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Botswana: CIPA Shakes Up Leadership Over Alleged Financial Irregularities¹

The Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) of Botswana has undergone major leadership changes following serious allegations of financial misconduct and governance failures. Contracts of key officials, including the Director of Compliance Awareness and Client Services, were not renewed, while the IT Director resigned. These changes were prompted by internal and external audit findings revealing issues including unauthorized payments, concealment of information from the board, poor project oversight, and breaches of governance protocols. In response, the new CIPA leadership has committed to organizational reform, including reviewing the relevance of certain senior roles and implementing stronger internal controls to restore accountability, transparency, and public trust in the authority's operations.

Egypt: 42.8% increase in the number of trademarks granted by Egypt in 2024^{2,3,4}

In 2024, Egypt saw a 42.8% increase in trademarks awarded, with 42,538 applications filed. 80.3% of the application were filed by Egyptians, followed by applicants from the U.S. (6.3%) and UAE (2.2%). Patent activity also rose, with 1,860 applications submitted; Egyptians accounted for 31.5%, while 266 patents were granted overall, including 65 to Egyptians and 41 to Americans. This increase in IP activity aligns with Egypt's broader economic reforms, including efforts to attract foreign investment and support key sectors like the automotive industry, alongside a recent agreement with the International Monetary Fund and increased engagement with investors from the UAE and Qatar.

⁵Ethiopia: Draft guide to improve the Working Trademark Agents Directive no. 2/2011

On 5 March 2025, The Ethiopian Intellectual Property Authority issued a draft guide to enable trademark agents to improve the Working Trademark Agents Directive no. 2/2011. The draft guide⁶ available in Amharic and English outlines the framework for assessing and regulating trademark agents to ensure legal

¹ <https://businessweekly.co.bw/news/cipa-shakes-up-leadership-over-alleged-financial-irregularities>

²<https://www.facebook.com/CAPMASEG/posts/1088259740003147>

³ <https://www.instagram.com/cairoscene/p/DJBfksDI6Ow/?locale=de&hl=ar>

<https://www.youm7.com/story/2025/4/26/%D8%AC%D9%87%D8%A7%D8%B2-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%AD%D8%B5%D8%A7%D8%A1-42-8-%D8%B2%D9%8A%D8%A7%D8%AF%D8%A9-%D9%81%D9%89-%D8%A3%D8%B9%D8%AF%D8%A7%D8%AF-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B9%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%85%D8%A7%D8%AA-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AA%D8%AC%D8%A7%D8%B1%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D9%85%D9%86%D9%88%D8%AD%D8%A9/6966456>

<https://www.facebook.com/100064216956705/posts/1026516429498913/?randid=ec0h68SRiyLFwMRG#>

⁶ <https://eipa.gov.et/agent-directive->

eipa/?fbclid=IwY2xjawKFe2pleHuA2F1bQlxMABcmIkETEjeyZpNXlIR2RHmNrvb3E0AR49BUExsM3tb81znxleTJsT8EauhS9kBp4v2q9FMouc56-RrFdC9_JLX0YA_aem_mb9hrlX8aHCNibK9gsmh4A

competency, ethical conduct, and professional diligence. The guide sets out requirements for licensing trademark agents, including relevant qualifications, work experience and competency exams. Advocates and IP degree holders are exempt from the exams but must register and pay fees, whilst civil servant and recent employees face some restrictions. It also provides for annual certificate renewal, disciplinary oversight, and repeal rights for agents. Comments on the draft guide were invited within 15 days from the date of issue.

Ethiopia: Ethiopian Ministry of Culture and Sport (MOCS), Ethiopian Intellectual Property Authority (EIPA), and MultiChoice Africa signs Memorandum of Understanding to combat piracy and support Ethiopian Creative Sector^{7,8}

On 12 March 2025, the Ethiopian Ministry of Culture and Sport (MOCS), the Ethiopian Intellectual Property Authority (EIPA), and MultiChoice Africa announced the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at combating piracy and enhance intellectual property protection in Ethiopia. This partnership seeks to enhance the protection of intellectual property rights and foster a sustainable environment for creators. The MoU outlines efforts focusing on public awareness campaigns, law enforcement collaboration, capacity building, and strengthening legal frameworks to deter piracy. This initiative builds on previous collaborations under the Partners Against Piracy (PAP) program, reinforcing the commitment of all parties to address the challenges posed by piracy and support the development of Ethiopia's cultural landscape. The MoU will remain effective for five years, with provisions for amendments and extensions.

