

**ZANZIBAR BUSINESS & PROPERTY
REGISTRATION AGENCY.**

(BPRA)

Zanzibar Country Report

**REGIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP ON AUTOMATION
STATUS REPORTING & PREREQUISITES FOR ONLINE
TOOLS DEPLOYMENT**

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ZANZIBAR BUSINESS AND PROPERTY REGISTRATION (BPRA)

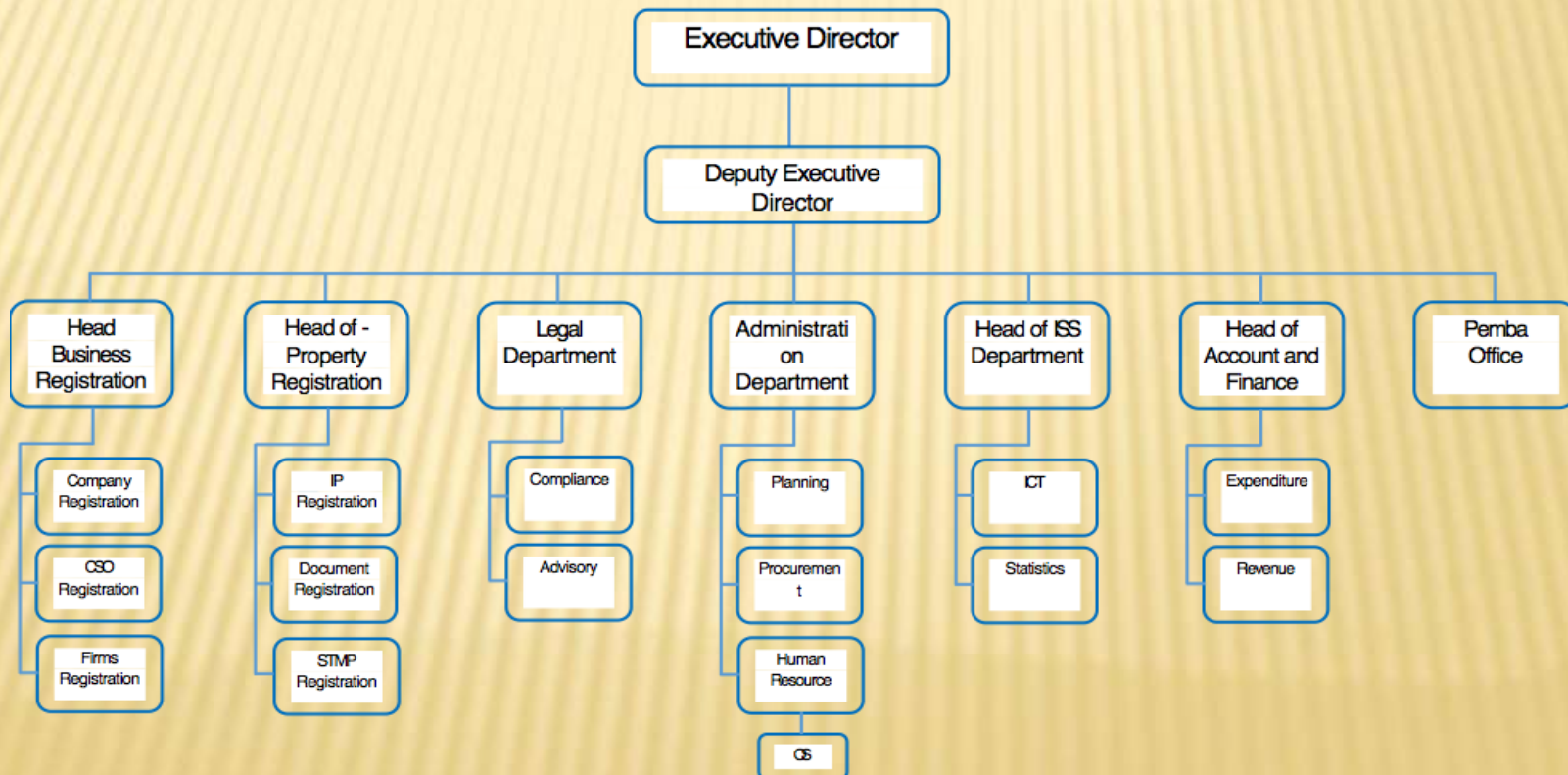
- × The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar established the Registrar General's office (RGO) which was doing Business Registration and Vital Registration but in 2011 Government decide to break up in to two different Office, namely Zanzibar Business and Property Registration Agency (**BPRA**) and we are work under The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Marketing Zanzibar
- × So BPRA has been responsible for the administration of all Business Entities Registration including Intellectual Property issues.

