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INTRODUCTION

Botswana has over the years received technical assistance from the World Intellectual Property Organization to develop its IP landscape.

Effective utilization of technical assistance is based on its linkage with the needs of the country.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECTS

- Drafting of legal framework (Copyright and Neighbouring Rights Act and the Industrial Property Act)
- Provision of the Industrial Property Automated System (IPAS) for the Administration of intellectual property rights 2004
- Development of National Strategy 2012

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECTS

- Expert support on the Study on the economic contribution of the Copyright Industries 2019
- Capacity Building on the Accessible Books Consortium(ABC)-production of books in accessible formats for the visually impaired-2019
- Chobe Basket Project 2019
- Development of National IP Policy 2022

SUCCESS FACTORS

- Country needs assessment critical
- Political leadership commitment
- Wider stakeholder engagement
- Critical Role of the National IP Office

CONCLUSION

- Technical assistance is still critical for developing Countries.
- Tailoring technical assistance according to the needs of a country is vital.
- We thank WIPO for the Technical Assistance and Capacity Building projects. This ensures no country is left behind.