



Workshop on Designs and Utility Models for ARIPO Member States

**ARIPO, Harare, Zimbabwe
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Agenda

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DATES: 27 – 28 APRIL 2022

Day 1: Wednesday 27 April 2022

OPENING SESSION			
No.	Time	Agenda Item and Proposed Speakers	
1.	08.30 – 09.00	Registration of participants	Master of Ceremony, <i>Dr. Byson Sabola, ARIPO</i>
2.	09.00 – 09.15	Opening speech and welcome remarks <i>Mr. Bemanya Twebaze, Director General, ARIPO</i>	
3.	09.15 – 09.30	Keynote address from EU delegation <i>Mrs. Lourdes Chamorro, EU Delegation, Zimbabwe</i>	
4.	09.30 – 09.45	Introductory speech from AfrIPI <i>Mr. Dennis Scheirs, Team Leader, AfrIPI</i>	
5.	09.45 – 10.00	Photographs and coffee break	
PLENARY SESSION			
No.	Time	Agenda Item and Proposed Speakers	
6.	10.00 – 10.30	“An overview of ARIPO” <i>ARIPO, Mr. Amadu Bah</i>	Facilitator, <i>Dr. Byson Sabola, ARIPO</i>
7.	10.30 – 11.00	“Registration of industrial designs and utility models in ARIPO: Requirements and Processes” <i>ARIPO, Ms. Odrileng Keipopele</i>	
8.	11.00 – 11.45	“Demonstration of the online filing of design and utility model applications in ARIPO” <i>ARIPO, Mr. Grey Njowola</i>	

9.	11.45 12.15	-	“The role, challenges, and opportunities of tertiary institutions in promoting innovation” <i>Speaker, Engineer B.K. Kariuki, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), Republic of Kenya</i>	
10.	12.15 12.45	-	The role, challenges, and opportunities of R & D institutions in promoting innovation” <i>Speaker, Dr. Muhammed Lamin Sanyang, Director of Research, University of The Gambia</i>	
11.	12.45 13.00	-	Questions and answers	
12.	13.00 14.00	-	Lunch break	
CASE STUDY				
13.	14.00 14.45	-	“A case study on the role of corporate institutions in fostering innovation: Old Mutual Zimbabwe Limited” <i>Speaker, Ms Lillian Mbayiwa, Old Mutual Zimbabwe Limited</i>	
14.	14.45 15.00	-	Questions and answers	
15.	15.00 15.15	-	Coffee break	
PLENARY SESSION				
16.	15.15 15.45	-	“Recommendations for promoting research and innovation in designs and utility models in ARIPO Member States” <i>Speaker, Mr. Bright Chalwe, National Technology Business Centre, Republic of Zambia</i>	
17.	15.45 16.00	-	Questions and answers	
18.	16.00 16.15	-	Highlights of the day	

GALA DINNER

19.	19.00 – 20.00	–	Dinner and live band entertainment	Dinner Programme <i>Director, Mitchell Tikiwa, AfrIPI</i>
20.	20.00 – 20.10	–	<i>Dinner remarks and vote of thanks</i> <i>Speakers, Mr. Bemanya Twebaze, Director General, ARIPO and Mr. Dennis Scheirs, AfrIPI Team Leader</i>	
21.	20.10 – 21.00	–	Entertainment	

Day 2: Thursday 28 April 2022

COMMENCEMENT

No.	Time	–	Agenda Item and Proposed Speakers
22.	08.30 – 09.00	–	Arrival of participants

SHARING OF EXPERIENCES

23.	09.00 – 10.00	–	“Managing innovations: The experiences of universities and R & D institutions of ARIPO Member States” <i>Discussion – Speakers will be representatives of participating universities and R & D institutions</i>	Moderator, <i>Dr. Outule Rapuleng, ARIPO</i>
24.	10.00 – 10.15	–	Coffee break	
25.	10.15 – 11.15	–	“The practices of ARIPO Member States regarding the protection of industrial designs and utility models” <i>Discussion: Speakers will be representatives of IPOs of participating ARIPO Member States</i>	
26.	11.15 – 11.45	–	Roundtable discussion and workshop summary <i>Discussion: Participants will summarise the main issues that were discussed in the workshop and</i>	

