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FOREWORD

Establishment of the ARIPO Academy has enabled the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) to enhance its Intellectual Property awareness drive through its capacity building programs. In 2008, the Academy partnered with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe to jointly offer a Masters in Intellectual Property (MIP) degree program. The tracer study of the MIP graduates conducted in 2016 revealed that the graduates have remained relevant to the development of IP systems in their respective countries through development of national and institutional IP policies, actively participating in review of IP-related Laws, supporting IP teaching in institutions of higher learning, as resource persons in IP awareness workshops, while others have initiated introduction of IP teaching in their institutions. The ARIPO Academy and Africa University also jointly launched the African Journal of Intellectual Property (AJIP) on 9 December 2016. In order to address the critical need of IP experts on the African continent, the Academy has also partnered with Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Ghana to offer the MIP from March 2018.

Furthermore, the institutions of higher learning continue to engage the ARIPO Academy for assistance in Intellectual Property Policy development besides IP awareness drives. In 2017, the Academy embarked on an IP Awareness Initiative for universities and research and development institutions. In this initiative ARIPO with Higher Education Institutions (HEI) in its member states to conduct seminars on Intellectual Property. The seminars are intended to enhance IP awareness among staff and students with a view to promoting the creation, protection and utilization of research results using intellectual property tools.

The ARIPO Academy is committed to providing capacity building services to institutions and member states of the Organization with a view to contributing to the development through use of intellectual property.

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PREFACE

The ARIPO Academy strives to become the Centre of Excellence for all IP training programs in the region and Africa as a whole. This is in view of its mandate to promote the development of the intellectual property system in Africa through the development of human capital in the field of IP, and development of capacity building courses and materials on intellectual property. In implementing its mandate, the ARIPO Academy also fosters partnerships and cooperation with other IP institutions worldwide.

The Academy offers a wide range of programs that include general IP courses, Academic Programs, professional programs, research studies, publications, IP awareness programs, tailor-made courses, internships, development of training modules, as well as supporting the development of IP Policies for institutions. The Academic programs include two Masters degree programs in IP that the Academy is offering in partnership with WIPO and Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe and with Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Kumasi, Ghana. Another masters degree program in IP will be offered jointly with the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania from May 2019.

The publications of the Academy include the African Journal of Intellectual Property (AJIP), the directory of IP experts, and the MIP Textbook which is being jointly published with Africa University and Japan Patent Office (JPO). The Academy's IP Awareness initiative has from 2017 focused on Higher Educational Institutions (HEI) in its member states to enhance IP awareness among staff and students with a view to promoting the creation, protection and utilization of research results using intellectual property tools. The professional courses currently under offer focus on the administrative and registration procedures under the aripo protocols; patent drafting; and patent examination. The patent Drafting course is annually offered in collaboration with WIPO and JPO while the patent examination is being developed in collaboration with IP Australia.

This portfolio presents the capacity building programs that the ARIPO Academy undertakes and plans to undertake in 2018. It provides a detailed description of each program or course, with adequate information for prospective clients on course objectives, course content, delivery methods and the target audience.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) is an inter-governmental organization established by the Lusaka Agreement in 1976. The main objective for establishing ARIPO is to pool resources of the member states together, for the promotion, development and use of intellectual property (IP) for economic development. Currently ARIPO has nineteen member states with its headquarters in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Article III of the Lusaka Agreement mandates ARIPO to establish schemes for the training of staff in the administration of Intellectual Property laws, organize training seminars and other meetings on intellectual property matters and promote the exchange of ideas and experience as well as conduct research studies in the field of intellectual property. Through the ARIPO Academy, the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization provides capacity building activities for the development of intellectual property systems in its member states and Africa as a whole.

2.0 FUNCTIONS OF THE ARIPO ACADEMY

The ARIPO Academy was established to:

- i. Promote the development of the intellectual property system in Africa
- ii. Train intellectual property experts and promote the development of human resources in the field of IP
- iii. Develop training courses on intellectual property
- iv. Conduct research and studies and make available information on IP for the general public
- v. Foster partnerships and cooperation with other IP Centres worldwide.

