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Africa: Training program for the electronic system of the Patent Cooperation Treaty¹

On 12 June 2023 WIPO, in cooperation with the Egyptian Patent Office, hosted a training program on the PCT electronic system for representatives of Egypt, Iraq, Syria and Libya.

The program comprised practical training on the use of the ePCT system in relation to procedures of reception offices for international applications in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

Africa: Africa University graduates its largest class²

At Africa University's graduation ceremony on 10 June 2023, the university's Vice Chancellor, Rev. Peter Mageto, expressed thanks to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and the Government of Japan for sponsoring the Masters in Intellectual Property Program.

Mageto noted that this was the 15th year of the Masters in IP program and said that the university had signed an extension for this degree for a further five years, illustrating the university's commitment to the creation of IP expertise in Africa.

ARIPO: Regional workshop on accession to the ARIPO IP protocols³

¹ <http://www.egypt.gov.eg/page.aspx?id=74> (2023.6.12)

² <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/africa-university-graduates-its-largest-class> (2023.6.21)

³ https://www.linkedin.com/posts/africaipr_aripo-afripi-intellectualproperty-activity-7069764521371811840-joBM/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_ios (2023.5.31)

The organization AfrIPI, together with the Industrial Property Office of Mauritius, hosted a three-day Workshop on the Promotion of ARIPO Protocols in Balaclava, Mauritius, from 31 May-2 June 2023. The goal was to promote awareness and increase ratification of ARIPO's Protocols by ARIPO member and observer states. Representatives from the IP offices of 19 African countries attended.

ARIPO: 2nd edition of ARIPO Heads of IP Offices conference (HIPOC) commences in Kigali / Heads of intellectual property in Africa seek to harmonize policies⁴

The 2nd ARIPO Heads of IP Offices (HIPOC) took place in Kigali, Rwanda, on 6 June 2023 – the conference was presented by ARIPO in collaboration with WIPO. Reports on this event made the following points:

- The objective of the ARIPO member states is to harmonize policies and strengthen cooperation in management and enforcement.
- The vision of the Heads is to align strategies and harmonize policies to maximize the potential of Africa's intellectual assets, foster entrepreneurship and create an environment that is conducive to economic growth.

ARIPO: Utility model protection as a way of unlocking creativity amongst manufacturing SMEs in the ARIPO region⁵

A recent ARIPO posting drew attention to the protection of utility models. It linked to an earlier article entitled *Use of utility model protection as a way of unlocking creativity amongst manufacturing SMEs in the ARIPO region*, which made a number of points:

- Utility model protection is suited to 'minor' or incremental innovations and can be acquired more easily and at a lower cost than patents.
- The Harare Protocol governs utility model protection in ARIPO states.
- For the countries that are party to ARIPO's Harare Protocol, the term of protection is 10 years.
- In most jurisdictions, utility models are granted without substantive examination and the registration process is simple and relatively quick.

Algeria: Announcement by the National Bureau of Copyright and Related Rights⁶

Algeria's National Bureau of Copyright and Related Rights has announced that, following a digitization program, it will shortly be able to offer new services. The first of these is described as a 'remote registration' service, that 'will contribute to overcome old difficulties and bring our administrations close to the authors and holders of related rights... whatever their place of residence.'

Egypt: Parliament approves law establishing the Egyptian Agency for Intellectual Property Rights⁷

A new agency, the Egyptian Agency for Intellectual Property Rights, will be exclusively mandated with supervising all forms of IP in Egypt in line with the constitution and international conventions and standards – the creation of this agency will involve a unification of authorities and institutions currently responsible for regulating IP in Egypt.

The new agency will be tasked with advancing technological innovation, human creativity, scientific research and cultural development.

The agency will be required to ensure that IP rights are regulated to mainly serve the country's socioeconomic development plans and achieve the knowledge economy.

⁴ <https://www.africaleader.com/news/273856609/heads-of-intellectual-property-in-africa-seek-to-harmonize-policies> (2023.6.6)

⁵ https://www.linkedin.com/posts/african-regional-intellectual-property-organization_smes-manufacturing-african-activity-7077149486413701120-WqKr/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_ios (2023.6.21)

⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/ONDADZOFFICIEL/> (2023.5.29)

⁷ <https://english.ahram.org.eg/News/503394.aspx> (2023.6.20)

Ethiopia: Businesses fined for unfair trade practices⁸

The Trade Competition and Consumer Protection Proclamation, No. 813/2013, prohibits unfair business practices, such as misleading advertisements, selling counterfeit goods, and engaging in predatory pricing.

