



# **The Kingdom of Eswatini**

## **DELEGATION GENERAL STATEMENT**

### **THE SIXTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION**

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Chair, the Kingdom of the Kingdom of Eswatini would like to take this opportunity to recognize your leadership and that of the DG in the preparation and convening of this session. The delegation aligns itself with the statement of the Africa Group, delivered on behalf of the Group by the distinguished delegation of Ghana.

We appreciate the work of the Secretariat in continuing to carry out its technical assistance mandate. Eswatini has received technical assistance supporting the review of our IP regulatory framework to ensure that the legislative and policy environment is compatible with our needs. This is one of the topmost priorities as we continue to develop and maintain a robust IP regulatory environment that supports local innovation and creativity.

The Eswatini delegation welcomes the notable strides made in vastly improving technical assistance initiatives. We are receiving and indeed are seeking more support with empirical studies on IP in order to improve evidence based IP policy and decision making.

We are also appreciative of the support on platforms and infrastructures for the administration of IP. We recognize that inefficiencies in this aspect would undermine the entire IP ecosystem.

We are at an advanced stage of acceding to WIPO treaties and other IP treaties to streamline our domestic regulatory environment with international best practice.

Lastly we note with appreciation the collaboration and partnership of WIPO with our regional IP body, ARIPO, in providing support and capacity building initiatives, thus harnessing and consolidating the synergies offered by the two bodies.

We wish Members success in the deliberations and the fruitful conclusion of this session.

Thank you Madam Chair.