

AGENDA

09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome & opening of the meeting Teresa Koroma, Honourable Deputy Minister for Trade & Industry Constantine Bartel, ICTSD Geneva
09:45 – 10:00	Context and objectives for the national stakeholder dialogue & the IPR technical assistance needs assessment diagnostic study Beatrice Dove-Edwin, Ministry of Trade & Industry, Government of Sierra Leone
10:00 – 10:30	Introduction to the IPR technical assistance needs assessment diagnostic study Tom Pengelly & Mart Leesti, Saana Consulting
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 11:45	Interactive Session #1 – Exploring needs for IPR-related technical assistance and capacity building in Sierra Leone <u>IPR-related policymaking, co-ordination & legal framework</u> This topic covers technical assistance and capacity building needs related to researching and examining policy options for IPR reform to achieve national development objectives (e.g. related to public health, mass education, rural and industrial development, and economic growth and poverty reduction); supporting broad-based stakeholder consultation; strengthening institutional mechanisms for inter-governmental policy co-ordination; participating in international negotiations and rule-making on IPR; and updating the national legal framework in line with international rights and obligations (e.g. the WTO TRIPS Agreement). <u>IPR administration</u>

	<p>This topic covers technical assistance and capacity building needs related to development of institutions responsible for IPR administration (covering potentially patents, petty patents/utility models, trademarks, industrial designs, copyright, geographical indications, plant varieties and integrated circuits, and traditional knowledge), including modernization of organizational frameworks; computerization of administration processes and archives; streamlining of procedures; upgrading premises and facilities; formal and on-the-job training and human resource development; and exploiting opportunities for regional and international co-operation (e.g. ARIPO, Patent Co-operation Treaty, Madrid system for Trademarks).</p> <p>Facilitators: Tom Pengelly & Mart Leesti, Saana Consulting</p>
<p>11:45 – 12:45</p>	<p>Interactive Session #2 – Exploring needs for IPR-related technical assistance and capacity building in Sierra Leone</p> <p><u>Promoting innovation, creativity and access to technology & knowledge for development</u></p> <p>This topic covers technical assistance and capacity building needs for development of policies and institutions to support use of the IPR system for economic and social development, such as government incentives and funding of R&D; establishment of patent information services to increase access to technologies; provision of IP management services for SMEs to use trademarks and other IPRs to increase competitiveness and value-addition in domestic and export markets; upgrading professional legal services to support IP management and technology licensing; and improving IPR education and awareness raising amongst the private sector and general public.</p> <p><u>Enforcement & regulation of IPRs</u></p> <p>This topic covers technical assistance and capacity building needs related to the regulatory framework and public/private sector institutions responsible for enforcing IPRs (e.g. customs, police, judiciary as well as private sector bodies such as artists associations, collective management societies and chambers of commerce); preventing abuse to distort competition against the interest of consumers (e.g. through restrictive business practices); and safeguarding the public interest (e.g. balancing protecting of IPRs with national public health, mass education, rural and industrial development and economic growth & poverty reduction objectives).</p> <p>Facilitators: Tom Pengelly & Mart Leesti, Saana Consulting</p>
<p>12:45 – 13:00</p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Beatrice Dove-Edwin, Ministry of Trade & Industry, Government of Sierra Leone</p>

	Dr Julius Spencer, Premier Media
13:00	End of Meeting and Lunch Reception