header features the OAPI logo and the text 'ORGANISATION AFRICAINE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE'. Below this is a green navigation bar with links for OAPI, Propriété Intellectuelle, Services, Contribution au Développement, Formation, and Ressources. The main content area includes a news section with a headline about an event in Benin, a central message about a Flash Player update, and several service categories: 'Annonces' (Agenda, Appels d'offres, etc.), 'Protocole de Madrid' (Règlement, Instructions administratives, etc.), and 'Bulletin officiel' (Brevets, Marques). On the right side, there are promotional banners for 'OAPI Magazine', 'Revue Africaine', and 'Catalogue des Formations'. The footer shows the website URL 'www.oapi.int'.

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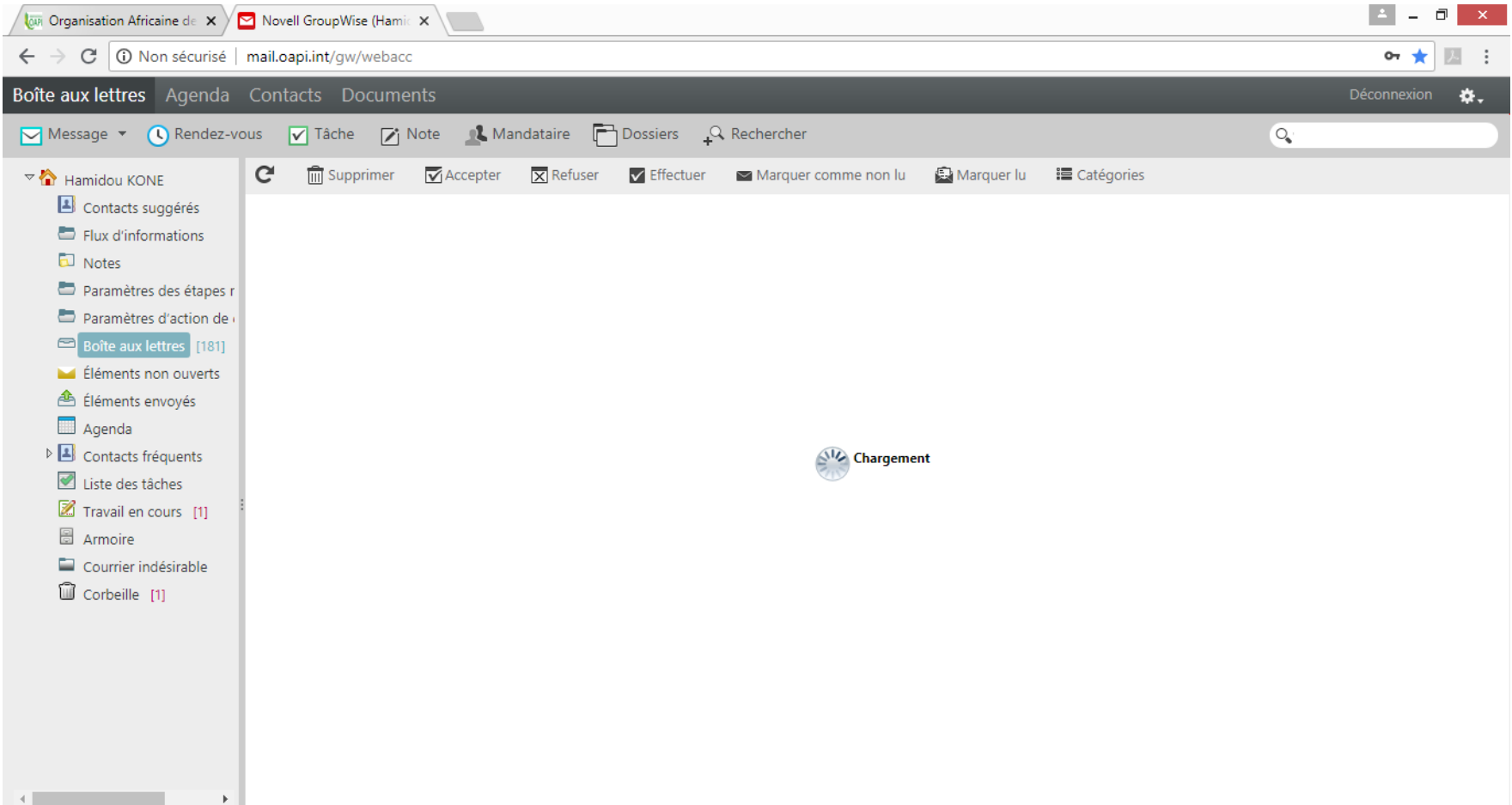
### ▶ E-MAILING

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  - Il s'agit d'un ordinateur privé.
- Buttons: Options », Connexion
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## CURRENT SITUATION :

### ► E-MAILING



## WE ARE ON THE FOLLOWING

### ▶ SOCIAL NETWORKS

- FACEBOOK
- TWEETER
- LINKEDIN
- GOOGLE +
- YOUTUBE

## ► CHALLENGES

- **AUTOMATION OF ALL PROCESSES (e.g. Plant varieties, Geographical indications, Utility models)**
- **DIGITIZATION (data management , Statistics, etc.)**
- **ONLINE SERVICES (Online filing, E-payment, E-notification)**
- **IPDL (Industrial Property Digital Library)**
- **INTEGRATION OF ALL THE AUTOMATION TOOLS (including Fee management, Accountancy, Human resources, Follow up of the budget)**
- **CDPI's CONNECTION AND EQUIPMENT**
- **FUNDING OF THE AUTOMATION COST**
- **IDENTIFICATION OF EXPERTS AND PARTENAIRES TO ACHIEVE THE FULL AUTOMATION AND ONLINE SERVICES**
- **PERMANENT AND STABLE POWER SUPPLY AND INTERNET CONNECTION**



## ► OPPORTUNITIES

- **ENHANCEMENT OF OAPI ACTIVITIES IN IP RIGHTS PROTECTION (Cf. Statistics)**
- **REDUCED PROCESSING DELAYS FOLLOWING TO RESORPTION OF PENDING FILES**
- **ACCESSIBILITY TO OAPI (Digital communication)**
- **COOPERATION (WIPO, OMPIC, ARIPO, KIPO/KIPI, EPO, EUIPO, INPI, etc.)**
- **THE GREAT WILL OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

## ► STATISTICS

### The 5 main IP titles applications during the last 5 years at OAPI

Principaux titres	Années de dépôts					Croissance 2013-14 (%)	Croissance 2014-15 (%)	Croissance 2015-16 (%)	Croissance 2016-17 (%)
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017				
<b>Brevets</b>	552	578	529	506	519	4,7	-8,5	-4,3	2,6
<b>Marques</b>	4378	4811	5046	6013	6397	9,9	4,9	19,2	6,4
<b>DMI</b>	379	448	353	379	343	18,2	-21,2	7,4	-9,5
<b>Noms Commerciaux</b>	7946	11191	6715	9108	11775	40,8	-40,0	35,6	29,3
<b>Total</b>	13255	17028	12643	16006	19034	28,5	-25,8	26,6	18,9



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