

transfer in order to guide developed countries in the implementation of Article 66.2 of the TRIPS Agreement.

IV. THE PROCESS FOR ASSESSING THE NEEDS

Several consultations to determine priority needs have been co-ordinated by the Government of Uganda during 2007 with a variety of national stakeholders and with the technical support of independent international experts. A pilot project jointly undertaken by ICTSD and Saana Consulting titled "Assessing the Needs for Financial and Technical Cooperation of LDCs in Implementing the TRIPS Agreement" has been instrumental in assisting Uganda to identify its various technical and financial assistance needs.¹

The needs assessment process has identified the prime obstacles faced by Uganda in using the IP system to promote innovation and facilitate the transfer and dissemination of technology with a view to enhancing competitiveness and integration in the global economy. In this sense it adds an additional dimension to the scope of the Uganda Diagnostic Trade Integration Study carried out under the Integrated Framework.

V. SETTING PRIORITIES AND A PLAN OF ACTION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

capacity and on investigating the socio-economic impacts, international experiences in other countries, and identification of the optimum legal and regulatory frameworks for their administration in Uganda as well as in a regional context (e.g. EAC, COMESA, ARIPO, etc).

Innovation, technology transfer and using IP for development

Improving business education and awareness about IP for small and medium

administration in Uganda should include substantive technical examination and, if so, how

ANNEX B

OUTLINE PROGRAMME PLANNING MATRIX

**STRATEGIC GOALS &
OBJECTIVES**

**IDENTIFIED NEEDS FOR
TECHNICAL & FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE**

**PROPOSED MAIN
ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS
NEEDS**

**LEAD
NATIONAL AGENCIES**

**PROVISIONAL TARGET
TIMETABLE**

STRATEGIC GOALS & OBJECTIVES	IDENTIFIED NEEDS FOR TECHNICAL & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	PROPOSED MAIN ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS NEEDS	LEAD NATIONAL AGENCIES	PROVISIONAL TARGET TIMETABLE
Project 2: Using IP for development, promoting innovation, creativity, and technology transfer	<p>A. Improving business education and awareness about IP for SMEs targeting the creative industries (copyright and related rights), agricultural (plant varieties, trademarks, geographical indications) and manufacturing sector in particular (patents and trademarks).</p> <p>B. Development of a patent information service (PIS) to support innovation and technology transfer.</p> <p>C. Identification of the potential economic value of national creative & cultural industries</p>	<p>Training of SMEs, staff managing the PIS, university and private sector researchers and legal practitioners (as potential patent agents) in patent database searching and reading patent documentation</p> <p>Design and implementation of an online, fully searchable patent information service at the URSB, and possibly other sites, based on global patent databases</p> <p>Study to assess feasibility of adding limited technical search and examination resources to the URSB to support patenting and dissemination of patented technical information.</p> <p>Survey of economic value of national creative & cultural industries and potential domestic and export market development opportunities and constraints</p>	<p>Ministry of Tourism, Trade and Industry</p> <p>Uganda Registration Services Bureau</p> <p>Uganda National Council for Science and Technology</p> <p>Uganda Industrial Research Institute</p> <p>Makerere University</p> <p>Ministry of Gender and Social Development</p>	

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Project 3: Modernizing IP administration infrastructure	<p>A. Developing an optimal business model for intellectual property administration in Uganda by benchmarking against international best practice.</p> <p>B. Enhanced human resources at URSB.</p> <p>C. Computerization of registries for trademarks, industrial designs, copyright and patents.</p>	<p>Develop an optimal business model for intellectual property administration in Uganda by benchmarking against international best practice.</p> <p>Staff recruitment, design and implementation of competency-based training programmes, including patent search and substantive examination (if warranted)</p> <p>Design and implementation of fully computerized processes, workflows and registries for trademarks, industrial designs copyright and patents.</p>	<p>Uganda Registration Services Bureau</p> <p>Uganda National Science & Technology Council</p> <p>Uganda Industrial Research Institute</p>	<p>IP resource and management audit to define optimal business model for</p>