Ethiopia: Ethiopia prepares to sign Patent Cooperation Treaty⁹

On 5 March 2025, the Ethiopian Intellectual Property Authority has announced its preparation to sign the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), an international agreement administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) that streamlines the process for filing patent applications across multiple countries. During a stakeholder meeting, the Authority emphasized that this step aims to foster innovation, enhance international competitiveness, and create a business-friendly environment that promotes creativity and economic development. Officials highlighted that this move builds on Ethiopia's prior ratification of the Paris Convention and the Madrid Protocol in 2017. The PCT will allow Ethiopian innovators and startups to file patent applications globally in a more efficient, time- and cost-effective manner. The authority is also working to raise awareness and secure funding in collaboration with relevant stakeholders to facilitate the agreement's implementation.

⁷ <https://www.africa-newsroom.com/press/ethiopian-ministry-of-culture-and-sport-mocs-ethiopian-intellectual-property-authority-eipa-and-multichoice-africa-signs-memorandum-of-understanding-mou-to-combat-piracy-and-support-ethiopian-creative-sector?lang=en>

⁸https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1031338349016721&id=100064216956705&rpid=JjeDvw4ERTaGue6m

⁹https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1033629088787647&id=100064216956705&rpid=jpj1NRfuHOiZQZb#

Kenya: Kenya's Cabinet greenlights the path towards a Harmonized IP Agency¹⁰

Kenya's Cabinet has approved the consolidation of its three main intellectual property agencies - the Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI), the Kenya Copyright Board (KECOBO), and the Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) - into a single entity: the Intellectual Property Office of Kenya (IPOK). The goal is to streamline IP administration, enhance enforcement, eliminate overlapping mandates, and improve service delivery across patents, trademarks, copyrights, and anti-counterfeiting efforts. This consolidation, rooted in the 2013 Presidential Task Force on Parastatal Reforms and the 2020 IP Bill, promises greater efficiency, better policy coordination, and increased accessibility for IP stakeholders. However, successful implementation will depend on managing legal harmonization, safeguarding institutional knowledge, and ensuring a smooth transition for existing functions and personnel.

Kenya/Uganda: Cutting-Edge Bleep App Launched to Combat Counterfeit Trade in East Africa¹¹

The Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA) Kenya, in collaboration with Uganda's Anti-Counterfeit Network (ACN), has launched the Bleep App - an AI-powered tool developed to combat counterfeit goods in East Africa. The app enables real-time product authentication and reporting, supporting consumers, businesses, and law enforcement; and integrates AI, blockchain, and big data to enhance IP protection. ACA and ACN urge widespread adoption to strengthen enforcement and public awareness.

Morocco: Morocco ranks first in Africa and among Arab countries according to the International Intellectual Property Index 2025¹²

The 15 April 2025 edition of the International Intellectual Property Index, published by the American Chamber of Commerce, ranks Morocco 22nd out of 55 countries, reaffirming its leading position in Africa and the Arab world in the field of intellectual property. The ranking reflects Morocco's sustained efforts to enhance its IP system through legal reforms, accession to international treaties like the Singapore Treaty and the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement, and strengthened patent protection mechanisms. Key initiatives include implementing Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) programs and establishing a patent validation system with the European Patent Office.

