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Welcome

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Programs will focus on intellectual property as a tool to support innovation in developing countries for the benefit of industry, research institutions and farmers. The International Training Programmes on ‘Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources – in support of innovation’ is directed to persons that are policymakers with a mandate to implement changes relevant for intellectual property and innovation in relation to genetic resources. These programs are intended for government, research, businesses and organizations connected to intellectual property and the farming sector. Participating organizations are expected to be open to change and to invest their own resources to achieve these changes. The program focuses change on an individual level, organizational level and ultimately on a national level.

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OBJECTIVES
This programme will build human capacity in Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources - in Support of innovation.

Each training will provide the participants with an understanding of the rationale of the intellectual property system including:

- how intellectual property can be used to support innovation,
- how intellectual property can be used to make new technologies available,
- how intellectual property can support rural development,
- how to use intellectual property to empower small businesses,
- how intellectual property can promote scientific research,
- how IP could contribute to inclusive economic growth and reduced poverty.

The programme will explore the complex and evolving policy landscape for intellectual property, innovation, agriculture and biodiversity such as WIPO-treaties, UPOV, WTO/TRIPS, the CBD and its Nagoya Protocol, the FAO Plant Treaty and WHO PIP Framework. The national implementation of these international obligations and available options and flexibilities will be analysed including taking into account national and local stakeholders’ roles and needs and special attention will be given to gendered perspective of intellectual property for different user groups.

An important component in the programme is to apply the knowledge and the skills from the project of change or other projects initiated by the participants, potentially in collaboration with other partners in the networks leading to sustainable changes e.g. in the form of new policies, legislative initiatives, new administrative processes or new co-operations for innovation, identifying local or national products for commercialisation or other business opportunities for research organisations, universities, private companies and farmers.

Networking is also an important component of the programme; participants from different stakeholder groups and countries meet and learn from each other’s experiences. They also have unique opportunities to interact with key stakeholders during the training. This will facilitate networks on a national and international level and support the sustainability of results from the program.

Contents

- Intellectual property (IP) in the field of genetic resources in agriculture and other sectors
  - IP’s importance in trade and innovation
  - IP rights: patents, plant breeders rights, trademarks, geographical indications, copyright, trade secrets etc.
  - Traditional knowledge: regional and scientific experiences
- International IP framework: TRIPS, UPOV and WIPO
  - National implementation, options and flexibilities
- Access and benefit-sharing (ABS):
  - Convention on Biological Diversity, including the Nagoya Protocol and Cartagena Protocol
  - Mutually agreed terms, prior informed consent, compliance, traditional knowledge
  - International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
  - Standard Material Transfer Agreement, farmers’ rights, Multilateral System of ABS, Global Information System on Plant Genetic Resources
- WHO Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PIP) Framework
- National implementation, options and flexibilities
  - Seed systems: formal and informal
  - Institutional development and good governance
  - Agricultural innovation, commercialisation and rural development
  - Access and dissemination of knowledge
  - Building awareness of Intellectual Property
THE PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF FIVE PHASES:

**The first phase** is a preparatory phase where the participants should prepare a 3–4-page country report containing an analysis and review of the intellectual property system in relation to genetic resources and innovation in the agricultural and other sectors from the perspective of their respective organisation. This report will also contextualize the project of change and serve as a baseline in relation to this project.

The participants shall also identify and reaffirming management approval (including approval of resources) for the project of change, preferably with conditions to become or be a part of a multi-stakeholder project. Two weeks prior to arrival in Stockholm, a project outline shall be submitted to the organisers. This project will be dealt with during the following phases.

**The second phase** consists of a three-week training starting in Stockholm 2 September. During this training phase, information will be provided as a basis for discussion about the legal, managerial and practical aspects of intellectual property in general as well as to support innovation especially for agricultural, food security, rural development. The training will be cross-cutting considering aspects such as international obligations and flexibilities to intellectual property and biodiversity and recent technical developments presented by experts. The needs and perspectives of different stakeholders such as businesses, research institutions and farmers will be explored through unique study visits and together with the public sector aiming at reaching a common understanding of intellectual property and national priorities.

The country reports and the projects will be discussed. Networking among the participants will be encouraged. Networking with stakeholders will be facilitated by study-visits. Lessons-learned from previous projects will be shared.

**The third phase** takes place in the participants’ home organisations where they are expected to implement the project they have selected in phase one and have discussed with Swedish and international experts during the second phase of the Training Programme. When participants are implementing the projects in their home countries, mentors will be assigned for each of the projects and support through electronic means will also be available from Swedish and international experts. The final reports on the implementation of the country projects will be submitted 4 weeks before the starting date of the regional follow-up meeting (fourth phase of the Programme). The final reports should include a project budget, a project plan with timeframe, and a progress report on the implementation of the national projects.