Two business in Ethiopia have received fines for unfair trade practices under Article 8 of this legislation. A Chinese company was fined for manufacturing sub-standard electrical cables and providing misleading information to consumers, whereas a local business was fined for importing and selling counterfeit beauty products.

Ghana: Book launched to bridge gap in intellectual property⁹

Lecturers at Ghana's Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) have published a book entitled Intellectual Property Law. The aim is to deal with the fact that *'a lack of knowledge of intellectual property laws and rights is a major factor in Ghana's incapacity to contribute to the global spheres of science, research and innovation.'*

Kenya: Kenya and the European Union just signed a Landmark Trade Agreement¹⁰

A news report says that a trade agreement between the EU and Kenya has been finalized - the EU-Kenya Economic Partnership Agreement will grant Kenya duty-free and quota-free access to the EU, its largest market and a crucial destination for its exports.

The report says that the agreement will lead to progressive tariff reductions on certain EU imports to Kenya over a 25-year period, providing stability and market opportunities for Kenyan farmers and industrialists.

The report further says that the trade agreement is significant as it marks the first major trade deal between the EU and an African country since 2016. It describes the signing of the agreement as a victory for the EU as it seeks closer economic links with Africa in the face of increasing competition from China.

Kenya: Spurring digital-driven economies by addressing intellectual property crime¹¹

The Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA), the Attorney General Africa (Africa Programme), and other stakeholders in the IP industry hosted the first ever International Symposium on IP Protection and Enforcement (ISIPPE) in Nairobi, Kenya on 13-15 June 2023. It was mainly organized by the ACA and MITI. There were attendees from various African countries, as well as from WIPO.

One speaker made the point that intangible assets are even more important and valuable than physical assets. Another highlighted the fact that IP protection and enforcement cannot simply be left to the authorities - cooperation with the private sector is essential.

Further information can be found here.¹²

Libya: Trademark office resumes 'normal' operations¹³

⁸ <https://www.2merkato.com/news/alerts/7312-ethiopia-businesses-fined-for-unfair-trade-practices> (2023.6.8)

⁹ <https://www.myjoyonline.com/book-launched-to-bridge-gap-in-intellectual-property/> (2023.5.27)

¹⁰ <https://africa.businessinsider.com/local/markets/kenya-and-the-european-union-just-signed-a-landmark-trade-agreement/k3xlqzs> (2023.06.19)

¹¹ <https://www.aca.go.ke/media-center/news-and-events/422-spurring-digital-driven-economies-by-addressing-intellectual-property-crime> (2023.6.14)

¹² <https://www.aca.go.ke/isippe-1-symposium>

¹³ <https://spoor.com/libya-trademark-office-resumes-normal-operations/> (2023.6.5)

The Libyan Trademark Office has issued a notification saying that, as of 28 May 2023, the office will be operating at full capacity, which means that applications from foreigners will again be accepted – for reasons that are unclear, the office stopped accepting applications from foreigners on 1 November 2022.

Morocco: 35th OMPIC Board of Directors June 2, 2023¹⁴

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of OMPIC (the Moroccan Registry) on 2 June 2023, the following points were made:

- Morocco is ranked 1st in Africa and in Arab countries according to the International Index of Intellectual Property developed by the American Chamber of Commerce.
- IP filings in Morocco in 2022 were higher than in 2021 (trademarks +0,5%, industrial designs +12%, patents +4%).
- 2022/3 saw the launch of the digital platform IP Marketplace which offers, inter alia, services relating to the valuation, marketing and licensing of patents, as well as investment opportunities in innovative projects in Morocco.
- International cooperation programs between Morocco and a number of organizations have been strengthened over the past years: the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO); the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI); the European Patent Office (EPO); the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO); the Israeli Patent Office (ILPO); the Saudi Intellectual Property Authority (SAIP); the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO); and the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI).

