WIPO Workshop on the Development of the Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) Network in Malawi

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Blantyre, June 12 to 14, 2018

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Tuesday, June 12, 2018

8.30 – 9.00  Registration

9.00 – 9.30  Opening Ceremony

Opening Remarks by:

The representative of the Japan Patent Office, Blantyre

The representative of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva

The representative of the Government of Malawi, Blantyre

9.30 – 10.00 Coffee Break

10.00 – 11.00  **Topic 1:** The Usefulness of Patent Information for the Promotion of Innovation

Speaker: Mr. Elangi Botoy Ituku, Industrial Property Information Officer, Innovation and Technology Support Section, WIPO

11.00 – 11.30  **Topic 2:** The WIPO Program on the Establishment of Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISC)

Speaker: Mr. Elangi Botoy Ituku

11.30 – 12.30  **Topic 3:** The Usefulness of Brand Information to Improve the Image of Malawian Companies

Speaker: Ms. Juliet Nassuna, Lawyer, Former Director of Intellectual Property Department at Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB), International Expert on Patents, Trademarks and Designs, Legal Consultant, ICT Consults Kampala, Uganda

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.00  **Topic 4:** Accessing Scientific Publications through Research4Life Programs to Promote Research in Malawi

Speaker: Mr. Gracian Chimwaza, Executive Director, Information Training and Outreach Centre for Africa (ITOCA), Centurion, South Africa

15.00 – 16.00  **Topic 5:** Programs Supporting Innovation in Malawi, Including TISCs

Speaker: The Representative of the TISC focal point

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break
16.30 – 17.30  
**Good Practices in Searching Patent Information (Search Tools), Especially the International Patent Classification (IPC)**  
Speaker: Mr. Elangi Botoy Ituku

17.30  
End of Day

*Wednesday, June 13, 2018*

**TRAINING OF TRAINERS’ PRACTICAL SESSIONS**

9.00 – 11.00  
**Topic 1:** Patent Search Using PATENTSCOPE and the United States Patent and Trademark Office USPTO PatFT/Appl/FT  
Speaker: Mr. Elangi Botoy Ituku

11.00 – 11.30  
Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.30  
**Topic 2:** Trademark Search Using WIPO Global Brand Database  
Speaker: Ms. Juliet Nassuna

13.30 – 14.30  
Lunch Break

14.30 – 16.30  
**Topic 3:** Searching Scientific and Technical Journals Using the Research4Life Programs  
Speaker: Mr. Gracian Chimwaza

16.30 – 17.00  
Certificates and Closing Ceremony
Thursday, June 14, 2018

TRAINING OF TRAINERS' PRACTICAL SESSIONS (continued)

9.00 – 10.00  Overview of Project Resources:  Web Site, Guides, Brochures, Publications, e-TISC Platform, e-Tutorial, WIPO Academy Distance Learning Courses, and Patent Landscape Reports  
Speaker: Mr. Ituku Elangi Botoy

10.00 – 10.30  Coffee Break

10.30 – 11.30  Patent Search Using PATENTSCOPE and USPTO (continued)  
Speaker: Mr. Ituku Elangi Botoy

11.30 – 12.00  Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.00  Trademark Search Using WIPO Global Brand Database (continued)  
Speaker: Ms. Juliet Nassuna

13.00 – 14.00  Research4Life Training Exercises (continued)  
Speaker: Mr. Gracian Chimwaza

14.00 – 15.00  Roundtable Discussions on Developing the TISC Network in Malawi, in particular the TISC Project Planning  
Moderators: National TISC focal point and WIPO

15.00 – 15.30  Conclusions

15.30  End of day

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