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**Consejo de los Aspectos de los Derechos de Propiedad
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**ACTIVIDADES DE COOPERACIÓN TÉCNICA: INFORMACIÓN FACILITADA
POR OTRAS ORGANIZACIONES INTERGUBERNAMENTALES**

ORGANIZACIÓN REGIONAL AFRICANA DE LA PROPIEDAD INTELECTUAL (ARIPO)

Addendum

En la reunión celebrada el 6 de junio de 2019, el Consejo de los ADPIC acordó invitar a las organizaciones intergubernamentales acreditadas como observadoras ante el Consejo a que actualizaran la información sobre sus programas de cooperación técnica y financiera relacionados con la aplicación del Acuerdo sobre los ADPIC.

En el presente documento se reproduce la información recibida de la Organización Regional Africana de la Propiedad Intelectual (ARIPO) en una comunicación de fecha 4 de octubre de 2019.

1. En este documento se presenta un informe sobre los principales programas y actividades de cooperación llevados a cabo por la Organización Regional Africana de la Propiedad Intelectual (ARIPO) entre el 1º de noviembre de 2018 y el 20 de septiembre de 2019 en relación con el Acuerdo sobre los ADPIC y otros elementos relativos a la propiedad intelectual, en respuesta a la invitación que le formuló el Presidente del Consejo de los ADPIC en su carta de 28 de junio de 2019 para que proporcionara información actualizada sobre esas actividades.

2. Durante el período objeto de examen, las actividades llevadas a cabo por la ARIPO en materia de cooperación pertinentes para la aplicación del Acuerdo sobre los ADPIC se centraron, principalmente, en la creación de capacidad y la sensibilización, y se organizaron de forma independiente o en colaboración con otras entidades.

3. Por lo que respecta a la creación de capacidad, la ARIPO siguió ofreciendo ayuda financiera a estudiantes de los Estados miembros para cursar el Programa de Maestría en Propiedad Intelectual que se imparte en la Universidad Africana de Mutare (Zimbabue), en colaboración con la Organización Mundial de la Propiedad Intelectual (OMPI) y la Oficina de Patentes del Japón. La ARIPO también patrocina un programa similar (maestría) en Ghana (en colaboración con la Universidad de Ciencia y Tecnología Kwame Nkrumah de Kumasi) y en Tanzania (en colaboración con la Universidad de Dar es Salaam). En la esfera de la sensibilización, la iniciativa emblemática emprendida en colaboración con la OMPI ha sido la organización de semanas de actividades relacionadas con la propiedad intelectual en determinados Estados miembros.

4. Otra actividad importante que cabe destacar es la misión de alto nivel que viajó a Eswatini los días 13 a 15 de mayo de 2019, en colaboración con la OMPI. Los objetivos de la misión fueron, entre otros, la evaluación de la aplicación del Plan de Desarrollo de la Propiedad Intelectual elaborado en 2015 con el apoyo técnico de la OMPI; la presentación al Consejo de Ministros del Reino de Eswatini de una ponencia titulada "La propiedad intelectual y el desarrollo y la función de la Oficina de la Propiedad Intelectual"; y la sensibilización acerca de la cuestión de la propiedad intelectual entre los altos funcionarios gubernamentales.

5. El cuadro que figura a continuación contiene información detallada sobre las actividades de cooperación técnica y financiera llevadas a cabo por la ARIPO en relación con el Acuerdo sobre los ADPIC y otros elementos relativos a la propiedad intelectual. Se trata de iniciativas de sensibilización y formación, asistencia a las oficinas nacionales de propiedad intelectual de los Estados miembros de la ARIPO, y publicaciones.

ANEXO¹

Activity	Location and date	Brief description
1. CAPACITY BUILDING AND AWARENESS CREATION INITIATIVES (including organization of workshops, symposia and conferences)		
3 rd Symposium on Copyright and Related Rights (1 st Regional meeting for African Heads of Copyright Offices)	Nairobi, Kenya, 10 – 14 June 2018	<p>The 3rd edition of the Symposium was organized in the framework of the Tripartite Agreement among WIPO, ARIPO and OAPI that was executed in 2018 during the 58th Sessions of the WIPO Assemblies. Participants came from 45 Countries across Africa.</p> <p>One of the outcomes of the meeting is the adoption of the Nairobi Strategic Plan for the Development of Copyright and Related Rights in Africa, a the strategy that will guide every African Country to achieve the development of an effective and efficient Copyright system.</p>
High Level Round Table on Geographical Indications	Yaoundé, Cameroon, 4 – 5 June 2019	<p>The Conference was jointly organized by WIPO, ARIPO and OAPI. The Conference, which is also an initiative in the framework of the Tripartite Agreement, was organized under the theme: "<i>Geographical Indications in Africa: Territorial Development, Economic Integration and International Trade</i>". The China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) also provided assistance in the organization of the Conference. Participants to the Round Table came from ARIPO and OAPI Member States.</p> <p>One of the main outcomes of the round table is the Declaration of Yaoundé that highlights items and activities to be implemented at the national level to develop systems of protection and valorisation of Geographical Indications (GIs) and other distinctive signs of products of origin related to the quality for the benefit of local producers and local development.</p>
IP Week	Accra, Ghana, 6 – 10 May 2019	<p>The IP week is an initiative that is part of the Cooperation Agreement between WIPO and the two African regional Organizations (ARIPO and OAPI) which is aimed at strengthening the capacity of selected Countries that have taken steps to harness the IP system to accelerate their economic transformation. The IP Week has been conceived as a 5-day national event that targets two groups of stakeholders in back to back workshops dedicated to capacity building and introduction of various IP tools available in various areas of economic activity.</p> <p>The Countries that were selected this year are: Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda.</p> <p>Workshops in that regard have been jointly organised by WIPO and ARIPO in Ghana, Kenya and Rwanda.</p>
	Nairobi, Kenya, 18 – 21 June 2019	
	Kigali, Rwanda, 24 – 28 June 2019	

¹ En inglés solamente.