In pursuit of these functions, the Academy undertakes the following programs:

1. General course on intellectual property
2. Professional Development courses
3. Academic Programs
4. University IP Awareness Initiative
5. Publications
6. Tailor-made Courses
7. Institutional IP Policy Development Support
8. Attachments & internship

3.0 GENERAL COURSES ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

3.1 Introductory Course on Intellectual Property

Introduction	This course provides an overview of intellectual property principles and concepts
Objectives of the course	To raise awareness of the general concepts and principles of intellectual property and its importance for economic and social development.
Course content	• Overview of IP
	• Copyright and Related Rights and media
	• Patents
	• Industrial designs
	• Trademarks
	• Geographical Indications

Course content	• New Plant Varieties
	• Emerging Issues in IP
	• Trade secrets
	• Unfair Competition
	• Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore
	• Routes for protection of Intellectual Property: National, Regional, International
	• Enforcement of IP Rights
	• Intellectual Property management (IP Audit, valuation and monetization)
• Intellectual Property and Life Sciences, climate change, and sports	
Mode of delivery	• PowerPoint presentations, Group discussions and plenary sessions
Language of instruction	English
Target audience	IP generators, Administrators of intellectual property rights; Law enforcement agents, SMEs, Policy makers, broadcasting institutions, etc
Training period	3 days
Venue	ARIPO Academy, Harare, Zimbabwe
Dates	

3.2 Intellectual Property and Public Health

Objectives of the course	The aim of the course is to introduce to participants the role of Intellectual Property in the promotion of innovation and public health
Course content	• Patents, Innovation and Pharmaceutical R&D
	• Compulsory Licensing
	• TRIPS Agreement and Intellectual Property in Health
	• The Doha Declaration on TRIPS and Public Health
	• Public, non-commercial use of patents
• Parallel Imports	
Mode of delivery	• PowerPoint presentations, case studies, Group discussions and plenary sessions
Language of instruction	English
Target audience	Health professionals, Policy makers, Law enforcement agents, etc
Training period	3 days
Venue	ARIPO Academy, Harare, Zimbabwe
Dates	

4.0 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Academy offers the following courses to enhance the professional development of the participants. Some of professional development programs are implemented in collaboration with cooperating partners.

4.1 Training Course on the Administrative and Registration Procedures under the Harare and Banjul Protocols.

Introduction	In response to the capacity building needs of its member states, the ARIPO Academy organizes a Training Course for National IP Offices on the Administrative and Registration Procedures under the Harare and Banjul Protocols.
Objectives of the course	The course aims to enhance participants' understanding and practical experience on the administrative and registration procedures of industrial property titles under the Harare and Banjul Protocols.
Course content	• Overview of ARIPO and its functions
	• Overview of the Harare Protocol
	• Filing and Processing of ARIPO Applications under Harare Protocol
	• Processing of PCT Applications
	• Overview of the Banjul Protocol
	• Filing and Processing of Applications under Banjul Protocol (Marks)
	• Online applications
Mode of delivery	• PowerPoint presentations, group discussions, practical exercises, case studies
Language of instruction	English
Target audience	National IP Offices, IP attorneys and agents
Training period	3 days
Venue	ARIPO Academy, Harare, Zimbabwe
Dates	

4.2 Training Course on Patent Drafting

Introduction	The Training Course on Patent Drafting is organized in partnership with WIPO, and with the financial assistance from the Japan Patent Office (JPO)
Objectives of the course	The course is organized to enhance participants' knowledge and skills needed for the drafting of patent specifications, claim design and interpretation with the ultimate goal of increasing the level of patenting in the region.
Course content	• Overview of patents
	• Introduction to the ARIPO Patent System and Procedures
	• Preparing Patent Applications
	• Typical Parts of the Patent Applications
	• Patent Claim Drafting : Patent Claim Format and Claim Sets
	• Filing Patent Applications
	• Specific types of claims
	• Patent Drafting Techniques
Mode of delivery	• PowerPoint presentations, group discussions and practical exercises
Language of instruction	English
Target audience	R&D Institutions, Universities and Patent attorneys and agents
Venue	ARIPO Academy, Harare, Zimbabwe
Training period	5 days
Dates	3 to 7 September 2017
Registration deadline	3 August 2018