OAPI: OAPI and INTA collaborate to simplify procedures for trademark applications¹³

OAPI, in partnership with the International Trademark Association (INTA), hosted a workshop on 5 March 2025 in Yaoundé aimed at simplifying and improving the trademark registration process for goods and services across OAPI member states. The workshop, which brought together approximately thirty attendees,

¹⁰ <https://www.vonseidels.com/international-news/kenyas-cabinet-greenlights-the-path-towards-a-harmonized-ip-agency/>

¹¹ <https://www.aca.go.ke/media-center/news-and-events/550-cutting-edge-bleep-app-launched-to-combat-counterfeit-trade-in-east-africa>

¹² <http://www.ompic.ma/fr/actualites/le-maroc-premier-en-afrique-et-au-niveau-des-pays-arabes-selon-lindice-international-de>

¹³ https://www.linkedin.com/posts/oapi-linkedin_oapi-coopaezration-mandataires-activity-7303153149077344256-u9EQ/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAVxn4UBmx6eu6dZ8acBthTL72F5G8jB4Aw

focused on the development and effective use of the trademark classification system, a critical component of securing legal and economic protection for brand owners. Participants engaged in deep discussions around the structure and application of the Nice Classification system; OAPI's current practices in classifying trademarks; challenges and emerging trends in trademark classification; and practical strategies for using classification tools effectively.

OAPI-RAMPI: a common provision for more expertise in intellectual property rights¹⁴

On 20 March 2025, OAPI and the Network of Intellectual Property Magistrates (RAMPI) signed an agreement to formalize a framework for collaboration for improved enforcement of intellectual property rights across OAPI member states. The partnership aims to create a common platform to strengthen the capacity of judicial authorities in handling IP infringement cases.

South Africa: SA company wins patent battle against US university and Japanese pharmaceutical giant to supply cheaper cancer drug¹⁵

A South African pharmaceutical company has achieved a significant legal victory, winning a patent dispute against a U.S. university and a Japanese pharmaceutical giant. The court ruled that the patentee did not have adequate rights to apply for the patent as the original inventors had not assigned their rights to the university. This outcome allows the company to produce and supply a more affordable version of a medication for treatment of prostate cancer, potentially improving access to treatment for patients in South Africa and other developing countries.

Togo: Togo celebrates its first Protected Geographical Indication: Kovié Rice¹⁶

On 03 April 2025, Togo celebrated the certification of Kovié rice as its first Protected Geographical Indication (PGI), marking a significant achievement in the recognition and promotion of its agricultural heritage. The ceremony in Kovié saw participation from local producers, government officials, and international stakeholders, with the formal hand-over the PGI certificate to the local producers' association (APIG). A PGI logo was also unveiled, providing an official symbol for the product's labeling and protection. This milestone, achieved through collaboration with OAPI, WIPO, and China, highlights the potential of geographical indications to boost local economies by enhancing product value and market access. Kovié rice marks the 17th PGI in the OAPI region and is expected to gain greater visibility nationally and internationally.

¹⁴ <http://oapi.int/index.php/fr/component/k2/item/942-oapi-rampi-une-disposition-commune-pour-plus-d%20%99expertises-en-droits-de-propri%C3%A9t%C3%A9-intellectuelle>

¹⁵ <https://www.news24.com/citypress/news/sa-company-wins-patent-battle-against-us-university-and-japanese-pharmaceutical-giant-to-supply-cheaper-cancer-drug-20250305>

¹⁶ <http://oapi.int/index.php/fr/component/k2/item/944-le-togo-c%C3%A9-%C3%A8bre-sa-premi%C3%A8re-indication-g%C3%A9ographique-prot%C3%A9g%C3%A9e-le-riz-de-kovi%C3%A9>

Uganda: Uganda joins TMview^{17,18}

As of 10 March 2025, the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) has made its trademark data accessible via the European Union Intellectual Property Office's (EUIPO) TMview search tool. This adds approximately 79,000 Ugandan trademarks to TMview, which now offers access to over 129 million trademarks from 79 participating intellectual property offices worldwide.

Uganda: Unveiling the newly established Directorate of Copyright and Neighboring Rights¹⁹

On 29 April 2025, the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) launched the Directorate of Copyright and Neighboring Rights to enhance protection of creative works. The new directorate will handle registration, enforcement, public awareness, and legal reforms, aiming to combat piracy and support Uganda's creative economy.