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		<p>In Ghana, over 110 participants attended the event; they came from SMEs (textile/fashion sector, manufacturing/food processing and agribusiness as well as universities and Research Institutions. In Kenya and ...</p> <p>The IP Week in Rwanda attracted 98 participants from SMEs, Research Institutions and handicraft sector.</p> <p>In Kenya, over 100 participants from SMEs and Universities and Research and Development Institutions attended the workshops.</p> <p>As a follow up to these workshops, projects will subsequently be initiated in those two priority areas in consultation with the national IP Offices and the relevant stakeholders.</p>
The Africa regional Intellectual Property enforcement training for judicial instructors	Gaborone, Botswana, 23 – 26 April 2019	The training was co-organised by ARIPO and the Companies and Intellectual Property Authority of Botswana (CIPA) with support from the United States Department of Justice (USDoJ) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for Judicial Instructors from ARIPO Member States and Observer States. 46 participants from the Judiciary and Law Enforcement agencies attended the Training.
Seminar on the role of Intellectual Property in media broadcasting	Harare, Zimbabwe, 12 March 2019	This one-day Seminar was organised by ARIPO and the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC) for the benefit of the ZBC staff members. The Seminar is part of the Agreement that was signed in 2017 between ARIPO and ZBC with the aim of creating awareness of the large public on Intellectual Property among other objectives.
WIPO-ARIPO Regional Meeting on developing the Regional Technology and Innovation Support Centre (TISC) Network	ARIPO Headquarters, Harare, 19 – 20 September 2019	The meeting was jointly organised by WIPO and ARIPO, with support from the Japan Patent Office. The meeting aimed at making follow up on developments in the regional TISCs that following the ARIPO Regional TISC Action Plan that was adopted drawn up in the Meeting of 2018 and adopted by the ARIPO in November 2018, and discussing the next steps with regard to Action Plan.
Patent Drafting Course	ARIPO Headquarters, Harare, 2 – 6 September 2019	<p>The training course was organized by WIPO in cooperation with ARIPO, with the support from the Japan Patent Office (JPO).</p> <p>The particularity of the 2019 edition of the Course is the important number of participants from Universities and Research and Development Institutions from 16 ARIPO Member States and other African Countries (Ethiopia, Niger, Nigeria and South Africa). Other participants were patent examiners from IP Offices, officers from Technology Transfer Offices, IP Attorneys and agents, as well as officers from Science and Technology Offices in ARIPO Member States and observer States.</p> <p>In total 34 participants attended the Course.</p>

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Seminars on the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)	Masvingo & Harare, Zimbabwe, 9 – 11 April 2019	These Seminars are jointly organized by WIPO and ARIPO and are aimed at raising the awareness among the PCT users, (patent agents, academia, IP officials and inventors/innovators) on the benefits of using the PCT system for the protection of inventions, and to provide information on the registration procedures and patent protection through the system. The seminars afford also an opportunity to provide information on ARIPO and the procedures of its regional system for protection of patents and utility models, and information on industrial property in general.
	Windhoek, Namibia, 20 – 22 May 2019	In Masvingo and Harare (Zimbabwe), 56 participants attended the Seminars.
	Luanda, Angola, 9 – 11 July 2019	In Namibia, around 30 participants attended the Seminar and were mainly staff members of the IP Office and few from Law Firms and Universities.
	Nampula, Mozambique, 27 – 28 September 2019	In Luanda, Angola, 30 participants from Angola IP Office, Mozambique, Cap Verde and Sao Tome and Principe attended the Seminar.
	Offering sponsorship to students to undertake the Master of Intellectual Property (MIP programme)	Africa University, Mutare, Zimbabwe
Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology in Kumasi, Ghana		The MIP programme is jointly organized by ARIPO, WIPO and partner Universities with the support of the Japan Patent Office.
University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania		The programme was initiated to develop a critical mass of Intellectual Property experts for the development of the Intellectual Property system in Africa.
		The 11 th cohort graduated in June 2019. Another intake (12 th cohort) is expected to graduate in the course of the year 2020.
2. ASSISTANCE TO NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICES		
High Level Mission to Eswatini	Mbabane, Eswatini, 13 – 15 May 2019	So far, the programme has produced 324 IP graduates from 26 African Countries from the 1 st to the 11 th cohort from ARIPO Member States and other Countries in Africa. In 2018, the programme was extended to the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology in Kumasi, Ghana. This year (2019), the programme has been extended to the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The mission jointly conducted by ARIPO and WIPO and it aimed at assessing the implementation of the Intellectual Property Development Plan (IPDP) of the Kingdom of Eswatini that was developed in 2015 with the technical support of WIPO; discussing the findings of the WIPO Follow-up mission undertaken in 2018; delivering a presentation for the Cabinet on "IP and Development and the role of the IP Office"; and creating awareness among Senior Government Officials and the newly established IP Inter-Ministerial Committee on IP and mechanisms for the implementation of the IPDP in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

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3. PUBLICATIONS		
Publication of Guiding tools to assist Member States; and other publications	ARIPO, Harare, End 2018 – 2019	<p>In end 2018 and during 2019, the following publications were registered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Guide to contracts, Literary works</i> - <i>African Journal of Intellectual Property – AJIP – Volume 3, Issues 1 & 2</i> (jointly published twice a year by ARIPO and the Africa University) - <i>ARIPO Model Law on Copyright and Related Rights</i> - <i>Guidelines on Ratification/Accession and Domestication of International Instruments on Copyrights and Related Rights</i>