

## BENIN (BJ)

### I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

#### 1. National Legislation

##### a. Industrial Property

###### Patents:

- Bangui Agreement, March 1977 (Annex I).

###### Trade Marks:

- Bangui Agreement, March 1977 (Annex III).

###### Industrial Designs:

- Bangui Agreement, March 1977 (Annexes II and IV).

##### b. Copyright and Related Rights

###### Copyright:

- Law No. 84-008, March 1984.

###### Related Rights:

Information not available.

##### c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

None.

##### d. Sources for Information on National Laws

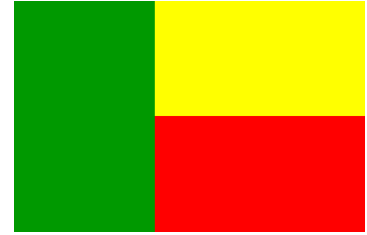
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Copyright and Related Rights.

#### 2. Membership of International Bodies

##### a. Membership of WIPO treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since March 1975.
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since January 1967.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since January 1961.
- PCT (Patents), since February 1987.
- Hague Agreement (International Deposit of Industrial Designs), since November 1986.
- Nice Agreement (International Classification of Goods and Services), since February 1979.
- WCT (WIPO Copyright Treaty), since April 2006.



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- WPPT (WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty), since April 2006.
- b. WTO: Member and Signatory to TRIPS Agreement, since February 1996.
- c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: OAPI
  - Member of OAPI since March 1977.

## II. ADMINISTRATION

### 1. Industrial Property

#### Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Industry and Smaller Businesses                      Fax:     (229)     33.15.20  
 P.O. Box 363  
 Cotonou  
*Title of Head:* Minister for Industry and  
 Smaller Business

#### Industrial Property Office:

National Industrial Property Center (CENAPI)                      Tel.:     (229)     31.02.40  
*Title of Head:* Director

### 2. Copyright and Related Rights

#### Supervisory Ministry:

*Ministère de la Culture, de l'Artisanat et*                      Tel.:     (229)     32 45 76  
*Du Tourisme*    Fax:     (229)     32 10 43  
 Ministry of Culture, Handicrafts and Tourism  
 53, Boulevard Saint Michel, Carré 590 E  
 P.O. Box 06 B.P. 2650  
 Cotonou  
*Title of Head:* Minister of Culture, Handicrafts  
 and Tourism

#### Copyright Office:

*Bureau Béninois du Droit d'Auteur (BUBEDRA)*                      E-mail:   [bubedra@intnet.bg](mailto:bubedra@intnet.bg)  
 Copyright Office of Benin  
 As above, under Supervisory Ministry for  
 Copyright and Related Rights.  
*Title of Head:* Director

#### Collective Management Societies:

Information not available.

### III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

#### Industrial Property Tribunal

Information not available.

#### Copyright Tribunal

Tribunal of Cotonou

Tel.: (229) 30.10.68

#### Other

Information not available.

### IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

*Faculté des Sciences Juridiques, Economiques et  
Politiques  
Université Nationale du Benin  
Cotonou*

### V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 1998:

	Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:			
residents		20,908	
non-residents		3,008	
Grants to:			
residents		18,117	
non-residents		3,386	

#### **Madrid System**

##### International Registrations:

Total applications: 10,698 (non-residents only)

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