

## Workshop on Member States' Experiences with ccTLDs

WIPO cooperated with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in its Workshop on Member States' experiences with country code top-level domains (ccTLDs) held in Geneva on March 3 and 4. Over 150 participants, including Member State representatives, representatives of IGOs, ccTLD administrators, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and other parties attended the Workshop. The WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center gave a presentation on the WIPO ccTLD Best Practices for the Prevention and Resolution of Intellectual Property Disputes. The Center also reported on its experience in advising administrators of over 50 ccTLDs on managing intellectual property in their domains and on its activities as dispute resolution service provider for 32 ccTLDs. The WIPO Center continues to give intellectual property advice to the administrators of ccTLDs on an ongoing basis.



## PCT Seminar and Training in Uganda

WIPO organized Uganda's first Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) seminar and workshop since its



accession to the Treaty, with a view to promoting better use of industrial property in the country. This was the first PCT seminar held in Uganda since its accession to the PCT in 1995. Uganda is now

updating regulations for implementing revised industrial property laws, which have brought legislation up to standards for developing countries. WIPO now aims to promote the use of industrial property and the PCT system in particular among active and potential users, and to train staff and patent agents in the practical procedures of the PCT.

The two-day seminar attracted some 50 participants, mostly lawyers and government officials. The participants were concerned with issues pertaining to the safety of divulging inventions to patent agents while filing patent applications, ways of protecting traditional knowledge; and how to stop piracy in the music industry.

Mr. Christopher Kiige from the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO), which is the PCT receiving Office for Uganda, highlighted the functions and services offered by the Office.

Some 25 patent agents and the staff from the Registrar General's Department attended the workshop on the third day. The workshop focused on PCT procedures. Each of the participants was guided through the steps to complete the PCT Request and Demand forms as a practical exercise. The events imparted valuable industrial property training and covered the practical aspects of PCT procedures to a cross-section of stakeholders.

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