Teaching and learning of IPRs as a tool for furthering sustainable development, including in developing and least developed countries: Experiences from the Swedish Intellectual Property Office

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1. Advanced International Training Programmes on Intellectual Property
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Advanced International training programmes (ITP:s)

PRV have offered three programmes per year on Intellectual Property (IP):

Two on different aspects of IP for Least Developed Countries LDC:s

One on IP and Genetic Resources, Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge
Countries, mostly Least Developed Countries (LDCs)
Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Lao, Malawi, Mozambique, Nepal, Rwanda, Sudan, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia

27 participants per program are selected of roughly 120+ applicants. Strong network in the programs.

Participants are well educated and should hold a position as high ranked managers in their organizations, to be able change behavior and reach sustainable results.
Many stakeholders

Cooperation needed!

Country X

Research Council

Private Sector

NGO

University

Researchers

Researchers

Sweden

SIDA

Research Council

University

Innovation company

Researchers

Researchers
ITP Programme structure ~18 months

- Project identification
- 3 week training (Sthlm and Basel)
- Project implementation
- Follow-up meeting

Adapted based on training
3 week training  

Sphere of control

Sphere of influence

Project implementation  

The organization’s Role/mandate

Sphere of interest

Input  
Activity  
Output  
Outcome  
Impact
Project for Change

Essential part of the program
A chance to directly apply knowledge and skills gained for change in the organisation
Supported by a mentor
Change in the behavior of the organization
Concrete results
2. Examples of specific projects

- Icddrb, Dhaka, Bangladesh. IP-Policy for research. Specific mission.
- Icddrb received the first approved patent in January 2023.
- Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda
  - Cooperation with Uppsala University and Royal Institute of Technology (KTH)
  - Creation of IP and Innovation council consisting of Deans in every School of the university.
  - Creation of IP and Innovation Policy in light of Uganda’s IP and Innovation Policy (created by former ITP participants at URSB)
  - Training for Top Management to researchers and students.
- Concept also for other countries? Discussions in Tanzania.
2. Examples of successful projects from other countries

- Legislation, Cambodia is joining the Berne Convention for Copyright.

- Creation of the first Collective Management Organization in Cambodia.

- Judiciary, training of judges in Tanzania.

- Ethiopian Coffee

- Creation and implementation of IP and Innovation policies in countries or universities.

- How to use Geographical Indications. Sri Lanka and Cambodia

- IP for more effective crops and other food to reduce hunger

- IP in Clean water and other environmental and Biodiversity projects

- Awareness projects for relevant stakeholders

- Technology, Innovation and Science Centers (TISC)
Ethiopia

- **Participant:** Mr. Tewodros Ayalew Tessema, Lecturer, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Gondar (Participated in Stockholm, January 20 to February 8, 2019).

- He presented the project on “Enhancing Economic Growth by Securing Intellectual Property Rights for Traditional/Herbal Medicines”

- WIPO is currently following up with Mr. Tessema on the implementation of this Project on the use of IP for the benefit of Traditional Medicine Practitioners (TMPs) for branding, product development and commercialization. The Project will be completed end of June 2023.

- The project will be now replicated in Senegal upon their request.
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Grooming Successful Women with Intellectual Mind

GOAL:
To Promote innovation and creativity amongst women through using Intellectual Property as a tool for growth and development.

OBJECTIVES:
- To create Intellectual Property understanding amongst women.
- To ensure women use of Intellectual Property (IP) tools in promotion of innovation and creativity.
- To empower women on the use of IP as a tool for business establishment and development through field visits.
- To identify and address barriers to gender equality through research, empowerment and sensitization.

Project has spread to Sudan and Cambodia.

Women showing their products to the minister.

Women product expo as a result of creativity and innovation.