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organized by the
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

in cooperation with the
Government of Kenya

Nairobi, March 30 to April 1, 2009

PROGRAM

prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO

Monday, March 30, 2009

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.30 OPENING CEREMONY

Opening addresses:

The representative of the Kenya Industrial Property Institute, Nairobi

The representative of the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

The representative of the Government of the Republic of Kenya, Nairobi

THEME ONE: OVERVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL PATENT SYSTEMS

Moderator: Professor James Otieno-Odek, Managing Director, Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI)

9.30 – 10.15 Topic 1(a): WIPO and the International Patent System

Speaker: Mr. Philip Thomas, Senior Director-Advisor (PCT and Patents), WIPO

10.15 – 10.30 Coffee Break

10.30 – 11.30 Topic 1(b): African Regional Patent Systems and the PCT: Brief Overview of the ARIPO and OAPI Patent Systems

Speakers: Mr. Christopher Kiige, Director – Technical, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), Harare

Mrs. Régine Gazaro, Director, Department of Industrial Property Protection, *Organisation africaine de propriété intellectuelle* (OAPI), Yaoundé

11.30 – 12.30 Topic 1(c): WIPO's Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Program and Development Agenda

Speaker: Mrs. Françoise Wege, Senior Counsellor, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Bureau for Africa, WIPO

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

THEME TWO: THE ROLE OF THE PATENT SYSTEM IN PROMOTING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND STIMULATING TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

Moderator: Professor Denis Bohoussou, Director General, Office of Intellectual Property of Côte d'Ivoire, Abidjan

14.00 – 14.45 Topic 2(a): Introduction and International Perspective: The Patent System and Research

Speaker: Mr. Philip Thomas

14.45 – 15.30 Topic 2(b): The National Perspective: The Patent System and Innovation Performance in Ethiopia

Speaker: Mr. Wondwossen Belete, Senior Officer, Ethiopian Intellectual Property Office, Addis Ababa

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee Break

15.45 – 16.30 Topic 2(c): The Perspective of a Research Institution

Speaker: Professor Barthélémy Nyasse, Biochemistry Lecturer and Head of Laboratory, University of Yaoundé, Yaoundé

16.30 – 17.30 Topic 2(d): The PCT as a Tool for Participation in the International Patent System

Speaker: Mr. Philip Thomas

17.30 – 18.00 Discussion

18.00 End of session

18.30 – 19.30 Reception offered by WIPO

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

THEME THREE: THE ROLE OF PATENTS AND THE PCT IN KNOWLEDGE
TRANSFER AND COMMERCIALIZATION OF TECHNOLOGY

*Moderator: Professor Isaac Mazonde, Director, Research Office,
University of Botswana, Gaborone*

09.00 – 10.30 Topic 3(a): The Role of Patents in Technology Transfer

Speaker: Ms. Marta Catarino, Director, Knowledge
Transfer Office (“TecMinho”), University of
Minho, Guimarães, Portugal

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee Break

10.45 – 12.15 Topic 3(b): Code of Practice for Commercializing Intellectual Property
in University-Industry Partnerships

Speaker: Ms. Anita Nel, Director, InnovUS,
Stellenbosch University, South Africa

12.15 – 12.30 Discussion

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch Break

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(CONT'D)

*Moderator: Mr. Lionel Harper, Head, Legal Services Department,
Cape Peninsula University of Technology, Cape Town*

13.30 – 15.00 Topic 3(c): Managing the University Intellectual Property Office

Speaker: Ms. Marta Catarino

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee Break

15.15 – 16.45 Topic 3(d): From Patent to Market: Setting Up an Entrepreneurial
University

Speaker: Ms. Anita Nel

16.45 – 17.30 Discussion

17.00 End of session

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

THEME FOUR: THE IMPORTANCE OF PATENT INFORMATION FOR RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENTS

Moderator: Mr. Esteriano Mahingila, Chief Executive Officer and Registrar, Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA), Dar es Salaam

9.00 – 9.45 Topic 4(a): Using Patent Information for Policy and Business Analysis

Speaker: Mr. William Meredith, Head, Global IP Information Service, Global Infrastructure Department, WIPO

9.45– 10.30 Topic 4(b): PATENTSCOPE® Search Service: A Tool for Access to and Dissemination of International and National Patent Documents

Speaker: Mr. William Meredith

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee Break

10.45 – 11.30 Topic 4(c): Patent Information for a Research Institution in a Developing Country: The Example of Kenya

Speaker: Professor Tom P. Ogada, Director, Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute (KIRDI), Nairobi

THEME FIVE: THE IMPACT OF ACCESSION TO THE PCT ON PATENT FILINGS AND PROCEDURES

Moderator: Mr. Fernando dos Santos, Director General, Industrial Property Institute, Maputo

11.30– 12.30 Round Table on the Impact of the PCT on Patent Filings

WRAP-UP AND CLOSING; STUDY TOUR

12.30 – 13.00	Wrap-up session
13.00	Closing
13.00– 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 – 16.30	Visit to the Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI)

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