		<i>discuss next steps</i>	
27.	11.45 – 12.00	Satisfaction survey	
28.	12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	
TOUR OF AN INNOVATION HUB			
29.	13.00 – 14.30	A tour of Eight2Five Innovation Hub <i>Facilitator, Ms Lillian Mbayiwa, Eight2Five Innovation Hub</i>	
END OF THE WORKSHOP			

ANNEX TO THE AGENDA

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. About Designs

A design is an original creation with a uniqueness that may result from its shape, lines, outline, configuration, colour, texture or material. Although usually referred to as an 'industrial' design, a design is not necessarily used in industry. The term 'industrial' refers to the fact that designs are mass-produced through industrial means.

Registering a design ensures that the person or entity that owns the design is assured an exclusive right against unauthorised copying or imitation of the design by third parties. The assurance of legal protection encourages investments in the creation of new designs by making it unlawful for third parties that have not contributed to the design process to benefit from the creativity of others. ARIPO operates a system for the registration of designs based on the Harare Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs, and its Implementing Regulations. An ARIPO registered design is protected for 15 years unless the laws of a ARIPO Member State where the registration is in effect provides a different term of protection. You can download this Protocol from here: <https://www.aripo.org/>.

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a designated ARIPO Member State in respect of which the design is registered provide a different term of protection.

2. About utility models

A utility model that is registered by ARIPO is valid for a period of 10 years unless the laws of a designated ARIPO Member State in respect of which the utility model is registered provide a different term of protection.

A utility model is also known as a 'petty patent'. While a patent requires complicated technical requirements to secure legal rights, a utility model is suitable for inventions involving less technical input.

A utility model must be new and useful. Most utility models consist of technical improvements to products or processes that provide a practical use or new effects, thus making the invention useful and marketable.

ARIPO registers utility models based on the Harare Protocol and its Implementing Regulations. However, not all ARIPO Member States provide the registration of utility in their national laws.

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3. About this workshop

In line with ARIPO's mission of 'fostering creativity and innovation for economic growth in Africa', ARIPO and AfrIPI collaborate in this workshop to promote awareness on designs and utility models including how sharing of information among participants on how universities, Research & Development institutions, and Intellectual Property Offices are all part of a value chain that together, can harness creativity and innovation in the ARIPO region to the benefit of inventors and the economies of ARIPO Member States.

4. About ARIPO

ARIPO is an intergovernmental organisation that facilitates cooperation among its Member States in intellectual property matters. The purpose of ARIPO is to pool resources for the promotion, development and harmonisation of the IP laws and policies of ARIPO Member States. The objective of ARIPO, amongst others, is to

establish common services and organs for IP coordination, development and harmonisation. You can read more about ARIPO here: <https://www.aripo.org/>.

5. About AfrIPI

AfrIPI is the short form of the Intellectual Property Rights and Innovation in Africa project.

AfrIPI is a pan-African project that aims to support the European Union in the process of creating, administering, utilising, protecting, and enforcing Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) across Africa, in line with international and European best practices and in support of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and the African Union's Agenda 2063. The overall objective of the AfrIPI project is to facilitate intra-African trade and African and European investment. You can read more about AfrIPI here: www.afripi.org.

6. About making the workshop practical and relevant

We would like you to actively participate in the workshop which entails sharing experiences on how designs and utility models are created, utilised, protected, in your country so that we can all discuss ways of encouraging innovation, registration of industrial property rights and unlocking value from designs and utility models.

7. Satisfaction Survey

We would like to hear your views about the workshop as this will help us to improve the quality and impact of our services. We therefore strongly encourage you to complete and submit our satisfaction survey at the end of the workshop.