



# Seychelles Intellectual Property Office

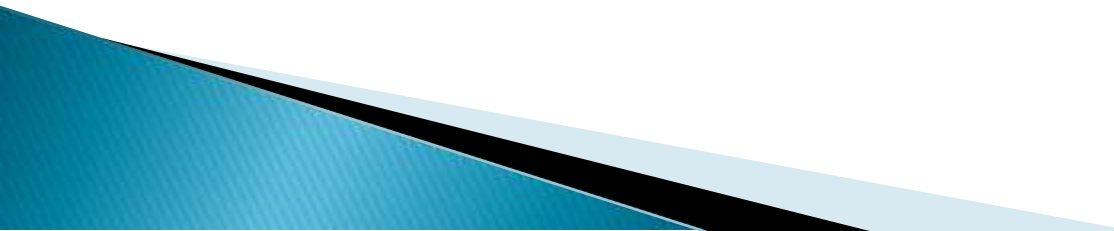
Registration Division  
Department of Legal Affairs

Mr. Suleiman Athanasius – Senior Compliance Officer  
Mr. Willy Mahoune – Senior System Support Officer

# Presentation Outline

1. Infrastructure
2. Intellectual Property rights in Seychelles
3. IP legal Framework
4. Status of Automation
5. Workflow
6. Future Plans / Challenges

# Infrastructure

- ▶ The Registration Division is a part of the Department of Legal Affairs. The Office of the Registrar General is situated at Independence House in Victoria, Mahe.
  - ▶ The establishment of an IP Office was approved by the Cabinet of Ministers in February 2018.
  - ▶ The Copyright office will be merging with the new IP Office. The Copyright office was previously under the Department of Culture.
- 

- ▶ Our office is open to the public and the information we have is within the public domain, subject to a fee, as per the relevant legislation.

# Intellectual Property Rights in Seychelles

The Registrar General's office is the responsible authority in Seychelles to administer Intellectual Property rights regime.

The Registrar General maintains separate registers for patent, trademark, industrial design, layout-design and others.

The Copyright Act of 2014 provides for the administrative enforcement of copyrights to protect works such as literary works, musical works, artistic works, performance of literary or musical works, films, sound recordings, and broadcasts.

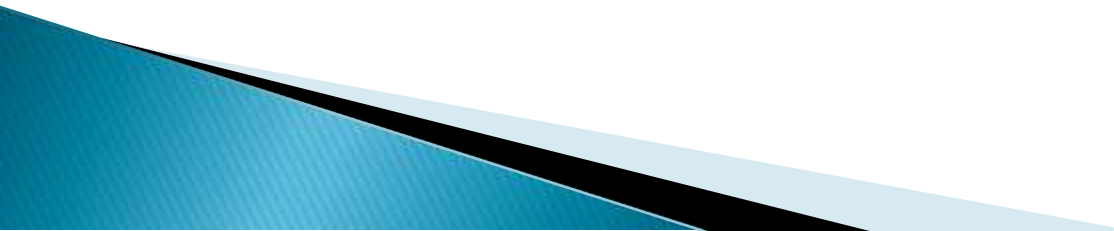
The Office examines each application and grants certificate of registration if it meets the requirements of the relevant legislation.