THE ZANZIBAR BUSINESS AND PROPERTY REGISTRATION AGENCY STRUCTURE

- × **BPRA** is headed by the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, Heads of nine divisions, namely, Company and Business Name Registration Unit, Documents Registration Unit, Industrial Property Registration Unit (IP DEP), Non Governmental Organisation Registration Unit, Legal Unit, Information system support unit, and Human resources and planning Unit.
- × The total number of staffs within BPRA is about 42 staffs and ten of them are dedicated to IP matter.
- × In term of Industrial Property Registration , it is headed by a Head of IP unit and Documents Registration Department.
- × The main activity of this division is to administer the new of Industrial Property Act and all IP works register in Zanzibar.

ORGANIZATION CHART

In the BPR structure, under the Executive Director, there are different experts and Departments as shown below:



IP REGIME IN ZANZIBAR

- ✘ The IP regime in Zanzibar existed since the colonial administration. It was first introduced into Zanzibar in 1922 through Trademarks Decree Chapter 159; the Patents Decree Chapter 157; and Industrial Design (Protection) Decree Chapter 158. In fact these three decrees were archaic and had been in force since 1930s. For instance, the Trade Marks Decree did not provide for registration or protection of Service Marks. The Patent Decree allowed the Registration of Patent should be done in UK before being registered in Zanzibar. The three Decrees mentioned above were hereby repealed and replaced by the Zanzibar Industrial Property Act No. 4 of 2008 (the new law). The new law came into force on 29th July, 2008.

INFORMATION SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURES

✘ Infrastructure

The Infrastructure includes these:

- Physical infrastructure configuration;
- Logical infrastructure configuration;
- Hyper-V virtualisation platform configuration;
- Backup solution configuration;

Current we have primary site in our Office, but BPRA has two physical servers and 12 virtual servers concerning business registration.

In term of Intellectual Registration (IP), we have using one machine (server), and within that machine there is test environment and Production environment for IPAS.

Backup & Recovering

Instead of primary we have, also We have secondary site which is located in Government Data Centre as a redundant of our primary sites in a head quarter.

✘ Technical Support

This is a service that user get supports from IT personel concerning technology products or services within the Organisation.

The Department has manage two systems, namely:

- Business and Secure Registration System.
- IPAS

- ✘ The Information Technology team works together with the end-users to understand the system issues and if issues arises and require third level support, then it is escalated to the WIPO support team in order to duplicate problems and define root causes, using product designs, code, or specifications

CURRENT BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

- ✘ BPRA has start to register Trademark since 1922 and at that time about 88 trademark was registered and up to now we reach 1,200 application per year, but at that time all records was in the form hard copy.
- ✘ Through this, WIPO was help BPRA to carrying out and implement automation and modernisation projects in Zanzibar for IP bibliographic records, the project was conducted by **Trigyn Technology inc.**, project was estimated to take six months (6) and started in Dec 2017 and finish April 2018 and now the Bibliographic data which are captured and processed in the IPAS are approximately 23,500 trademark/ servicemarks records, while before implemented this project bibliographic data in a IPAS was below 9,675

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- ✘ Previous BPRA was use traditional way (which was manual based registration system) in registering of Trade/Service mark until WIPO introduce new system known as IPAS Centura which was very helpful in registration of all Industrial Property entities, But in 2012 WIPO was upgrade the System (IPAS) from IPAS Centura to IPAS Java.
- ✘ Current BPRA does not provide online registration in Intellectual Property service but in the feature, the office has plan to provide online services.

CURRENT PROJECT & FUTURE

- ✦ First BPRA would like to embed IPAS to be one among module in a Online Platform, means that IPAS will be incorporated with other Online registration Modules.
- ✦ To deploy the IPAS system online or using any other WIPO facility after getting recommendation from WIPO, and this will enable online search and payment by applicants.
- ✦ To do Data cleaning and validation all bibliographic data
- ✦ To buy new machine especial for IPAS

Payment Gateway

⓪ Through Bank Cashier

⓪ Mobile bank

⓪ MNO's (Mobile Network Operator)

⓪ [Tigopesa, EazyPesa, Mpesa, etc]

⓪ Visa, Master Card

ONLINE PAYMENT



Also BPRA has plan to data cleaning and data validation for registered bibliographic data

CHALLENGES

- ✘ Un sufficient number of staffs who are well competent to manage all system.
- ✘ Shortage of financial resources.
- ✘ Lack of Awareness for IP agencies who suppose to filing and register the IP matters.

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