Namibia: Elegance mission represents Namibia continentally¹⁵

A Namibian entrepreneur, May Kikumah, who was selected by WIPO to represent Namibia at the Regional Conference on Intellectual Property for Women in Agribusiness in Kigali, Rwanda, has discussed the experience in a Namibian newspaper report.

Kikumah says that the objective of the conference was to raise awareness of African women entrepreneurs in the field of agriculture about IP, and to ensure that they have the IP knowledge, tools and resources they need for their businesses to thrive.

Nigeria: DG, NCC speaks on new Copyright Act¹⁶

In an interview posted on the website of the Nigeria Copyright Commission (NCC), the Director General makes a number of points:

- The applicable copyright legislation is now the Copyright Act 2022.
- In anticipation of the new legislation Nigeria ratified the two Internet treaties – WPPT and WCT. It also ratified the Beijing and the Marrakesh Treaties making it imperative that the country modernizes the Copyright Act to make it more treaty-compliant.
- The new legislation better redefines the rights granted in line with the international standards, using language that is appropriate for the digital environment.
- Sanctions for copyright offences have increased significantly.
- There are technological protection measures (TPMs) and there is rights management information.
- Public awareness and user education will be very important.
- There will be a roll-out of the enforcement machinery including, possibly, anti-piracy stamps.

¹⁴ <http://www.ompic.ma/fr/actualites/35eme-conseil-dadministration-de-lompic-2-juin-2023> (2023.6.2)

¹⁵ <https://www.namibian.com.na/elegance-mission-represents-namibia-continentally/> (2023.6.28)

¹⁶ <https://copyright.gov.ng/dg-ncc-speaks-on-new-copyright-act/> (2023.6.7)

OAPI: Patent of Invention and Human Capital: OAPI contributes to the development of skills¹⁷

A posting on the OAPI site deals with the fact that the first year of the OAPI professional IP qualification, the Professional Master's Degree in Engineering, will end in September 2023.

The posting makes the point that the qualification involves collaboration between OAPI and the National Polytechnic Institute Félix HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY (INP-HB) of Yamoussoukro (Ivory Coast). There is also input from the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Intellectual Property of France (INPI-France), the World Organization Intellectual Property (WIPO), and the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO).

South Africa: South Africa launches AI industry body to spur innovation¹⁸

An association known as the South African Artificial Intelligence Association (SAAIA) has been established. The SAAIA is made up of AI practitioners, and there is a founding advisory board comprising lawyers, tech companies and academics. The SAAIA will drive adoption and explore the societal benefits of AI, with a primary focus on economic growth, trade, investment, equality and inclusivity.

There is mention of a State of AI in Africa 2023 report,¹⁹ prepared by the Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law at Strathmore University in Kenya. This report says that Africa is embracing AI in ways unique to the continent. According to the report Africa has 2,400 AI organizations operating across various industries, including health, wellness and fitness, agriculture, legal and judicial services, skills development and insurance.

South Africa: Supreme Court of Appeal judgment - ICollege (Pty) Ltd v Xpertease Skills Development and Mentoring CC and Another (106/2022) [2023] ZASCA 70 (24 May 2023)²⁰

In a judgement, the South African Supreme Court of Appeal ruled that a company that used the term iCOLLEGE for education services was infringing a trademark registration for the mark iCOLLEGE for the same services, notwithstanding the fact that the word 'college' was disclaimed against the registered trademark.

The court said that *'whilst a trade mark proprietor cannot bring a claim for infringement in respect of the use of a disclaimed feature, where that feature forms part of a composite mark, the court is entitled to take the disclaimed feature into account in deciding whether the infringing mark, as a whole, so nearly resembles the registered mark, as to be likely to deceive or cause confusion.'*

For further info, read the analysis of the case here²¹

Supreme Court of Appeal judgment - Siqalo Foods (Pty) Ltd v Clover SA (Pty) Ltd (425/2022) [2023] ZASCA 82 (31 May 2023)²²

A company that produces butter objected to the sale by a competitor company of a 'modified butter' under the name BUTTER SPREAD. The Supreme Court of Appeal held that the use of the name BUTTER SPREAD involved a misrepresentation as to the nature of the product. This misrepresentation constituted an act of unlawful competition vis a vis the butter-producing company.

