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organized by
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

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

and
the Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA)

and the Japan Patent Office (JPO)

Gaborone, Botswana, September 10 to 12, 2019

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

09.00 – 09.15

Registration

Welcome/Opening Remarks by:

Mr. Ken-Ichiro Natsume, The Representative of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

Mr. Saed Ramadhan, The Representative of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), Harare

Mr. Shingo Tsuda, The Representative of the Japan Patent Office (JPO), Tokyo

Mr. Conductor Masena, Registrar General of Botswana

THEME ONE: THE PATENT SYSTEM

Moderator: Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA)

09.30 – 10.15

Topic 1 (a):

WIPO and the International Patent System: Overview of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) – Advantages, Statistics

Speaker: Ms. 'Nyalleng Pii, Senior Program Officer, Office Services Section, PCT International Cooperation Division, WIPO, Geneva

10.15 – 11.00

Topic 1 (b):

Introduction to the Patent System – Challenges Facing Small Offices

Speaker: Mr. Chifwayi Chirambo, Chief Assistant Registrar General, Department of the Registrar General, Lilongwe

11.00 – 11.15

Coffee Break

11.15 – 12.00

Topic 1 (c):

Patent/PCT system for universities, research institutes and SMEs (Japan's experience)

Speaker: Mr. Shingo Tsuda, Deputy Director, International Cooperation Division, JPO

12.00 – 12.45

Topic 1 (d):

ARIPO and the Regional Patent System

12.45 – 14.00

Lunch Break

Speaker: Mr. Ramadhan, Senior Examiner, ARIPO,

THEME TWO: BASICS OF THE PCT

- 14.00 – 15.00 **Topic 2:** **Filing of an International Application. e-PCT Demonstration**
- Speaker: Mr. Ken-Ichiro Natsume, Director, PCT
International Cooperation Division, WIPO, Geneva
- 15.00 – 16.00 **Topic 3:** **Functions of the Receiving Office. The International Bureau and ARIPO**
- Speakers: Ms. Pii
Mr. Ramadhan
- 16.00 – 16.30 Discussions followed by Coffee Break.
- End of Session

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

THEME THREE: PCT PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES

- 9.00 – 10.00 **Topic 4 (a):** **International Search and Written Opinion of the ISA; Supplementary International Search. International Preliminary Examination**
- Speaker: Mr. Natsume
- 10.00 – 11.00 **Topic 4 (b):** **The JPO' role in the PCT System: as receiving Office, an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority and a Designated/Elected Office**
- Speaker: Mr. Shingo Tsuda
- 11.00 – 11.15 Coffee Break

THEME FOUR: NATIONAL PHASE UNDER THE PCT

- Moderator: Ms. Pii
- 11.15 – 12.00 **Topic 5 (a):** **Entry into the National Phase**
- Speaker: Mr. Natsume
- 12.00 – 12.45 **Topic 5 (b):** **ARIPO as a Designated/Elected Office under the PCT**
- Speaker: Mr. Ramadhan
- 12.45 – 14.00 Lunch Break

THEME FIVE: THE REGIONAL PATENT SYSTEM AND THE PCT

- Moderator: Mr. Chirambo
- 14.00 – 15.00 **Topic 6:** **The Harare Protocol on Patents and Designs: Processing of ARIPO Applications**
Speaker: Mr. Ramadhan
- 15.00 – 16.00 **Topic 7:** **ARIPO Patent Statistics: ARIPO e-Services Demonstration**
Speaker: Mr. Ramadhan
- 16.00 – 16.30 Discussions, Coffee Break. End of Day Two.

Thursday, September 12, 2019

- 09.00 – 10.00 **Topic 8:** **WIPO and ARIPO Initiatives in Promoting Access to the Patent System**
Speakers: Ms. Pii
 Mr. Ramadhan
- 10.00 – 10.45 **Topic 9:** **Creating Awareness in a Developing Country: The Experience of Malawi**
Speaker: Mr. Chirambo
- 10.45 – 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00 – 13.00 **Topic 10:** **National Policies for Fostering Increased use of PCT: Tools and Tips**
Speakers: All participants
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch Break
- 14.30 – 16.00 **Roundtable on the use of the PCT System – Case Studies**
Moderator: Mr. Natsume
Speakers: JPO Representative
 Ms. Pii
 Mr. Chirambo
 Mr. Ramadhan
- 16.00 Closing of Session