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## REGIONAL SEMINAR

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## **Regional Seminar on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for Selected African Countries**

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

Thursday, September 12, 2019

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