2. Additional topics

Africa:

EUIPO offers first-line assistance (live online chat) on Intellectual Property protection in African countries
https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=661042433110986&id=100076157045831&rdid=nF3o1QYKpM6myhbl# (07.03.2025)

EUIPO welcomed delegation from AfCFTA secretariat

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=669915068890389&id=100076157045831&rdid=7G2fdkCL6561xu94# (18.03.2025)

Worldwide Symposium on Geographical Indications 2025

<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/geographical-indications/symposia/2025/index> (04.04.2025)

Algeria:

Seminar on Mediation in Author Rights Disputes

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1083185933853789&id=100064871767413&rdid=TqOuh8rmD614k60o (25.03.2025)

National Court for the Rights of Author and Neighboring Rights Meeting

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1084477367057979&id=100064871767413&rdid=MyzqA9WgMS9d3gdd (27.03.2025)

¹⁷ <https://afripi.org/en/news/uganda-joins-tmview>

¹⁸ https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=663407426207820&id=100076157045831&rdid=MqqiTt7UbQ3LCjYD#

¹⁹ <https://ursb.go.ug/2025/04/29/ursb-unveils-the-directorate-of-copyright-and-neighbouring-rights/>

Coordination meeting to discuss creation of Intellectual Property Academy in Algeria

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1085174816988234&id=100064871767413&rdid=8rxq1anVMOcGBtcf (28.03.2025)

Onda Participates in the 46th Session of the Standing Committee on Rights of Authorities and Neighboring Rights (SCCR)

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1098645885641127&id=100064871767413&rdid=Xm32dy1LgEEZJCRB (13.04.2025)

International IP Day 2025: Intellectual property and music: innovation, protection and opportunity

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1108884297950619&id=100064871767413&rdid=h73qXwOKFI17eQ6G (26.04.2025)

Director General of Customs: Intellectual property protection is a fundamental pillar of national economic development

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Angola:

50th session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=960311972958662&id=100069396051023&rdid=usPMk9SvKCMzVLkQ# (06.03.2025)

Launch of the 1st Phase of the Intellectual Property Project (PI) for Youth Innovation in Angola

<https://iapi.gov.ao/web/noticias/projecto-de-mentoría-sobre-propriedade-industrial-para-jovens-criadores-e-starups> (08.04.2025)

IAPI benefit training for patent examiners

<https://iapi.gov.ao/web/noticias/accao-de-formacao-em-exame-substancial-de-sinais-distintivos> (08.04.2025)

IAPI benefit training examiners on the distinctive signs of trade

[\(08.04.2025\)](https://iapi.gov.ao/web/noticias/accao-de-formacao-em-exame-substancial-de-patentes-de-invencao)

IAPI seminar on awareness of industrial property in the private sector

[\(10.04.2025\)](https://iapi.gov.ao/web/noticias/iapi-promove-seminario-sobre-consciencializacao-da-propriedade-industrial-no-sector-privado)

Experts discuss intellectual property in Luanda

[\(23.04.2025\)](https://www.opais.ao/cultura/especialistas-discutem-propriedade-intelectual-em-luanda/)

Seminar on World Intellectual Property Day

[\(26.04.2025\)](https://iapi.gov.ao/web/noticias/seminario-alusivo-ao-dia-mundial-da-propriedade-intelectual)

ARIPO:

Inaugural 2024 Women in IP Conference in pictures

[\(24.03.2025\)](https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1101161872047297&id=100064604834858&rdid=bx4owOEvSpARNsYB)

EUIPO assists ARIPO in drafting Geographical Indications Model Law

[\(25.03.2025\)](https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=675240088357887&id=100076157045831&rdid=JnRXIvQZtLyCTa9G)

EUIPO launching Patent Drafting Training for ARIPO Member States

[\(26.03.2025\)](https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=676047844943778&id=100076157045831&rdid=m73jyftzArKo71eJ)

Malawi's Honourable Titus Mvalo Supports Progressive IP Frameworks During ARIPO Visit