4.3 Intellectual Property Concepts and Principles: Introductory Course for Journalists

Introduction	The journalists are important in promoting awareness of IP rights. Hence they need to have an understanding of intellectual property principles and concepts for effective reporting.
Objectives of the Course	The course aims to build the capacity of journalists to understand and cover intellectual property issues with a view to raise IP awareness among the general public. The course will also help to promote respect for IP rights among journalists as well as encourage protection of intellectual property.
Course Content	• Introduction to intellectual property rights
	• The role of journalist in enhancing IP Protection
	• The role of regional and national IP offices
	• IP Strategies for journalist
	• Copyright and related rights
	• Copyright in the digital environment
	• Challenges of journalists
	• Piracy and Counterfeiting
	• The use of IP to protect knowledge
	• The use of Social Media
	• Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
Mode Of Delivery	• PowerPoint presentations, General discussion, group discussions and exercises

Language of Instruction	English
Target Audience	Journalists and broadcasting organisations
Training Period	2 days
Venue	ARIPO Academy
Dates	

4.4 ARIPO Regional Patent Examination Training (RPET) Program

The ARIPO Academy has partnered with IP Australia to deliver the Regional Patent Examination Training (RPET) program which is a modern, comprehensive and intensive competency based blended online training program for patent examiners. It will be blended into ARIPO Academy's existing training framework. The Academy will be the training centre for its Member States and non-Member States. The program embeds learning into the workplace while providing the ability to align domestic practices with international standards.

Objectives of the course	This training aims to improve the competency of examiners in conducting search and examination to international standards (PCT standards), leading to greater confidence in the patents taken out.
Course content	<p>Phase A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1 : Understand intellectual property systems, understand role of ARIPO and introduction to patents • Unit 2 : Construe patent specifications • Unit 3 : Classify patent applications using class symbols • Unit 4 : Assess clarity, full disclosure, support (Section 3) • Unit 5 : Assess novelty • Unit 6 : Assess inventive step • Unit 7 : Assess unity • Unit 8 : Write examination reports • Unit 9 : Undertake patent examination and produce complete examination reports <p>Phase B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 10 : Assess claims for excluded subject matter and industrial applicability • Unit 11 : Assess allowability of amendments and examine reports at a first/further stage • Unit 12 : Examine divisional patents • Unit 13 : Examine utility models • Unit 14: Assess and examine technology specific patent applications • Unit 15: Produce reports at a further stage <p>Phase C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 16 : Conduct Searching and produce search and examination reports • Unit 17 : Independently undertake technology specific searches <p>Phase D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 18: Independently undertake complex searches and examinations.

Mode of delivery	Online training , group discussions, individual assignments
Language of instruction	English
Target audience	Patent Examiners, research scientist, Academic staff
Venue	ARIPO Academy, Harare, Zimbabwe
Training period	18 months
Dates	1 March 2018 to 31 July 2019

4.5 Improving competitiveness of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs): How to maximize profits using intellectual property

Introduction	<p>IP assets are valuable business assets that should be protected to improve the competitiveness of the SMEs. Therefore, SMEs need to understand the benefits of acquiring the Intellectual Property Rights, and the steps required for protecting, managing and enforcing IP to achieve a competitive commercial advantage.</p> <p>In addition, SMEs are also users and consumers of the IP assets of others. Therefore being aware of and knowing how to use different IP tools allows SMEs to access and lawfully use IP assets of others.</p>
Objectives of the Course	The course is designed to enhance participants' understanding of IP rights and how they can use them to add value to their products and services and promote competitiveness of their businesses.
Course Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to intellectual property • What are the different IP rights? • The relevance of IP to SMEs • Challenges facing SMEs • How SMEs can protect their IP • IP Asset Management • Maximizing profits using IP • Enforcement of IP rights • Ways of making SMEs competitive
Mode of Delivery	• PowerPoint presentations, General discussion, group discussions and exercises
Language of Instruction	English
Target Audience	SMEs, business managers, entrepreneurs, inventors, chambers of commerce, national associations of industries, government institutions responsible for SMEs
Training Period	3 days
Venue	ARIPO Academy
Dates	To be advised