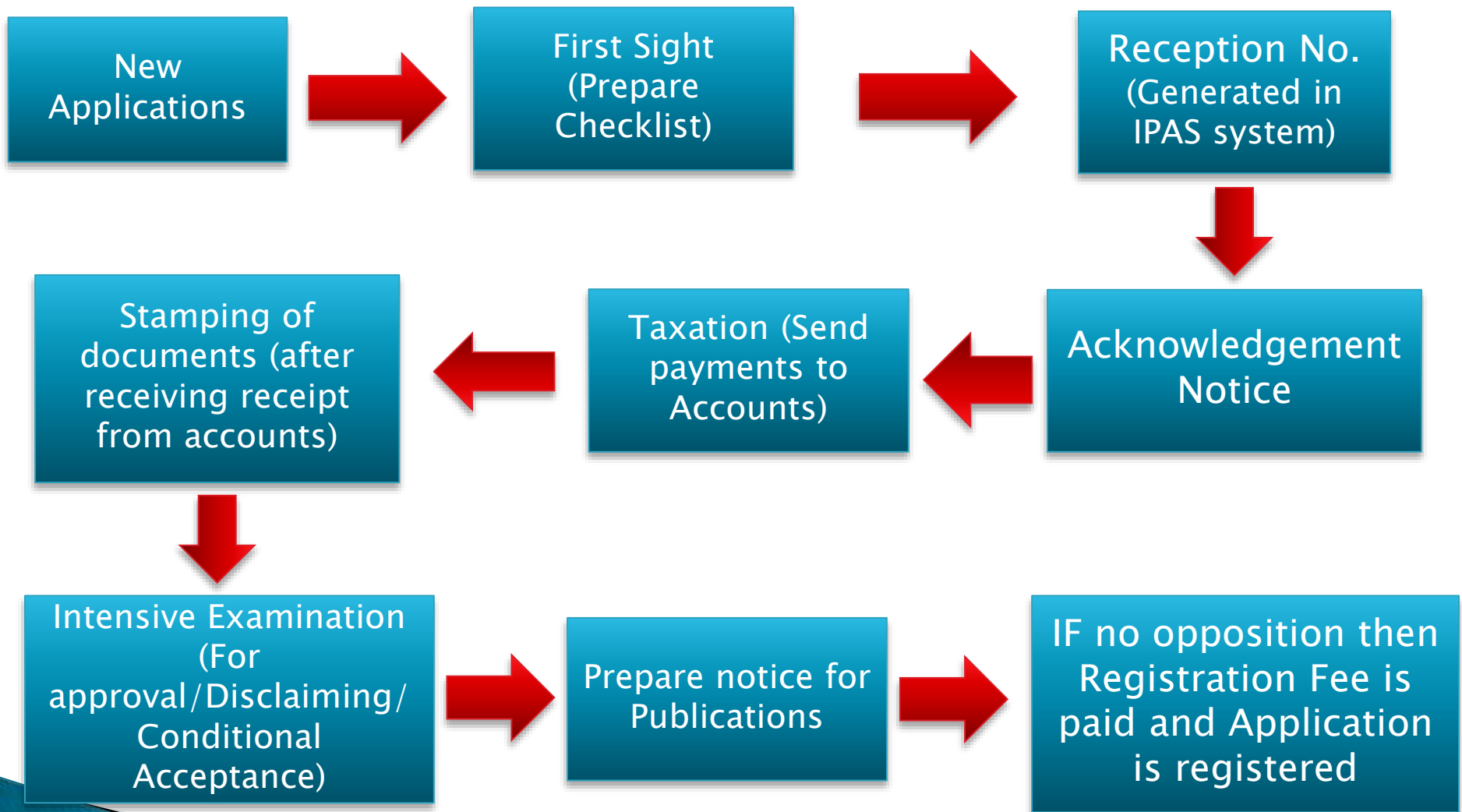
# The IP Legal Framework

- Seychelles is equipped with laws to protect IP rights.
- Industrial Property Act, 2014 (TRIPS Compliant)
- World Intellectual Property Organization – Acceded in 2000
- Patent Co-Operation Treaty (PCT) (Washington) – Acceded 2002
- World Trade Organization (WTO) – Acceded in 2015

# The status of automation

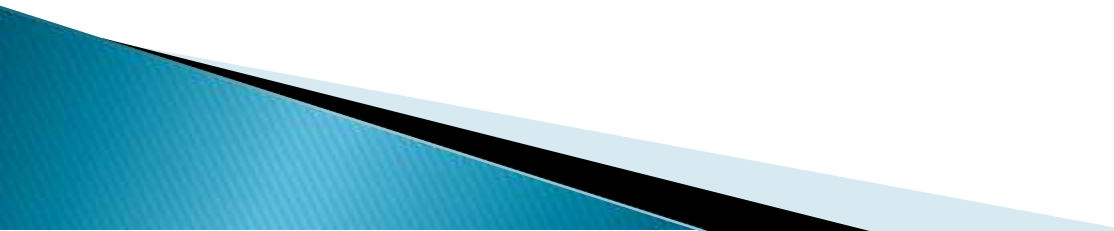
- ▶ Total number of registered TM – 14,398 applications in the IPAS system.
  - ▶ The workflow in IPAS System is now complete.
  - ▶ Upgraded to the Latest IPAS Version 3.5.0b
  - ▶ We are also working on new templates to accommodate the new regulation
- 

# WORKFLOW FOR TRADEMARK DOCUMENTS





# Future plans

- ▶ Review of laws to ensure it remains easy to implement and to incorporate the new IP Law in the system
  - ▶ To fully update all our records in the IPAS system
  - ▶ To use the IPAS system to the maximum.
  - ▶ We will need more training to better equip ourselves how to use the IPAS system.
  - ▶ Building more awareness for the users of our service and for other stakeholders.
- 

# Future plans

- ▶ Accession to the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO). This accession has been approved by the Cabinet of Ministers and it is now proceeding to the normal legal procedures.
- ▶ Digitalization of all Physical Files in the Office.
- ▶ Integrate the all the multiple systems to become one whole system which the IPAS system will be part of.
- ▶ Offer clients (agents) online services (eg. Wipo file etc. ...)

# Thank You.

Registration Division

(+248) 4280900

[regdiv@registry.gov.sc](mailto:regdiv@registry.gov.sc)

