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# **Towards Sustainable Development: Partnership for Innovation and Technological Capacity Building for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of Africa**

organized by  
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

in cooperation with  
the Government of Ethiopia

and  
the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

**Addis Ababa, October 26 and 27, 2015**

POVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Monday, October 26, 2015

9.00 – 9.30	Registration	
9.30 – 10.00	Opening Ceremony	
	Welcome addresses by:	
	The representative of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Addis Ababa	
	The representative of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva	
10.00 – 10.15	Coffee Break	
10.15 – 10.45	<b>Theme 1</b>	<b>Innovation and Technological Capacity Building for Development: Concept and Issues of Importance to the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)</b>
	Speakers:	From UNECA (to be confirmed) From WIPO (to be confirmed)
10.45 – 11.00	<b>Theme 2</b>	<b>Overview of Cooperation Programs of WIPO for Innovation and Technological Capacity Building of the LDCs</b>
	Speaker:	From WIPO (to be confirmed)
11.00 – 13.00	<b>Country Presentations</b>	<b>Sustainable Development and the Role of Innovation and Technology: Trend, Challenges and Opportunities in the LDCs of the African Region</b>
	Moderators:	From UNECA (to be confirmed) From WIPO (to be confirmed)
	Speakers:	1) to be confirmed 2) to be confirmed 3) to be confirmed 4) to be confirmed
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break	
14.00 – 15.30	<b>Theme 3</b>	<b>Building Innovation Architecture for Development and Economic Competitiveness</b>
		(a) The Experience of Malaysia
14.00 – 14.45	Speaker:	Dr. Mohamed Shariff Bin Mohamed Din, Advisor on Intellectual Property (IP) and Technology Transfer, Putra Science Park, University Putra Malaysia (UPM), Selangor, Malaysia

		(b) The Experience of some African Countries
14.45 – 15.30		Speaker: From the United Republic of Tanzania (to be identified)
	Discussions	
15.30 – 15.45	Coffee Break	
15.45 – 16.30	<b>Theme 4</b>	<b>National Innovation Systems (NIS) and Technological Capacity Building in the African Region</b>
		Speaker: To be determined
	Discussions	
16.30 – 18.00	<b>Theme 5</b>	<b>Towards Sustainable Development: WIPO Project on Appropriate Technology for LDCs</b>
16.30 – 17.15		(a) Introduction to Project Concept
		Speaker: From WIPO (to Be confirmed)
17.15 – 18.00		(b) The National Experience of Zambia
		Speaker: Mr. Lloyd S. Thole, Former Registrar, Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA), Lusaka

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9.00 – 9.45	<b>Theme 5 (cont'd)</b>	<b>Towards Sustainable Development: WIPO Project on Appropriate Technology for LDCs</b>
		(c) The National Experience of Nepal
		Speaker: Mr. Ramesh Singh Pradhan, Executive Director, Research Centre for Applied Science and Technology (RECAST), Kathmandu
	Discussions	
9.45 – 11.00	<b>Panel Discussion</b>	<b>Framework for Partnership: Innovation and Technological Capacity Building for Sustainable Development</b>
		Moderator: From WIPO/UNECA (to be confirmed)
		Speakers: Dr. Mohamed Shariff Bin Mohamed Din
		From UNECA (to be confirmed)
		From the African Union (to be confirmed)
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee Break	

11.15 – 13.00	<b>Thematic Discussion</b>	<b>Framework for Partnership: Policy and Institutional Issues</b>  All speakers and participants
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break	
14.00 – 16.00	<b>Thematic Discussion</b>	<b>Framework for Partnership: Strategies and Implementation Issues</b>  All speakers and participants
16.00 – 16.15	Coffee Break	
16.15 – 17.45	<b>General Discussion</b>	<b>Partnership for Innovation and Technological Capacity Building in the LDCs of the African Region</b>  (a) Strategic Goals  (b) Roadmap and Action Plan  Moderators: From UNECA (to be confirmed) From WIPO (to be confirmed)  Speakers: All participants
17.45	Conclusions and Closing Ceremony	

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