4.6 Intellectual Property Course for Parliamentarians

Introduction	Parliamentarians have important role in developing appropriate legislations for the development of their countries. In recent years intellectual property has become a critical component of national development plans. It is within this context that parliamentarians need to be made aware of intellectual property and its role in fostering innovation and creativity to facilitate the enactment of IP laws.
Objectives of the Course	This course provides parliamentarians with an overview of the different forms of intellectual property and its importance for economic development. It will also enhance an understanding of the Framework for the Protection of Intellectual Property and the legislative role of the parliamentarians
Course Content	• Introduction to intellectual property concepts and principles
	• Economic Importance of Intellectual Property
	• International Framework for the Protection of Industrial Property
	• International Framework for the Protection of Copyright and Related Rights
	• Creating and Nurturing National Innovation and Creative Ecosystem – Key drivers of economic growth
	• National Intellectual Property Legislation and the functions and tasks of the National IP Office
	• The Role of the Executive Authority and Judiciary in the field of Intellectual Property.
	• Respect for IP (IPR Enforcement)
Mode of Delivery	• PowerPoint presentations, General discussion, group discussions and exercises
Language of Instruction	English
Target Audience	Parliamentarians, judicial officers
Training Period	3 days
Venue	ARIPO Academy
Dates	To be advised

5.0 ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS PROGRAM

The ARIPO Academy, under the Academic Institutions Program, offers Joint Master's Programs in Intellectual Property in cooperation with selected academic institutions in its member states. The MIP programs are aimed at creating IP expertise in Africa, supporting IP teaching in institutions of Higher Learning, as well as promoting the IP systems in Africa. The curricula and syllabi of the programs are developed jointly by the ARIPO Academy and the partner institutions.

The following Joint Master Programs will be organized in 2017/18:

1. Master's Degree in Intellectual Property (MIP), jointly offered by the WIPO Academy, the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and the Africa University, Mutare, Zimbabwe
2. Master's Degree in Intellectual Property (MIP), jointly offered by the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana.
3. Master's Degree in Intellectual Property (MIP) jointly offered by the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania.

5.1 Masters in Intellectual Property (MIP) jointly offered by the WIPO Academy, the ARIPO Academy and the Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe.

The WIPO-ARIPO-Africa University Masters in Intellectual Property (MIP) Program commenced in 2008 and runs for a period of 12 months and comprises three phases of distance learning, residential learning and research project. More information about this program is provided in the following Table:

Course Content	Distance Learning Phase (1 May to 20 July 2018)
	• General introduction to intellectual property
	• Patents
	• Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical indications
	Residential Learning Phase at Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe (1 August to 7 December 2018)
	• Patents and Utility Models ; Industrial designs
	• Branding, Geographical Indications and Unfair Competition
	• Copyright and Related rights
	• Intellectual Property and Public Health; Food Security and Biotechnology.
	• Traditional knowledge, Folklore and Genetic Resources
	• IP Assessment Management, Strategic Planning, Technology Transfer and Entrepreneurship
	• Innovation and Entrepreneurship
	• IP and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and IP Management
	• Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights
	• Practical sessions and IP Conference at ARIPO during last two weeks of residential Phase
Dissertation Phase (8 December 2018 to 30 April 2019)	
• Research and writing of a dissertation	
Mode of delivery	• Lectures, Individual assignments, group discussions, practical exercises and study visits
Admission requirements	To be considered, applicants should have at least a Bachelor's degree (second lower class) in any discipline from a recognized academic institution and a minimum of two years working experience
Target Audience	Interested applicants with a minimum of Bachelor's degree (second class lower) and two years work experience
Scholarships	Thirty scholarships are available (20 from WIPO and 10 from ARIPO). Ten places are reserved for self-sponsored students. The scholarships cover tuition fees, registration fees, return ticket, accommodation, study permit fees and medical insurance. Visa costs, if any, are at the expense of participants.
Application forms	The program is advertised from mid-December to end of February every year during which application forms are made available on the websites of the WIPO Academy, ARIPO and Africa University as follows: www.wipo.int/academy ; www.aripo.org ; www.africau.edu
Application period	15 December 2017 to 28 February 2018
Commencement date	1 May 2018