**The fourth phase** will consist of a 5-day follow-up meeting in the target region. The country projects will be presented.

**The fifth phase** is the work with the project after the follow-up meeting. Each training program cycle will end six months after the follow up when each participant will be requested to report on the implementation or status of the country project and answer a short questionnaire.

**THE TRAINING**

The training will be carried out through e.g. lectures, discussions, case studies, practical work, and study visits. Considerable time will be devoted to the country report giving a background to the situation in the respective participants’ country and to the country project.

**THE COUNTRY PROJECT**

The selected individual project should aim at bringing change in their institution in the area of Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources-In Support of Innovation, by bringing about concrete local or national development. Participants will be asked for proof of support from their organisation since success of the project is directly related to the participants’ and their organisations’ commitment.

The projects may have a short, medium and long term duration. In this context, it should be noted that the project does not necessarily have to reflect the final outcome at the time of the follow-up meeting, but rather only report the progress in the implementation of the project. Each project will be assigned a mentor. No funding will be provided by the organisers.

**DATE AND PLACE**

The second phase training will start in Stockholm, Sweden 2 and end 21 September, 2018. The follow-up phase of the programme will take place 10–15 March, 2019 in one of the target regions.

**TEACHING**

Swedish and international experts representing different stakeholders on intellectual property and genetic resources will deliver lectures and participate in discussions and case studies as well as assist the participants with their work on the projects.

All training will be conducted in English.

**MANAGEMENT AND STAFF**

Staff of the Swedish Patent and Registration Office will be available during the second phase to support the participants. Mr. Patrick Andersson is Program Manager and responsible for the training.

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**TIMETABLE**

**WHERE:**
The Swedish Patent and Registration Office in Stockholm, Sweden and a regional follow-up.

**WHEN:**
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Admission requirements

TARGET REGIONS
Africa and Asia.

INVITED COUNTRIES
The following countries are invited to nominate candidates: Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?
The Programme is directed towards policymakers and their advisers as well as persons at a senior decision-making level from the government sector, the university or other research organisation, the private sector or farming organisation who are or who will be involved in issues concerning intellectual property or innovation in relation to genetic resources.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS
Only candidates nominated by an appropriate organisation and in accordance with national rules will be considered.

The participants accepted to the programme shall be obliged to participate in all phases of the programme. Substitutes will not be accepted for any of the phases.

Management approval for all participation and project work is mandatory.

The participant should have proficiency in the use of computers (word processing) and access to computers with Internet connection in the home country (for e-mail communications).

The WIPO General Course on Intellectual Property (DL101) or equivalent knowledge is recommended. The participant’s professional role in his/her home country and organisation is more important than formal qualifications.

The applicant should include a motivation for participation. An outline of the Country Project shall be submitted together with the application form. The outline should identify other stakeholders. Joint projects with different stakeholders are encouraged in order to enhance policy collaboration.

For example, competent authorities for intellectual property and genetic resources of a country, or a university and a farming organisation in a country could apply jointly.

When accepted to the programme, candidates will be asked to prepare an elaborated short description of the change project.

The application should also comprise a motivation from the applicant’s superior on how the organisation intends to use the training strategically since participating organisations are encouraged to nominate participants on sequential trainings to build on previous participants work for a sustainable change process. In line with this, to strengthen managerial support, it is foreseen that managers in organisations that provide multiple participants may have the opportunity to meet managers from other participating organisations during the project period.

The number of participants is limited to maximum 27.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS
The training programme will be organised and conducted in English. Candidates from countries where English is not an official language should do a language test with an official body in the home country, unless other documentation to support for her/his ability can be provided. Proficiency in English shall be certified on the Application form.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS
Considering the training programme consists of international travels and work away from home in a new environment, good health and full working capacity is conditioned. It is therefore recommended that candidates undergo a medical examination before filling in the Medical Statement in the Application form.

COSTS
The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) will cover all costs related to all programme phases except personal expenses, visa fees or any local airport taxes and departure fees.

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APPLICATION PROCESS
Application should be written on the special form attached and include a recent photograph and required information and documents, including a tentative outline of the country project.

When necessary, the application should be approved by the official nominating authority in your country.

Application in original with required signatures and attachments should be submitted to the nearest Swedish Embassy/Consulate. If there is no appropriate Swedish Embassy/Consulate in your country, the application should be submitted directly to the Training Programme Secretariat.

Applications submitted after closing date will not be considered.

2 http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/courses/distance_learning

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