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Egypt: Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority (EGIPA) Digitises Trademark and Industrial Design Grievance Proceedings[1, 2]

The Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority (EGIPA) has introduced remote proceedings for committees hearing grievances against decisions of the General Department of Trademarks and Industrial Designs. Under the new arrangements, committee members, grievance applicants and their legal representatives may participate remotely, while in-person appearances remain available. Supporting documents and evidence may also be submitted electronically, although original documents may still be requested and documents that are legally required to be deposited must be filed with the competent department on the date of the hearing.

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EGIPA has further confirmed that committee sessions will be recorded and retained on its servers for up to 90 days, or until the grievance is decided or any related court judgment is issued, whichever is later. Intellectual property agents have also been advised to submit supporting documents and written submissions at least two working days before the hearing to facilitate consideration by the committee.

The initiative forms part of EGIPA's broader digital transformation programme under Egypt's National Intellectual Property Strategy and Egypt Vision 2030.

Morocco: Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC) and Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) Sign 2026–2028 Joint Work Plan to Strengthen Intellectual Property Cooperation[3]

In early September 2026, the Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC) and the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) signed a Joint Work Plan for 2026–2028 following the third meeting of their Joint Commission in Riyadh.

The meeting reviewed progress under the 2024–2025 work plan and recent developments at both offices, while identifying further areas for cooperation. The new plan provides a framework for joint activities, enhanced exchange of expertise and the sharing of best practices in intellectual property.

Nigeria: Nigeria Police Force (NPF) Plans Specialised Intellectual Property Coordination Desk to Combat Piracy, Counterfeiting and Creative-Sector Crime[4]

Nigeria's Inspector-General of Police, Olatunji Disu, has proposed the creation of a specialized police desk to strengthen security and intellectual property protection within the country's expanding creative economy.

The proposed Orange Economy Security and Intellectual Property Coordination Desk would operate within an existing police structure and address piracy, counterfeiting, cyber-enabled fraud and other offences affecting creative businesses, while supporting inter-agency cooperation, dedicated reporting channels and stakeholder engagement. According to Disu, stronger protection of creators, businesses and their intellectual property assets could enhance the contribution of Nigeria's creative industries to employment, investment and national development.

Disu also emphasized the importance of intelligence-led policing, improved digital-evidence handling and closer cooperation with bodies such as the Nigerian Copyright Commission. He advocated financial

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investigations to trace proceeds flowing through payment platforms, digital wallets, advertising networks and online distribution channels.

Uganda: Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) Rules Trademark Opposition Defective Where Agent Lacked Required Power of Attorney[5, 6]

The Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) has dismissed an opposition to the registration of the trademark "V8 LUBOGO" after finding that the lawyers acting for the opposing party were not properly authorized to file the proceedings. The decision, issued by Assistant Registrar of Trademarks Kukunda Lynette Africa on 14 September 2026, concerned an opposition by Kampala Campbell's Company, a United States-incorporated entity, against an application by Peter Njawuzi.

The Registrar found that the representatives lacked the required power of attorney to file the opposition and accordingly dismissed the proceedings. The ruling highlights the importance for foreign trademark owners to ensure that local representatives are properly authorised before instituting opposition proceedings in Uganda, as non-compliance with formal representation requirements may result in dismissal.

Zambia: Zambia's Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) Introduces Digital Intellectual Property Registration Certificates[7, 8]

The Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) has announced that, with effect from 19 August 2026, it will no longer issue physical registration certificates for trademarks, patents, industrial designs and copyright. All intellectual property registration certificates will instead be issued electronically to the email address provided during the application process. Applicants, agents and representatives have therefore been advised to ensure that their contact details on record are accurate and accessible. The change forms part of PACRA's broader move towards digital intellectual property administration.

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