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*African Regional Intellectual
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Governance of ARIPO Regional Network

WIPO-ARIPO Regional Meeting on
Developing the Regional TISC
Network

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About ARIPO

- **ARIPO:** African Regional Intellectual Property Organization
- **Established:** December 9, 1976
- **Headquarters:** Harare, Zimbabwe
- **IP Protocols Administered:**
 - Harare Protocol: **Patents, utility Models & Designs**
 - Banjul Protocol: **Marks**
 - Arusha Protocol: **New Varieties of Plants**
 - Swakopmund Protocol: **Traditional Knowledge and Folklore**



ARIPO Member States (19)



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Organs of ARIPO

- **Council of Ministers**
- **The Administrative Council**
- **Subsidiary organs of the Administrative Council:**
 - **The Finance Committee**
 - **Audit Committee**
 - **The Human Capital Committee**
 - **The Technical Committees (TCIP, TCCR, TCPVP)**
- **The Secretariat**



Recommendation of previous meeting

- The ARIPO Secretariat to present the current document to the forthcoming ARIPO Administrative Council in November 2018 for consideration and approval of the Meeting report and actionable points
- **Paragraph 51.** The IPD Executive also informed Council of the Sub-Regional Meeting on the development of a Sub-Regional Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) Network held on August 28 and 29, 2018 and stated that ARIPO would in future hold the same annually.
- **Paragraph 58.** After due deliberations, the Council took note of the report on ARIPO awareness raising initiatives in the ARIPO Member States and adopted the actionable points on the development of a Sub-Regional Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC).



Governance Actionable Points

1. Continue the ARIPO Sub-Regional Meetings on an annual basis
2. In parallel, to recommend to ARIPO to explore ways of establishing the governance of the ARIPO TISC Sub-Regional Network;
3. Nominate a TISC sub-regional network focal point in ARIPO.





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