[\(15.04.2025\)](https://www.aripo.org/public/news/Malawi%27s+Honourable+Titus+Mvalo+Supports+Progressive+IP+Frameworks+During+ARIPO+Visit-174470331;)

#ZITF2025 underscores how vital intellectual property rights are across all economic sectors

[\(24.04.2025\)](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/african-regional-intellectual-property-organization_zitf2025-activity-7321132108163219457-NK-d/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAABBHjSUBNe6s9vY5YuQjfDO8l9hJ34ephvQ)

Safeguarding the Sound of Africa: Leveraging IP for a Thriving Music Industry

<https://www.aripo.org/public/news/Safeguarding+the+Sound+of+Africa:+Leveraging+IP+for+a+Thriving+Music+Industry-1745425847> (25.04.2025)

ARIPO/OAPI: 8th ARIPO - OAPI Joint Commission

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1092653462898138&id=100064604834858&rdid=OctaZYSb4U9lo4tW# ; https://www.linkedin.com/posts/oapi-linkedin_oapi-coopaezration-afrigue-activity-7306064818279534592-vWDI/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAABBHjSUBNe6s9vY5YuQjfDO8I9hJ34ephvQ (14.03.2025)

ARIPO/MAURITIUS: EUIPO, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration, and International Trade in Mauritius and ARIPO study on Mauritius sugar's Geographical Indication (GI) status

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1108540067698535&rdid=yGsRIIXf9mM2dfkQ> (07.04.2025)

Botswana:

Intellectual Property and Music: Feel the Beat of IP

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1054723143350043&id=100064371025348&rdid=mzwbQQKhuefoHS7e# (19.03.2025)

Côte d'Ivoire:

Intellectual Property Ecosystem Diagnostic Report Validation Workshop

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=944442334533595&id=100069035115745&rdid=HsmRDOnhqgatlpHq# (08.03.2025)

Comoros:

Upcoming activity: Support the registration at the regional level of Ylang Ylang of Comoros

<https://afripi.org/en/activities/support-registration-regional-level-ylang-ylang-comoros-0> (30.04.2025)

Egypt:

Second meeting of the Board of Directors of the Egyptian Authority for Intellectual Property

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EGIPA and Pharmaceutical Industries Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt Discuss Strengthening the Intellectual Property Framework for the Pharmaceutical Sector

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/egipa-egyptian-intellectual-property-authority-903418341/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAABBHjSUBNe6s9vY5YuQjfDO8I9hJ34ephvQ (20.03.2025)

Minister of Planning and International Cooperation meets with the head of the Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority

<https://www.youm7.com/amp/2025/3/22/%D9%88%D8%B2%D9%8A%D8%B1%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AA%D8%AE%D8%B7%D9%8A%D8%B7-%D9%88%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AA%D8%B9%D8%A7%D9%88%D9%86-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AF%D9%88%D9%84%D9%89-%D8%AA%D9%84%D8%AA%D9%82%D9%89-%D8%B1%D8%A6%D9%8A%D8%B3-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AC%D9%87%D8%A7%D8%B2-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%B5%D8%B1%D9%89-%D9%84%D9%84%D9%85%D9%84%D9%83%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%81%D9%83%D8%B1%D9%8A%D8%A9/928464> (22.03.2025)

Ministerial bulletin reveals recommendations of research centers and universities related to the topic of "intellectual property"

<https://filgamaa.com/%D9%86%D8%B4%D8%B1%D8%A9-%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%88%D8%B2%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%A1-%D8%AA%D9%83%D8%B4%D9%81-%D8%A3%D8%A8%D8%B1%D8%B2-%D8%AA%D9%88%D8%B5%D9%8A%D8%A7%D8%AA-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%B1%D8%A7%D9%83/> (03.04.2025)

Ethiopia:

Notice to all patent applicants to comply with the prescribed rules and procedures

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Notice for the trademark registrations

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Stakeholder consultation was held on the Patent Cooperation Promise

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Ethiopian Intellectual Authority awareness raising program on intellectual property protection to digital companies

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