5.2 Master’s Degree in Intellectual Property (MIP), jointly offered by the ARIPO Academy and the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana.

ARIPO academy has partnered with Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, Ghana to launch a two-year Master of Intellectual Property degree programme in August 2018 as follows:

Course Content	Year I Semester I
	• MIP 551 : Introduction to Intellectual Property
	• MIP 553 : International Intellectual Property System and Institutions
	• MIP 555 : Industrial Property (Patents, Utility Model and Innovation, and Industrial Designs)
	• MIP 556 : Branding (Geographical Indications, Trademarks, Breach of Confidence and Unfair Competition)
	• MIP 559 : IP on Biotechnology, Public Health, Food Security, Plant Breeders Right
	• MIP 560 : Copyright and Neighboring Rights
	Year I Semester II
	• MIP 552 : Protection of Traditional Knowledge, Folklore and Genetic Resources
	• MIP 554 : Strategic Planning, Technology Transfer, Licensing, Commercialization and Start-ups (IP & Social Dimensions)
	• MIP 561 : IP Management, Audit, Valuation and Monetisation
	• MIP 557 : Respect for Intellectual Property Rights, Infringement and Litigation
	• MIP 558 : Research Methods, Pedagogy and Statistics
	Eletives
	• MIP 562 : Intellectual Property Rights for Engineers and Scientists
	• MIP 564 : Intellectual Property, Innovation and Creative Economy
	• MIP 566 : Intellectual Property and Business Environment
	• MIP 568 : Intellectual Property and Cyber Space
	Year II Semester I
	• MIP 651: Integrated Study Assignment
• MIP 697: Research Project and Seminar I	
Year II Semester II	
• MIP 698: Research Project and Seminar II	
• Research and writing of a dissertation	
Mode of delivery	• Lectures, Individual assignments, group discussions, practical exercises and study visits
Admission requirements	Applicants should have at least a Bachelor’s degree (second class lower) in any discipline from a recognized academic institution and a minimum of two years working experience
Scholarships	Five scholarships are available from ARIPO. The scholarship shall cover the cost of a return air ticket, board and lodge at KNUST, tuition fees, registration fees and medical insurance. Visa costs, if any, are at the expense of participants.
Application Procedure	Interested candidates with the requisite qualifications are invited to submit their applications online on the website of the University, www.knust.edu.gh .
Application deadline	27 April 2018
Starting date	August 2018

5.3 Master's Degree in Intellectual Property (MIP) jointly offered by the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania.

Course Content	Distance Learning Phase (May to July)
	• General introduction to intellectual property
	• Patents
	• Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical indications
	Residential Learning Phase at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, (August to December)
	• MIP 632: Introduction to Intellectual Property
	• MIP 686: Patents Law and Innovation
	• MIP 687: Trade and Service Marks
	• MIP 688: Copyright and Neighboring Rights
	• MIP 689: Law on Biotechnology and Plant Breeders' Rights
	• MIP 698: Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Folklore
	• MIP 699: International Intellectual Property System and Institutions
	• MIP 700- Intellectual Property Licensing Law and Practice
	Dissertation Phase (December to April)
• Research and writing of a dissertation	
Mode of delivery	• Lectures, Individual assignments, group discussions, practical exercises and study visits
Admission requirements	In order to be considered for admission, the applicant must be a holder of any Bachelor degree from a recognized academic institution with a GPA of 2.5 or above.
Language of instruction	English
Scholarships	Five scholarships are available from ARIPO. The scholarship shall cover the cost of a return air ticket, board and lodge at UDSM, tuition fees, registration fees and medical insurance. Visa costs, if any, are at the expense of participants.
Application Procedure	The program is advertised from mid-December to end of February every year during which application forms are made available on the websites of the ARIPO, www.aripo.org and University of Dar es Salaam, http://www.udsm.ac.tz
Commencement date	1 May 2019

