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## NATIONAL SEMINAR ON IP ENFORCEMENT

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### **National Seminar on Intellectual Property (IP) Enforcement for Law Enforcement Officials**

organized by  
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

in cooperation with  
the Zimbabwe Intellectual Property Office (ZIPO)

**Harare, Zimbabwe**

**November 6 and 7, 2025**

#### PROGRAM

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Thursday, November 6, 2025

8.30 – 9.00	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>	
9.00 – 9.30	<b>Welcome remarks</b>	
	Ministry of Industry and Commerce	
	Mr. Samer Al Tarawneh, Legal Counsellor, Building Respect for IP Division (BRIPD), Global Challenges and Partnerships Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva	
9.30 – 10.00	<b>Topic 1</b>	<b>Overview of IP Rights</b>
	Speaker:	Zimbabwe Intellectual Property Office (ZIPO)
10.00 – 10.30	<b>Topic 2</b>	<b>Building Respect for IP – For a Balanced Approach of IP Enforcement</b>
	Speaker:	Mr. Samer Al Tarawneh
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
11.00 – 11.30	<b>Topic 3</b>	<b>The International Legal Framework – Part III of the Agreement of Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property (TRIPS)</b>
	Speaker:	Mr. Samer Al Tarawneh
11.30 – 12.30	<b>Topic 4</b>	<b>Fighting Counterfeiting and Piracy – The Challenges in Zimbabwe</b>
	Speaker:	Consumer Protection Commission Zimbabwe
		Zimbabwe Music Rights Association: Mr. Servious Matiza, Head of Licensing
12.30 – 14.00	<b>Lunch</b>	

14.00 – 16.45	<b>Topic 5</b>	<b>The Enforcement of IP Rights at the Border – Key Considerations</b>
14.00 – 14.30		<i>Interdiction of counterfeit goods: Methodologies for risk assessment</i>
	Speakers:	Ms. Rumi Hashimoto, Technical Attaché, Enforcement, Facilitation and Technology Sub-Directorate, World Customs Organization (WCO)  Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA)
14.30 – 15.00		<i>The role of express consignment companies, customs brokers, freight forwarders and other shipment providers</i>
	Speakers:	Ms. Rumi Hashimoto  Shipping & Forwarding Agents' Association of Zimbabwe (SFAAZ)
15.00 – 15.15		<i>Detention, seizure and forfeiture</i>
	Speakers:	Ms. Rumi Hashimoto
15.15 – 15.45	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
15.45 – 16.15		<i>Storage and disposal of goods infringing IPRs: Good practices and challenges</i>
	Speaker:	Ms. Rumi Hashimoto
16.15 – 16.45		<i>Role of customs recordation</i>
	Speaker:	Mr. Samer Al Tarawneh
16.45 – 17.00	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	

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9.00 – 10.00	<b>Topic 6</b>	<b>Challenges and Techniques in Investigating and Prosecuting IP Crimes</b>
	Speaker(s):	Ms. Aoife Raftery, Assistant Revenue Solicitor, Revenue Solicitor's Office, Ireland; Member of the Impact of Technology Expert Group, European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)  National Prosecuting Authority of Zimbabwe (NPAZ): Mr K. Mufute

10.00 – 10.30	<b>Topic 7</b>	<b>The National Legal Framework for IP Enforcement</b>	Speaker: Mr. Superintendent Elastos Dafanam EN Officer Commanding CID Asset Forfeiture Unit
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Topic 8</b>	<b>Criminal Enforcement – The Public Interest and the Decision to Prosecute</b>	Speaker: Ms. Aoife Raftery
11.00 – 11.30	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
11.30 – 12.00	<b>Topic 9</b>	<b>Criminal Procedure – Proceeds of Crime and Asset Forfeiture</b>	Speaker: National Prosecuting Authority of Zimbabwe (NPAZ): Mr M.Manhamo
12.00 – 12.30	<b>Topic 10</b>	<b>Emerging Trends and Opportunities in Online IP Crime Investigation</b>	Speaker: Ms. Aoife Raftery
12.30 – 14.00	<b>Lunch</b>		
14.00 – 14.30	<b>Topic 11</b>	<b>Practices and Challenges in the Investigation of Online IP Infringement – Approach in Zimbabwe</b>	Speaker: Mr. Moses Nkomo, Intellectual Property Law Lecturer, University of Zimbabwe
14.30 – 15.00	<b>Topic 12</b>	<b>WIPO Projects and Strategic Initiatives</b>	Speaker: Mr. Samer Al Tarawneh
15.00 – 15.30	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
15.30 – 16.00	<b>Topic 13</b>	<b>Public-Private Partnerships and Strategic Cooperation</b>	Speaker: Zimbabwe Investment and Development Agency (ZIDA)
16.00 – 16.45	<b>Topic 14</b>	<b>The Role of the Right Holders in the Fight Against IP Crime</b>	Speakers: ZIPO (Moderator)-Mr Lawrence Hoba, Intellectual Property Consultant  Right holder representatives

16.45 – 17.00      **Closing**

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