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Roving Seminars for 2017-2018

- Roving Seminars focusing specifically on Universities and Research Institutions were held during 2017-2018 and the greater part discussed the value of patent system for universities and research institutions, including patents as a source of information

Dates	Country	No. of participants
June 13-14, 2017	Sierra Leone	100
July 12-13, 2017	Zambia	75
August 28-29, 2017	Swaziland	120
November 2 -3, 2017	Rwanda	84
March 26-27, 2018	Zimbabwe	101
May 7 – 8, 2018	Liberia	127
June 19-12, 2018	Namibia	58
July 5-6, 2018	Botswana	81
July 26-27, 2018	Mozambique	83
	Total	829



Patent-drafting courses 2017-2018

Details of Mission	Attended by	Date
Patent Drafting Course 2018	Botswana 3, Ethiopia 2, Eswatini , Ghana 2, Kenya 2, Malawi 2, Mozambique 2, Namibia 2, Nigeria 4, Sudan , Tanzania 2, Sierra Leone, Sudan , Uganda 2, Zambia, Zimbabwe 3 (31 delegates / Harare, Zimbabwe)	September 3-7
Patent Drafting Course 2017	Botswana , Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique 2, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe 11. (26 Delegates / Harare, Zimbabwe)	September 4-8

- All the participants were from universities and research institutions



The Academic Programmes at ARIPO

- **Masters in Intellectual Property (MIP) at Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe commenced 2008**
- **Master of Philosophy in Intellectual Property (MPhil-IP) at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) commenced August, 2018**
- **Masters in Intellectual Property at University of Dar es Salaam commenced August, 2019**
- **In 2016 ARIPO conducted tracer studies to assess the impact of the MIP program at Africa University**
- **The performance of the graduates revealed that most of the graduates are being used as resource persons on IP Awareness matters followed by those who are involved in lecturing or the teaching of IP in universities**





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