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## WORKSHOP

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# **Workshop on Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge for Economic Development: Empowering Local Communities of Uganda**

organized by  
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

in cooperation with  
the Government of the Republic of Uganda

and the assistance of  
the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)

**Kampala, Uganda, July 4 and 5, 2017**

## PROGRAM

*Prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO*

Tuesday, 4 July, 2017

8.30 – 9.00 Registration of participants

9.00 – 9.30 **Opening Session**

Chair: Ms. Mercy .K. Kainobwiso, Director, Intellectual Property,  
Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)

Receiving the guests and singing the national anthem

**Opening remarks and welcome addresses by:**

Mr. Bemanya Twebaze, Registrar General, URSB

Mr. Wend Wendland, Director, Traditional Knowledge Division, Global  
Issues Sector, WIPO

Ms. Joyce Banya, Senior Counsellor, Regional Bureau for Africa,  
Development Sector, WIPO

Mr. Evarist Twesigye  
For Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social  
Development

Key Note address: Major General (Rtd) Kahinda Otafiire, Minister of  
Justice and Constitutional Affairs

9.30 – 9.50 Introduction to the participants

9.50 – 10.10 Group photo and coffee break

**SESSION ONE: BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT**

Chair: Ms. Provia Nangobi, Senior Public Relations Officer,  
URSB

10.10 – 10.30 **General Introduction to Intellectual Property (IP) and Traditional  
Knowledge (TK), Genetic Resources (GRs) and Traditional Cultural  
Expressions (TCEs)**

Speaker: Ms. Efua Kwansima Halm, Intellectual Property Expert  
and Legal Researcher, University of the  
Witwatersrand, South Africa

10.30 – 10.50 **National Perspectives on IP and TK, GRs and TCEs**

Speaker: Mr. Gilbert Agaba, Manager IP, URSB

10.50 – 11.30 **IP and TK, GRs and TCEs: An Overview of Policy and Legal Issues and International and Regional Developments**

Speakers: Mr. Wendland

Mr. Emmanuel Sackey, Intellectual Property Development Executive, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

11.30 – 12.00 Discussion

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch break

**SESSION TWO: NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EXPERIENCES**

Chair: Mr. Bernad Mukasa. Advocate and Member Uganda Law society

13.00 – 14.00 **Protecting Uganda and East Africa's TK and TCEs: Challenges, Needs and Expectations**

Panel Discussion

Panelists: Representatives of indigenous peoples, local communities, tradesmen in TK and TCE based goods, government, academia and EAC Representatives

**SESSION THREE: BRANDING AND DOCUMENTATION OF TK AND TCEs**

Chair: Mr. Nameo Chiku-Deputy Registrar General, Malawi

14.00 – 14.45 **The Role of IP in Promoting and Commercializing Products based on TK and TCEs**

Speakers: Mr. Edgar Tabaro, Advocate and Partner Karuhanga and Tabaro Advocates

Ms. Halm

14.45 – 15.15 Discussion

15.15 – 16.00 **IP and Documentation of TK and TCEs**

Showing of WIPO-UNTV film, Digitizing Traditional Culture in Kenya

Speaker: Ms. Halm

16.00 – 16.30 Discussion

16.30 – 16.45 Arrangements for Session Four

Wednesday, 5 July, 2017

8:30 – 8:40 Recap of Previous Day's Presentations and Discussions

8.40 – 9.00 **IP and Documentation of TK and TCES (Cont.d)**

Speaker: Ms. Juliana Naumo Akoryo, Commissioner Culture and Family Affairs, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development

**SESSION FOUR: CASE STUDIES**

Chair: Ms. Juliana Naumo Akoryo

Facilitators: Mr. Wendland  
Ms. Banya  
Ms. Halm

9.00 – 10.00

**Group work: Case Studies**

*(Divide participants into 6 groups of 16/17 people, 2 groups per case study)*

**Case Study 1: Intellectual Property and Traditional Medical Knowledge**

Facilitator: Mr. Wendland

**Case Study 2: Intellectual Property and TCES**

Facilitator: Ms. Banya

**Case Study 3: Intellectual Property and Documentation of TK and TCES**

Facilitator: Ms. Halm

10.00 – 10.30

**Group work: Case Studies Report back**

**SESSION FIVE: POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS**

Chair: Mr. Kafunjo Twinomujuni, PA Registrar Generals Office

10:30 – 10.50

**Developing Legal Frameworks for the Protection of TK and TCES: Challenges and Opportunities**

Speakers: Dr. Anthony Kakooza, Dean, Faculty of Law, Uganda Christian University

10.50 – 11.10 Discussion

**SESSION SIX: WAYS FORWARD**

Chair: Ms. Mercy .K. Kainobwisho

11.10 – 12.10 **IP and TK for Economic Development: The Way Forward for Uganda**

Panel Discussion

Panelists: Representatives of indigenous peoples, local communities, tradesmen in TK and TCE based goods, government and academia

12.10 – 13.00 Wrap-up of workshop

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 14.45 **CLOSING OF WORKSHOP**

Closing remarks and handing out of certificates by:

Mr. Bemanya Twebaze

Ms. Banya

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