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ARIPO: Banjul Protocol on Marks, including its Implementing Regulations, Forms, and Fees, have been amended^{1,2}

The African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) has adopted amendments to the Banjul Protocol on Marks, consolidated in the 2026 Edition of the Protocol. These amendments, which take effect on 1 March 2026, apply to both new and existing ARIPO trademark applications. The full text can be accessed [here](#). The changes do not alter the fundamental nature of ARIPO trademark rights but modernize and clarify procedural and administrative aspects of the regional trademark system. Key updates include clearer filing options (at ARIPO or national offices), defined procedures for opposition and publication, clarified priority and translation requirements, express renewal grace periods, and improved rules on

¹ https://www.linkedin.com/posts/african-regional-intellectual-property-organization_trademarks-activity-7404165151836430338-ktiD/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAVxn4UBmx6eu6dZ8acBthTL72F5G8jB4Aw

² <https://www.aripo.org/notice/Amendments+to+the+Banjul+Protocol+On+Marks-1765285475>

assignments, licenses, and changes of ownership. Importantly, a formal conversion mechanism is introduced, allowing refused ARIPO applications to be converted into national filings, reducing the risk of loss of rights. The amendments also support increased digitalization, with clearer rules on electronic filing and communications. Overall, the 2026 Edition enhances legal certainty, efficiency, and harmonization across ARIPO member states while aligning the system with modern international trademark practice.

Cape Verde: New Industrial Property Code of Cape Verde^{3,4}

On 2 December 2025, the Government of Cape Verde approved the new Industrial Property Code by Legislative Decree No. 2/2025 published in the Official Gazette No. 118, 1st Supplement, Series I of Cape Verde. It is set to enter into force on 2 June 2026 (six months after publication). The Code - accessible [here](#) - is a modernized legal framework that replaces the previous 2007 Code and aligns Cape Verde's industrial property regime with international IP treaties and best practices (including Paris Convention, TRIPS, PCT, Madrid System, and ARIPO commitments).

Key reforms include a systematic reorganization of patent law with clearer rules on biotechnological inventions and software with technical contribution; the introduction of protection for unregistered designs for three years; simplification of trademark requirements; and express legal protection for trade secrets. The Code also strengthens judicial and enforcement mechanisms against unfair competition and supports the digitalization of procedures, enabling electronic filing, digital processing, and issuance of electronic titles.

Egypt: Egyptian Patent Office Finalizes Comprehensive Electronic Archiving of Patent Documents⁵

The Egyptian Patent Office (EGPO) has completed a major electronic archiving project, digitizing and converting around 30,000 patent documents into searchable text PDF files, which were then uploaded to the EGPO Electronic Document Management System and WIPO's PATENTSCOPE system. The project involved reviewing, editing, formatting, and indexing old patent records, making them easily searchable and accessible for users. This initiative enhances the efficiency and usability of Egypt's patent archives, supporting easier access to historical patent data and laying the groundwork for improved digital IP services and information retrieval within the Egyptian intellectual property system.

Kenya: Kenyan Court Restores Seed Freedom - Landmark Ruling Boost for Food Security and Sovereignty⁶

On 27 November 2025, the High Court of Kenya declared unconstitutional provisions of the Seeds and Plant Varieties Act that criminalized the saving, sharing, and exchange of indigenous seeds. The case arose

³ <https://www.mlgts.pt/pt/conhecimento/legal-alerts/Legal-Alert-Novo-codigo-da-propriedade-industrial-de-Cabo-Verde/26454/>

⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/IGQPI/posts/pfbid0EQiPFrr5Z8kuP6Db9HT2EqZQ9PWUhhY468oYaxg9n7Q71WWjpfzPiv6pydZup9l?rdrd=asd3G0tLutKXQNi8#>

⁵ <https://tagitnews.com/en/Article/page/abu-gazaleh-global-digital-finalizes-e-archiving-project-of-egyptian-patent-office-s-wipo-files>

⁶ <https://allafrica.com/stories/202512190028.html>

from challenges by smallholder farmers and civil society groups who argued that the law disproportionately favoured commercial seed companies and undermined traditional farming practices. The court held that these provisions disproportionately restricted farmers' rights, favoured commercial seed systems, and undermined food security and traditional agricultural practices. The ruling removes criminal penalties for informal seed use and is widely regarded as a significant victory for smallholder farmers, biodiversity conservation, and food sovereignty in Kenya.