6.0 IP AWARENESS INITIATIVE FOR ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

The ARIPO Academy is undertaking the following initiatives with a view to enhancing IP awareness among staff and students in the Universities and Colleges of the ARIPO member states.

6.1 Intellectual Property Seminars for Academic and Research Institutions

Introduction	<p>The ARIPO Academy is implementing its IP Awareness Initiative by partnering with Universities in the member states of the Organization to conduct seminars on Intellectual Property for academic and research institutions.</p> <p>In its 2018 University IP Awareness Initiative, the ARIPO Academy will partner with universities in the following member states: Botswana, Liberia, Mozambique, Namibia and Zimbabwe</p>
Objectives of the Course	The seminars are intended to enhance Intellectual Property awareness in Academic and Research Institutions with a view to promoting the creation, protection and utilization of research results using intellectual property tools for the economic and technological development
Course Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to intellectual property concepts and principles • The Role of ARIPO in Shaping the IP System and Education in Africa. • Leveraging on Academic and Research Publications through Copyright • Copyright Protection and Enforcement in the Digital Environment Emerging Issues • Leveraging on research and Development Results using Industrial Property • Using Trademarks and Industrial Designs as Tools for Branding and Value Addition to University Outputs • Recent Research Achievements of the University of Liberia • Intellectual Property Legal Framework and Registration System for Liberia • ARIPO Registration System under the Harare, Banjul and Swakopmund Protocols • Fostering use and exploitation of IP in Universities
Mode of Delivery	• PowerPoint presentations, General discussion, group discussions and exercises
Language of Instruction	English
Target Audience	Researchers, lecturers, administrators, staff and students
Training Period	2 days
Dates	<p>Zimbabwe: 26 – 27 March 2018 Liberia: 7 – 8 May 2018 Namibia: 19 – 20 June 2018 Botswana: 4 – 5 July 2018 Mozambique: 23 – 24 July 2018</p>

6.2 Institutional IP Policy Development Support

The ARIPO Academy promotes and supports the development of Institutional IP Policies for Research & Development Institutions, universities, colleges and any other institutions. ARIPO in collaboration with WIPO has developed guidelines on Intellectual Property Policy and Strategy formulation. The guidelines are aimed assisting institutions in the development of their IP policies so as to foster more effective use of the IP System by Universities and Research and Development Institutions in Africa

6.3 Development of Model IP Course for Universities and Colleges

The ARIPO Academy will in 2018 develop a Model IP course for Educational institutions of higher learning. The curricula will be recommended to educational institutions for inclusion in their curriculum with a view to ensuring that students graduate from these institutions of higher learning with knowledge of intellectual property.

7.0 PUBLICATIONS

7.1 African Journal of Intellectual Property (AJIP)

The ARIPO Academy partnered with Africa University and launched the African Journal of Intellectual Property (AJIP) in December 2016. The journal was launched in response to the growing need for documentation of, and access to research outcomes in diverse aspects of intellectual property in Africa. A special feature of the journal is the promotion of African scholarship and research emanating from universities, research institutions, legal practice, administrative bodies, the judiciary and other sectors with a stake in intellectual property policy, administration, enforcement and management.

