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the Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI)

and
the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Tuesday, October 23, 2018

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.45 Opening Ceremony

Welcome address by:

Mr. Sylvance Sange, Managing Director, the Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI), Nairobi

Mr. Yoshihiro Katayama, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan to Kenya

Mr. Emmanuel Sackey, Chief Examiner, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), Harare.

Mr. Yoshiyuki Takagi, Assistant Director General
Global Infrastructure Sector, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

Prof. Adipala Ekwamu, Executive Secretary, Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), Kampala

The Representative of the Government of the Republic of Kenya

9.45 – 10.00 Group Photo

Coffee Break

THEME INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP) AND INNOVATION
FOR AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL
DEVELOPMENT

Moderator: Mr. Yoshiyuki Takagi

10.00 – 11.00 **Topic 1 What is IP and Why is it Important in the Innovation-led Knowledge-based Economy?**

This session will discuss the role of IP in the context of an innovation-led and knowledge-based economy where intangible, as opposed to tangible assets are the driving engines for innovation, creativity and wealth creation. It will also provide an overview of the fundamentals and the benefits of industrial property rights and copyright and related rights for universities and research institutions.

(a) The Catalytic Role of Patents and Utility Models in the Promotion of Technologies and Innovation

Speaker: Dr. Dick Kamugasha
Executive Director, Uganda Industrial
Research Institute (UIRI), Kampala, Kenya

- (b) Protecting your Publication: Copyright and Related Rights in Universities and Research Institutions

Speaker: Dr. Marisella Ouma, Nairobi, Kenya

Discussions

11.00 – 12.00

Topic 2

The Strategic Importance of public-private Partnerships in Creating a Virtuous Circle

One of the engines of economic development is the cooperation between Research and Development institutions, the public and the private sector for generation and exploitation of innovative products. This session will discuss the linkages between Research and Development results and the market, as well as available opportunities for wealth creation.

- (a) From Idea to the market Place
- (b) Collaborative Research
- (c) Licensing , Assignment

Speakers: The Representative of RUFORUM (TBC)

Prof. Tom Peter Migun Ogada, Associate Professor in Mechanical Engineering, International IP Consultant, Nairobi

12.00 – 13.00

Topic 3

Protecting New Plant Varieties to Promote Research

This session will discuss the importance of developing and protecting new plant varieties for the benefit of breeders, producers and farmers. It will also present the international legal framework for the protection of new plant varieties (the International Union for the Protection of New Plant Varieties (UPOV) system) and its role in promoting agricultural research and development (R&D).

Speakers:

Mr. Philippe Benjamin Rivoire, Technical/Regional Officer, International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), Geneva

Dr. Esther Kimani, Managing Director, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)

Discussions

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