Uganda: Uganda joins DESIGNview^{7,8,9}

The Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB), has made a significant step in globalizing its intellectual property data by integrating its industrial design registry into the EUIPO's DESIGNview search platform, effective 15 December 2025. As a result, over 1,200 industrial designs registered in Uganda can now be searched and viewed worldwide alongside more than 24 million records from 76 participating IP offices, enhancing the visibility of Ugandan creativity and innovation.

This integration - supported by the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) under the EU-funded AfriPI project - strengthens transparency, supports investor access to design information, and helps Ugandan enterprises attract commercial opportunities in global markets. URSB's participation also reflects its ongoing commitment to modernizing its IP systems and aligning with international IP data sharing practices.

Zimbabwe: Trademark Data Validation and Verification Project Completed in Zimbabwe¹⁰

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), in collaboration with the Zimbabwe Intellectual Property Office (ZIPO) and supported by the Funds-In-Trust Japan Industrial Property Global (FIT/Japan) programme, has completed a trademark data validation and verification project in Zimbabwe.

The initiative reviewed and corrected approximately 103,000 trademark records held by ZIPO to improve the accuracy, quality, and reliability of its trademark database in preparation for enhanced online services and data exchange. The successful completion marks a significant step in modernizing Zimbabwe's intellectual property infrastructure, boosting operational efficiency, increasing public confidence in the trademark registration system, and laying the groundwork for further digital transformation and automation of IP processes in the country.

2. Additional topics

⁷ <https://afripi.org/en/news/uganda-joins-designview>

⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/AfricalPR/posts/pfbid029xsJz922F6ZJR9XzotyCpsC1Ru7K72LtoQGYWiZS3kWVMNEuFtW1kt6ibZkrHusbl?rdid=8oV03eQ2w0iYUHb0#>

⁹ <https://ursb.go.ug/2025/12/22/ugandas-designs-go-global-as-ursb-joins-euipos-designview-platform/>

¹⁰ <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/fit-japan/w/news/2025/trademark-data-validation-and-verification-project-completed-in-zimbabwe>

Africa:

The first phase of the AfriPI project has officially come to an end, marking five years of close cooperation between the European Union and Africa to support the creation, protection, administration, and promotion of Intellectual Property Rights #IPRs across the continent

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1AWAYUaBmE/> (15.12.2025)

Algeria:

WIPO Supports Launch of Algeria's Green Tech TISC

<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/office-algeria/w/news/2025/wipo-supports-launch-of-algeria-s-green-tech-tisc-network> (03.12.2025)

Launch of the training course on the basics of intellectual property for owners of small and medium enterprises and innovators in Algeria

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17ojMTxwEv/> (08.12.2025)

Algeria was elected Deputy Chairman of the Standing Committee on Author's Rights and Neighboring Rights (SCCR) by the World Intellectual Property Organization

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17qBwPDt8N/> (08.12.2025)

Conclusion of a successful formation course on "Intellectual Property: SME Opportunities"

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17cBfvun1X/> (11.12.2025)

Mutual treatment agreement between the National Court for the Rights of the Author and Neighbouring Rights and its Tunisian counterpart OTDAV

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17V2SGnXC1/> (12.12.2025)

ARIPO:

ARIPO Welcomes WIPO Director General on Historic Visit to Harare

<https://www.aripo.org/public/news/ARIPO+Welcomes+WIPO+Director+General+on+Historic+Visit+to+Harare-1764688576;>

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/african-regional-intellectual-property-organization_today-we-are-honoured-to-be-hosting-the-activity-7401517214136188928-OBuJ/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAVxn4UBmx6eu6dZ8acBthTL72F5G8jB4Aw (02.12.2025)

18th cohort of the Masters in Intellectual Property (MIP), jointly offered by the World Intellectual Property Organization - WIPO, ARIPO, and Africa University

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/african-regional-intellectual-property-organization_creativeeconomy-ip4development-intellectualproperty-activity-7401247810211188736-Aesi/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAVxn4UBmx6eu6dZ8acBthTL72F5G8jB4Aw (02.12.2025)

2025 Masters in Intellectual Property (MIP) Annual Conference

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/african-regional-intellectual-property-organization_the-2025-masters-in-intellectual-property-activity-7402686756921200640-2HQV/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAVxn4UBmx6eu6dZ8acBthTL72F5G8jB4Aw (05.12.2025)

Botswana:

Botswana: Cipa Advances IP to Drive Economic Transformation

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202512010485.html> (01.12.2025)

Cape Verde:

