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# **WIPO-ARIPO Sub-regional Seminar on the Promotion and the Understanding of Multilateral Treaties in the Field of Patents: Paris Convention, Budapest Treaty and PLT**

organized by  
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

in cooperation with  
the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

**Harare, Zimbabwe, February 11 to 13, 2015**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Wednesday, February 11, 2015

08.30 – 9.00 Registration

09.00 – 9.15 Opening Ceremony

Welcome addresses by:

Mr. Fernando dos Santos, Director General, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), Harare

Mr. Marco Aleman, Acting Director, Patent Law Division, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT SYSTEM

09.15 – 9.45 **Topic 1: The Patent System and Policy**

Speaker: Mr. Marco Aleman

09.45 – 10.30 **Topic 2: The Main Multilateral Treaties on Substantive Patent Issues**

Speakers: Mr. Marco Aleman

10.30 – 10.45 Questions and Answers

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 – 11.45 **Topic 3: Regional Treaties in the Patent Framework**

Speaker: Mr. Christopher Kiige, Director, Industrial Property ARIPO

11.45 – 12.15 Questions and Answers

12.15 – 14.15 Lunch Break

14.15 – 15.00 **Topic 4: Patentability Requirements and Patentable Subject Matter**

**i) The Industry Perspective**

Speaker: Mr. Emil Pot, General Counsel, ActoGeniX, Brussels

15.00 – 15.15 Questions and Answers

15.15 – 16.00 **ii) An Office Perspective**

Speaker: Mr. John Kabare, Senior Patent Examiner, ARIPO

16.00 – 16.15	Questions and Answers
16.15 – 16.45	Coffee Break
16.45 – 17.45	<b>Topic 5: Panel Discussion on the Patent System as a Policy Instrument</b>
	Panelists: Mr. Aleman Mr. Kiige Mr. Pot Mr. Kabare
17.45	End of Session

Thursday, February 12, 2015

THE PROMOTION OF THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE BUDAPEST  
TREATY

09.00 – 9.45	<b>Topic 6: The Promotion of the Understanding of the Budapest Treaty</b>
	<b>i) Role and Main Features of the Budapest Treaty</b>
	Speaker: Mr. Ewald Glantschnig, Head, Budapest Treaty Section, WIPO, Geneva
09.45 – 10.00	Questions and Answers
10.00 – 10.45	<b>ii) The Practice of an International Depository Authority (IDA) in Germany</b>
	Speaker: Ms. Vera Bussas, IDA Representative, DSMZ, Braunschweig
10.45 – 11.00	Questions and Answers
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 12.15	<b>iii) Experience of ARIPO Under the Budapest Treaty</b>
	Speaker: Mr. Emmanuel Sackey, Chief Examiner ARIPO
12.15 – 12.30	Questions and Answers
12.30 – 14.15	Lunch Break
14.15 – 15.00	<b>iv) Experience of Industry Under the Budapest Treaty</b>
	Speaker: Mr. Emil Pot

- 15.00 – 15.30 Questions and Answers
- 15.30 – 15.45 Coffee Break
- 15.45 – 16.30 **v) The Main Tasks of IDAs: Release of Samples of Deposit**  
Speaker: Ms. Vera Bussas
- 16.30 – 17.00 Questions and Answers
- 17.00 – 18.00 **vi) Panel Discussion on the Role of the Budapest Treaty Including that of IDAs**  
Participants: Mr. Glantschnig  
Ms. Bussas  
Mr. Sackey  
Mr. Pot
- 18.00 End of Session

Friday, February 13, 2015

THE PROMOTION OF THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PATENT LAW TREATY (PLT)

- 09.00 – 9.45 **Topic 7: The Promotion of the Understanding of the PLT**  
**i) Main Provisions of the PLT**  
Speaker: Mr. Marco Aleman
- 09.45 – 10.00 Questions and Answers
- 10.00 – 10.45 **ii) The Experience on the Implementation of PLT in Certain Jurisdictions**  
Speaker: Ms. Doris Thums, Lawyer, European Patent Office (EPO), Munich
- 10.45 – 11.00 Questions and Answers
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break
- 11.30 – 12.00 **iii) Recent Developments in the PLT**  
Speakers: Mr. Marco Aleman  
Ms. Doris Thums
- 12.00 – 12.15 Questions and Answers
- 12.15 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 14.45	<b>Topic 8:</b>	<b>Flexibilities in the Implementation of Multilateral Treaties</b>
		<b>i) Patent-related Flexibilities in the Multilateral Framework</b>
	Speaker:	Mr. Marco Aleman
14.45 – 15.00	Questions and Answers	
15.00 – 15.45		<b>ii) TRIPs Flexibilities in the Field of Health</b>
	Speaker:	Mr. Marco Aleman
15.45 – 16.00	Questions and Answers	
16.00 – 17.00		<b>iii) General Discussion</b>
17.00	Closing Ceremony	

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