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WIPO REGIONAL TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON AUTOMATION SYSTEMS FOR INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY (IP) OFFICES IN THE ARAB REGION

organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in cooperation with the Egyptian Trademarks Office

Cairo, April 2 to 5, 2007

PROGRAM

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Monday, February 2, 2007

8.30 - 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.30 OPENING CEREMONY

Welcome addresses by:

The representative of the Egyptian Commercial Registry, Cairo

The representative of the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

9.30 – 10.30 WIPO Automation Support Services: A Global Perspective

Speaker: Mr. Adel Baccouche, IP Information Systems Officer,

Intellectual Property Office Support Services Division, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Sector, WIPO

10.30 – 12.00 Software Deployment in the Arab Region: Status, Opportunities and Challenges in Implementing Automation Projects

Speaker: Mr. Hisham Fayed, WIPO Consultant on Automation,

Intellectual Property Office Support Services Division, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Sector, WIPO,

Cairo

12.00 – 12.30 Coffee Break

12.30 – 13.30 Maximizing Use of Automation

Tools, Tips and Best Practices to Improve Software Performance, Throughput and Maximize Operation Efficiency and Overall Automation Impact – Special Focus on the Use of Software Source Code to Improve and Enrich Software Functionality by Member States (Opportunities and Limitations)

Speaker: Mr. Hisham Fayed

13.30 – 15.00 Selected Case Studies

Focus on IP Statistics, Automation Status and Utilization together with Challenges and Obstacles Facing Automation Deployment, Highlighting Impact of the Use of Automation on Office Performance

Speakers: A representative from the Trademarks Office

of the Sultanate of Oman

A representative from the Industrial Property Office (IPO)

of the Kingdom of Bahrain

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Tuesday, April 3, 2007

9.00 – 11.30 Selected Case Studies (Cont'd)

Speakers: A representative from the Patents Office

of the Arab Republic of Egypt

A representative from the Patents Office

of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

A representative from the Industrial Property Office

of the Kingdom of Morocco

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.30 Comments from representatives of the rest of IPOs on their personal

experiences on automation deployment

Speakers: Representatives from the remaining Arab countries

13.30 – 15.00 Group Discussions and Wrap-up of Common Problems Facing Software

Deployment Along with Critical Success Factor to Boost Automation at IP Offices – Special Attention to the Mutual Roles and Responsibilities of WIPO and Member States to Make Automation Deployment a Success

(towards an Automation Service Agreement)

Moderators: Mr. Amr Abdelaziz, Counsellor, Technical Assistance and

Capacity Building Bureau for Arab Countries, WIPO

Speakers: Mr. Adel Baccouche

Mr. Hisham Fayed

Wednesday, April 4, 2007

9.00 – 11.30 Use of IP Search Engines for IPOs and Community

Tools and Databases for IPOs, Government Agencies, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) and Individuals, Special attention to National Initiatives to Establish E-Filing and IPDL Services and Key Factors to

Consider when Deploying such Services

Speakers: Mr. Adel Baccouche

Mr. Hisham Fayed

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break

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12.00 – 15.00 Live Demonstration on WIPO Search and Classification Services

Presenting WIPO IPDL/Patent Scope and IPC Online Classification

Services

Speaker: Mr. Hisham Fayed

Thursday, April 5, 2007

9.00 – 11.00 Site Visit to the Egyptian Trademark Office

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.30 Panel Discussion

Maximizing Impact of Automation on Business Process – Use of Internet

Tools to Extend and Improve Office Services to Community

Moderators: Mr. Amr Abdelaziz

Mr. Adel Baccouche

Mr. Hisham Fayed

12.30 – 13.30 Wrap-up and Future Directions

Speakers: Mr. Adel Baccouche

Mr. Hisham Fayed

13.30 – 14.00 CLOSING CEREMONY

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