

Technology and Innovation support Center (TISC) - In Ethiopia

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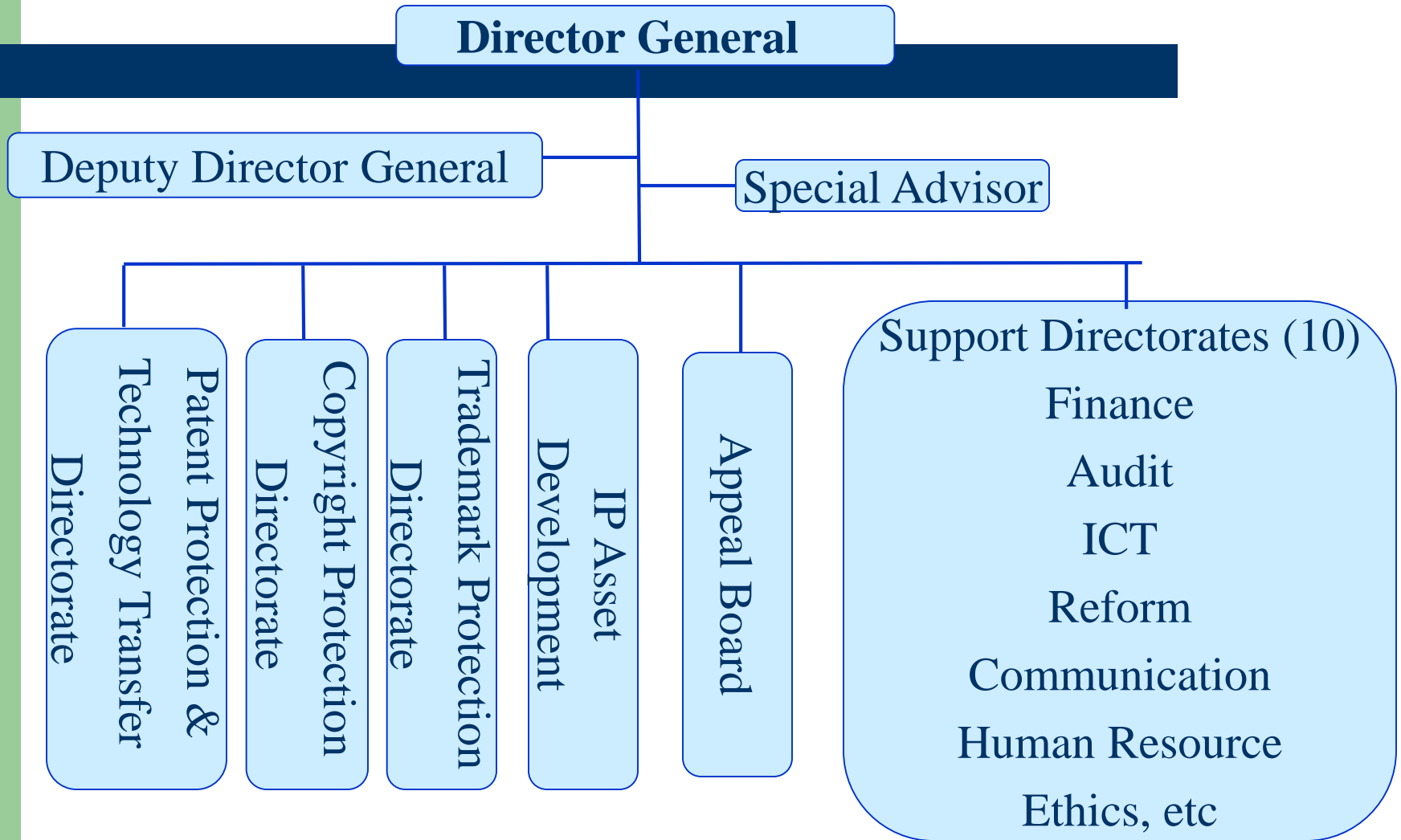
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Over view of EIPO

- The Ethiopian Intellectual Property Office has been established under the proclamation since 1995.
- In Ethiopia, there is a wide knowledge gape about Intellectual Property, even in higher educational institute & the government, besides this Ethiopian Intellectual Property Office is in a good track.

Organization structure



Technology Transfer and TISC

- In EIPO, Technology Transfer Team is a multi-functional team, among them
 - Organizing and disseminating technological information
 - Dispatches information to the media
 - Bridge inventors & investors
 - Facilitate training on the TISC project and provide training to various institutes.

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- Depending on the structure of Ethiopian educational sector, there is a team called Technology Transfer or University Industrial Linkage.
- Our technology transfer team works jointly with those part takers to introduce about intellectual property and create awareness to join TISC project.
- As an office, our Technology Transfer team provides mentorship and advisor to use and subscribe free database of TISC, like ASPI and Research For Life programs.

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- In Ethiopia Interests arouse in the area of TISC recently. Even though the project was established in 2013
- With Regards to measure the standard of our activity-
 1. The number of Institutions who joined the TISC network and subscribed database are much higher than the past year
 2. The overall objective is to increase their perception of intellectual property and TISC as well as enhance motivation to use Patent Information in their researches

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- In Ethiopia generally speaking,
 - 22 universities
 - 14 Technical and vocational institutions
 - 7 Research Centers and
 - 5 other sectors signed to join TISC
- of those institutions most of them has signed the user license agreement and got access to the database of their choice & others are waiting to receive passwords.

Trainings

- In October of this year, we invited a trainer from WIPO to provide training to senior leaders in the TISC area.
- We also gave general intellectual property training for different Universities, TVET, Poly Technique College and Research Institutes through TISC's and technology transfer team.
- As the result, we increase TISC and Intellectual Property understanding among Universities, TVET, Poly Technique College and Research Institutes leaders.

TISC Gap in Ethiopia

- The facts on hand at most institutions were they constantly changing their focal person and information were not properly organized. That made the attempt unsuccessful.
- According to the Ethiopian education system, Intellectual Property is not as part of the curriculum; in this case it is difficult to put constant and accountable TISC focal person. In general the focal person does not want to work TISC with attention and accountability.
- And still the top executives encourage publishing the innovations on different journals instead of being IP protected.

Solution

- Rather IP's inclusion in the curriculum creates more awareness about the significance of IP protection in technology transfer which in turn leads them to take TISC seriously.
- As a solution, the office plans to teach and give awareness for many Universities, TVET, Poly Technique College and Research Institute leaders to increase the value of intellectual property.

TISC Future plans in Ethiopia

- To Establish more TISC center in different Universities, TVET, Poly Technique College and Research Institutes
- To Translate and distribute different publications about TISC and intellectual property for different University, TVET, Poly Technique College and Research Institutes.

Thank you!!

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