Launch of the first One Day IP Workshop in Cabo Verde

<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/business/w/news/2025/launch-of-the-first-one-day-ip-workshop-in-cabo-verde> (04.12.2025)

Egypt:

The Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority participates in the International Exhibition for Marketing Research Outputs

<https://sis.gov.eg/ar/%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%B1%D9%83%D8%B2-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%B9%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%85%D9%8A/%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A3%D8%AE%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%B1/%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AC%D9%87%D8%A7%D8%B2-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%B5%D8%B1%D9%8A-%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-%D9%8A-%D8%B4%D8%A7%D8%B1%D9%83-%D9%81%D9%8A-%D9%81%D8%B9%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%8A%D8%A7%D8%AA-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%B9%D8%B1%D8%B6-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AF%D9%88%D9%84%D9%8A-%D9%84%D8%AA%D8%B3%D9%88%D9%8A%D9%82-%D9%85%D8%AE%D8%B1%D8%AC%D8%A7%D8%AA-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A3%D8%A8%D8%AD%D8%A7%D8%AB/> (13.12.2025)

Ethiopia:

Awareness training on landmark products to Diredawa University, Oromaya University, Mechare Agricultural Institute, Fedis Agricultural Research Society, East Hararge Zone Culture and Tourism, Coffee Supplier Associations and other stakeholders

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17QwvxYFK/> (11.12.2025)

Gambia:

Gambia: Young Gambian IP Visionary Making Global Waves

<https://allafrica.com/stories/202512180429.html> (18.12.2025)

Ghana:

Ghana became a member of UPOV on November 3, 2021

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/upov-official_upov-ghana-activity-7401247460754354176-Q1E4/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAVxn4UBmx6eu6dZ8acBthTL72F5G8jB4Aw (02.12.2025)

Kenya:

250 cartons of counterfeit alcohol worth Ksh 1.2 million seized as ACA foils illicit scheme in Ruiru

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/anticounterfeithauthority_250-cartons-of-counterfeit-alcohol-worth-activity-7400453273276678145-bxlw/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAVxn4UBmx6eu6dZ8acBthTL72F5G8jB4Aw (04.12.2025)

Chinese national arrested in Gikomba as ACA seizes Ksh 50 million in counterfeit socks and apparel in major holiday crackdown

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/anticounterfeithauthority_chinese-national-arrested-in-gikomba-as-aca-activity-7400161796092989440-g-m7/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAVxn4UBmx6eu6dZ8acBthTL72F5G8jB4Aw (04.12.2025)

1,000+ cartons of counterfeit alcohol worth Ksh 2.5m seized in Kiamaiko, Nairobi

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/anticounterfeithauthority_happyholidays-activity-7404524262113611778-fnnv/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAVxn4UBmx6eu6dZ8acBthTL72F5G8jB4Aw;
<https://www.kenyans.co.ke/news/118944-authorities-bust-ksh-25-million-counterfeit-alcohol-operation-kiamaiko> (10.12.2025)

ACA seizes thousands of cartons of counterfeit food preservatives in Mombasa ahead of festive season

<https://www.aca.go.ke/media-center/news-and-events/582-aca-seizes-thousands-of-cartons-of-counterfeit-food-preservatives-in-mombasa-ahead-of-festive-season>;
https://www.linkedin.com/posts/anticounterfeithauthority_genuineholidays-foodsafety-consumerprotection-activity-7406690878381248512-

[YL37?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAABBHjSUBNe6s9vY5YuQjfDO8l9hJ34epvQ](https://www.wipo.int/en/web/wipo-academy/w/news/2025/new-executive-master-s-program-in-ip-and-innovation-launched-in-morocco) (16.12.2025)

Liberia:

Morocco:

New Executive Master's Program in IP and Innovation Launched in Morocco

<https://www.wipo.int/en/web/wipo-academy/w/news/2025/new-executive-master-s-program-in-ip-and-innovation-launched-in-morocco> (01.12.2025)

Seminar on Industrial Property and Sport, December 15, 2025, Casablanca

<http://www.ompic.ma/fr/actualites/seminaire-sur-la-propriete-industrielle-et-le-sport-le-15-decembre-2025-casablanca> (17.12.2025)

Exceptional performance of the Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC) in 2025

<http://www.ompic.ma/fr/actualites/bilan-exceptionnel-de-loffice-marocain-de-la-propriete-industrielle-et-commerciale-ompi-2> (19.12.2025)

Nigeria:

The Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) has inaugurated 'Annual Copyright Dialogue' that would serve as a beacon for policy discourse, institutional reflection and collaborative action in the copyright space

https://nannews.ng/2025/12/11/copyright-commission-inaugurates-annual-copyright-dialogue/?fbclid=IwY2xjawOwjZpleHRuA2FlbQlXMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEeatyJ5H7eHUCvRW09e-gRShXJr_1_LVCRBy4RdtxtET789aFXV7FPFPhQlp0_aem_-2PlzllrsCo0wX6VB7DCfg#google_vignette (11.12.2025)

Nigeria loses billions of dollars to piracy - NCC boss

https://thesun.ng/nigeria-loses-billions-of-dollars-to-piracy-ncc-boss/?amp&fbclid=IwY2xjawOwjT1leHRuA2FlbQlXMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEe6PclNqdE8YUfYnllWLR3mlNYGaDwYpXUbrTTz6UKfej39yHBtjDpfSgcisk_aem_icD2EUHoa5-VcfgeCuwKmQ (11.12.2025)

The Nigerian Copyright Commission hosted a seminar themed: "Beyond Reporting: The Media, Copyright and the Nigerian Creative Economy" at the Novare Central Mall Wuse Zone 5, Abuja

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/16fbcQBG4A/> (12.12.2025)

NCC destroys N141.5m worth of pirated books in Oyo

<https://punchng.com/ncc-destroys-%E2%82%A6141-5m-worth-of-pirated-books-in-oyo/?fbclid=IwY2xjawPJ78NleHRuA2FlbQlXMAbicmlkETFHWFIIImjgzenM3YzRUR0ZWc3J0YwZhcHBfa>

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Signing of MoU between the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) and National Gallery of Arts (NGA)
<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17f4pMQ6Kg/> (19.12.2025)

OAPI:

65th ordinary session of the Board of Directors

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End of the 2nd phase of the PAMPIG!

[https://oapi.int/2025/12/02/cloture-de-la-2e-phase-du-pampig-un-succes-pour-les-indications-geographiques-dans-lespace-oapi/;](https://oapi.int/2025/12/02/cloture-de-la-2e-phase-du-pampig-un-succes-pour-les-indications-geographiques-dans-lespace-oapi/)

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Continued collaboration between INPI France and the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) on drafting patent examination guidelines

<https://oapi.int/2025/12/03/poursuite-de-la-collaboration-entre-linpi-france-et-lorganisation-africaine-de-la-propriete-intellectuelle-oapi-sur-la-redaction-des-directives-dexamen-des-brevets/> (03.12.2025)

Brazzaville hosts the meeting of Experts for the 65th session of the OAPI Board of Directors

<https://oapi.int/2025/12/05/brazzaville-accueil-la-reunion-des-experts-de-la-65e-session-du-conseil-dadministration-de-loapi/> (05.12.2025)

Mbote Brazzaville: the caravan that brings Intellectual Property closer to citizens

<https://oapi.int/2025/12/08/mbote-brazzaville-la-caravane-qui-rapproche-la-propriete-intellectuelle-des-citoyens/> (09.12.2025)

Intellectual Property Training in Brazzaville: OAPI strengthens the capacities of judges of the Supreme Court of Congo

<https://oapi.int/2025/12/10/formation-sur-la-propriete-intellectuelle-a-brazzaville-loapi-renforce-les-capacites-des-magistrats-de-la-cour-supreme-du-congo/> (10.12.2025)

OAPI strengthens the capacities of Congolese magistrates

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OAPI holds its 65th Board of Directors meeting in Brazzaville

<https://oapi.int/2025/12/11/communiqué-de-presse-loapi-reunit-son-65eme-conseil-dadministration-a-brazzaville/>

<https://oapi.int/2025/12/17/communiqué-final-65eme-session-ordinaire-du-conseil-dadministration-de-loapi-brazzaville-du-11-au-12-decembre-2025/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1JzoosAVXn/> (11.12.2025)

Boosting African leadership in innovation and entrepreneurship: a look back at the high-level panel organized by OAPI in Brazzaville

<https://oapi.int/2025/12/12/relever-le-leadership-africain-en-innovation-et-entreprenariat-retour-sur-le-panel-de-haut-niveau-organise-par-loapi-a-brazzaville/> (12.12.2025)

Transition at the head of the OAPI Board of Directors: The Côte d'Ivoire takes over from the Congo Brazzaville

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Rwanda:

RDB and Djibouti National Investment Promotion Agency (NIPA), signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen technical collaboration between their institutions and enhance investment promotion between Rwanda and Djibouti

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