Purpose of the Journal	The African Journal of Intellectual Property aims to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Stimulate research to build collective, evidence-based knowledge around intellectual property. The journal will revolve around the principles underlying intellectual property and provide standards for, and expectations of, how research and scholarship is conducted. This will ultimately contribute to the enhancement of professionalism in the field of intellectual property.2. Strengthen collaboration and cross-fertilization of ideas among IP researchers, policy-makers and users.3. Inform a better quality results-driven intellectual property policy and legislation based on application of the learning shared through the journal and provide the much needed space within academic literature for practitioners, policy-makers and academics to engage in dialogue with each other. The journal will also form a platform to foster increased linkages among diverse actors engaged in intellectual property.4. Help in defining research gaps and key trends as a way to inform policy, practice and further research.
Scope of the Journal	The scope of the journal encompasses all areas of intellectual property and related fields in Africa as well as comparative research touching on international, regional and national standards vis-a vis the African position. It would therefore welcome articles to cover the wide spectrum of the field. The Editorial Committee may decide to broaden the scope of the journal to explore IP-related issues in health, education, food security, the environment etc. These themes may be the focus of special editions.
Editions	The journal is published bi-annually. Each journal edition features 5 to 6 peer-reviewed articles, or and reviews written by academia, post- graduate students, researchers and practitioners in the field of intellectual property.

Peer Review Process	All submissions are peer-reviewed through a double-blind process. Each submission is assessed by at two reviewers qualified to evaluate a manuscript on a given intellectual property topic. Peer reviewers may generally take two to three weeks to review a manuscript and write feedback comments.
Plagiarism Check	All submitted articles are subjected to plagiarism check to ensure that only original articles are published.
Modes of Publication	The modes of publication include electronic and hard copies.

7.2 ARIPO Directory of IP experts

The Academy has compiled a directory of intellectual property experts which consists of two parts. The first part is the Directory of MIP graduates from Africa University disaggregated by country and cohort. The second part consists of other IP experts who are not MIP graduates. Both the MIP graduates and other IP experts provide a rich pool of knowledge and expertise from which the Academy and IP Offices can draw resource persons for training programs and other IP related activities. The Directory is updated annually.

7.3 MIP Textbook

The ARIPO Academy in partnership with WIPO Academy and Africa University and with financial assistance from the Japan Patent Office (JPO) is working on publishing a textbook to be used for the MIP programs. The book is a key output of the Masters in Intellectual Property programme offered by Africa University in collaboration with the WIPO and ARIPO.

The textbook will be an important collection for the intellectual property students, the practising intellectual property attorneys, the entrepreneurs, innovators, IP management specialists and anyone with an interest in the field of intellectual property. The contributing authors are renowned specialists teaching and practising intellectual property across Africa and beyond.

7.4 Tracer Study

The ARIPO Academy in collaboration with MIP partners will be conducting a tracer study of the MIP graduates every five years. This tracer studies will be aimed at assessing the effectiveness of the MIP Program in achieving its objectives as well as to assess its impact on the development of the Intellectual Property System in Africa. The findings of the study will also be used by the implementing partners to improve the planning of future educational and training programs.

The first tracer study was conducted in 2016 for the WIPO, ARIPO and Africa University MIP Program. It covered graduates who participated in the joint MIP Program during the first seven cohorts. The tracer study can be accessed from the ARIPO website. www.aripo.org.

8.0 DEVELOPMENT OF CUSTOMISED TRAINING MODULES

Institutions can request the Academy for Tailor-made training courses that meet their intellectual property needs. These are mostly required by institutions that require specific and targeted training that is relevant to their specialized roles. Examples of these participants are Customs officials for border measures, judiciary, SMEs, librarians, enforcement officials and others.

In 2018, the Academy will develop IP awareness training modules for the following audiences:

- (i) Judiciary Training Institutes
- (ii) Police Academies
- (iii) Broadcasting institutions

9.0 ATTACHMENTS AND INTERNSHIP

The ARIPO Academy accepts internships and attachments on request. The internship may last three to six months.

10.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

To register or request for IP training, individuals and institutions should fill Registration Form and Training Request Form respectively which can be downloaded from the ARIPO website, www.aripo.org. The completed forms should be emailed to training@aripo.org.

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