

WIPO-ARIPO TISC PRESENTATION

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Governance on Policy Adoption

Adoption of TISC as a policy for implementation in Liberia- Discussions at LIPO Board of Directors Meetings on the importance and need for the establishment of TISC projects at various research and academic centers were held with the Board mandating the Director General to issue a mandate requesting the Department of Industrial Property to engage and consummate working agreements with relevant institution for the establishment of TISC.

Policy Development

Technology and Technical Assistance from WIPO- For Policy Adoption and identification and consummation of a working understanding amongst the two academic institutions are two important preliminary work that could trigger the next stage of seeking the technology and technical assistance from WIPO. LIPO is in conversation with the TISC project at WIPO through the Africa Bureau and Liberia Desk Officer to develop a work plan for a mission to undertake the project at the two designated sites.

MOU for Partnership

Memorandum of Understanding: Two memorandum of understanding as at today's date has been signed with two academic institutions for the establishment and promotion of TISC at those universities. They are: University of Liberia and the African Methodist Episcopal University. The University of Liberia TISC project is going to be base in the department of Science and Engineering while the African Methodist Episcopal University TISC project is going to be based at its Institute for research and Innovations.

Awareness initiatives

LIPO in partnership with one of the biggest telecommunication providers “ORANGE” has just completed the “Orange Social Venture Prize” Innovation project where young innovators display their innovation for a prize. LIPO continue its innovation club program in the catholic school systems piloting Cathedral as a central points for others five schools within the district. LIPO has four IP Ambassadors to assist in awareness creation, establish IP help desk at five institutions, hosted seminar in collaboration with the University of Liberia where our first TISC will be established.

Capacity Building

Capacity Building, Infrastructure and Information Resource, Governance and Policy Development at the regional Level are guide that will be used in addition to best practices from local and regional experiences, as we progress beyond the first phase of establishing our TISC program in Liberia.