Supreme Court of Appeal judgment - National Brands Limited v Cape Cookies CC and Another (309/2022; 567/2022) [2023] ZASCA 93 (12 June 2023)²³

¹⁷ <http://www.oapi.int/index.php/fr/component/k2/item/787-brevet-d%E2%80%99invention-et-capital-humain-l%E2%80%99oapi-contribue-au-d%C3%A9veloppement-des-comp%C3%A9tences> (2023.6.21)

¹⁸ <https://itweb.africa/content/PmxVEMKEQjmvQY85> (2023.6.6)

¹⁹ <https://cipit.strathmore.edu/state-of-artificial-intelligence-in-africa-2023-report/> (2023.6.6)

²⁰ <http://www.saflii.org/za/cases/ZASCA/2023/70.html> (2023.5.24)

²¹ <https://spoor.com/trade-mark-battle-clash-over-icollege-usage/> (2023.6.8)

²² <http://www.saflii.org/za/cases/ZASCA/2023/82.html> (2023.5.31)

²³ <http://www.saflii.org/za/cases/ZASCA/2023/93.html> (2023.6.12)

In a trademark infringement case the South African Supreme Court of Appeal held that a well-known and well-established biscuit trademark SALTICRAX was infringed by a new competing mark SNACKCRAX - the court ruled that the later mark would take unfair advantage of the earlier mark.

Tanzania: COSOTA provides proprietary education to the MPs of the two parliamentary committees²⁴

Tanzanian Members of Parliament have been receiving copyright training from the Tanzanian Copyright Office (COSOTA). Tanzania commendably takes the view that it is important for law-makers to understand IP.

The training was held on 18 May and was focused “on gaining an understanding of Copyright management and commercial opportunities in Copyright matters”.

Tunisia: Tunisia joined the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement²⁵

Tunisia formally joined the Geneva Act of the WIPO Lisbon Agreement on appellations of origin and geographical indications - the Geneva Act will enter into force for Tunisia on 6 July 2023.

Zimbabwe: Cabinet Approves Deeds, Companies and Intellectual Property Authority Establishment²⁶

The Zimbabwean cabinet has approved the establishment of a Deeds, Companies and Intellectual Property Authority as a semi-autonomous entity – this involves the merger of three separate sections, and it is believed that this will lead to cost savings. The new authority will be responsible for the registration and administration of proprietary rights related to companies, other business entities and intellectual property.

A number of statutes will need to be amended as a result of the change. These include the Copyright and Neighboring Rights Act (Chapter 26:05), the Patents Act (Chapter 26:03), the Industrial Designs Act (Chapter 26:04), the Integrated Circuit Layout Act Designs Act Chapter 26:07), and The Trade Marks Act (Chapter 26:04).

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African brands slip to 14% of the Top 100 most admired brands in Africa as non-African brands entrench their position in the continent. (2023.5.25)

<https://guardian.ng/ama-press-releases/african-brands-slip-to-14-of-the-top-100-most-admired-brands-in-africa-as-non-african-brands-entrench-their-position-in-the-continent/>

Expand research capacity to spur economic development in Africa (2023.5.25)

<https://www.businessghana.com/site/news/business/286661/Expand-Research-Capacity-to-Spur-Economic-Development-in-Africa>

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The key to better trade with Africa after Brexit (2023.5.30)

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²⁴ <https://www.cosota.go.tz/news/cosota-yatoa-elimu-ya-hakimiliki-kwa-wabunge-ya-wa-kamati-mbili-za-bunge> (2023.5.22)

²⁵ <https://www.origin-gi.com/02-06-2023-tunisia-joined-the-geneva-act-of-the-lisbon-agreement/> (2023.6.2)

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MTN Named #1 African Brand Doing Good for People and the Planet (2023.5.29)

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The second workshop on the ARIPO member and Observer States IP Communications Strategy (2023.6.16)

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The joint commission OAPI-OMPIC (2023.6.9)

<http://oapi.int/index.php/fr/component/k2/item/785-la-commission-mixte-oapi-ompic>

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Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) (2023.30.6)

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=110

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Stakeholders convene to enhance the governance of collective management organisation (2023.6.15)

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COSON wins protracted copyright case against Calabar Carnival (2023.6.27)

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