



CONFERENCE: OAPI MADRID EXPERIENCE

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ABOUT OAPI

- Created on the 13th September 1962
- 17 members states
- Benin, Burkina, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Comoros, Congo, Ivory Coast, Gabon, Guinea Conakry, Bissau Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Chad, Togo.
- Most recent member state is Republic of Comoros since May 2013

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- Headquarter in Yaoundé
- Common law : Bangui Agreement
(Revised edition of 24th February 1999)
- There is revision process going on
- One unique office, Centralize procedures
- One Unique IP Office for all members states. Meaning there is no co-existence between the regional office and Nationals systems

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- Centralized registration procedures.
Only the Regional office that is OAPI is mandated to grant IP Rights.
- “File once, pay one set of taxes and your creation is protected in 17 members states”

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- IP Rights protected at OAPI : Patents (18.000), Utility Models, Trademarks (115.000), Industrials Designs (5.500), Commercial Names (150.000),
- Plants Varieties (150),
- Geographical indications (5)
- 120 staff members



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PREPARATION

- ▶ Decision taken by OAPI annual board meeting on December 2013
- ▶ Deposit of instrument of accession at WIPO on December 2014
- ▶ Active member since the 5th March 2015
- ▶ Study visit in some IP office : WIPO, OAMI, Morocco, China
- ▶ Seminars for OAPI staff with WIPO experts

PREPARATION

- ▶ Creation of specialize committee for follow up
- ▶ Amendment of texts
- ▶ Validation of Madrid procedures
- ▶ Adaptation of different Madrid Forms

IPAS MADRID MODULE

- ▶ Installation IPAS Madrid Module both production and test environment
- ▶ Solving the Madrid port issue in case you are using more than one environment
- ▶ A specific workflow for Madrid applications
- ▶ A specific File Origin (MD), File Type (8) and Application Type
- ▶ Specifics User documents : Birth, NewName, Correction, etc

MADRID RECORDS MANAGEMENT

- ▶ Download weekly notification from Madrid server with FTP Client (FileZilla)
- ▶ Upload on a Test environment
- ▶ Correction of problems
- ▶ Repeat the process in Production environment

Main issues :

- ▶ Old nice version classification (6, 7)
- ▶ Missing Vienna classes

Solution : Adding missing records in corresponding IPAS Tables

- ▶ Choice of changing sign type from ***Text only*** to ***Both Text and logo*** and loading correspondent file image

Main issues :

- ▶ Few images missing because of the choice of changing sign type from ***Text only*** to ***Both Text and logo***

Solution : Loading manually corresponding files images

Main issues :

- ▶ Wrong file serie at the beginning of each year

Solution : Change file series in Designer before uploading records of the first week

Main issues :

- ▶ Impossible to send from the official portal (MOP) Madrid application receive as office of origine

Solution : Not yet solved

Sending the application via Email to a WIPO member staff

- ▶ Download and Upload in the system by IT staff
- ▶ Further control by Reception staff
- ▶ Examination by examiners group
- ▶ Communication with WIPO by mail
- ▶ Publication in different section of office Gazette



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