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organized by
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

in cooperation with
the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho

Maseru, August 26 to 28, 1997

PROGRAM

prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO

Tuesday, August 26, 1997

09.00 Opening

Chairman: P. S. Ministry of Natural Resources

Statement by the Representative of the Director General of the
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Statement by the UNDP Resident Representative,
Mr. John Kakonge

Statement by the Representative of the Kingdom of Lesotho
the Hon. Minister of Natural Resources, Hon. S. Mokhehle

09.30 Coffee break

09.45 Chairman: Registrar General, Mrs. 'Nyalleng Pii

Topic 1: The Industrial Property System and Commercialization of Inventions
and Research Results

Speaker: Mr. Vladimir Yossifov, Head, Development Cooperation
Program and Planning Section, WIPO

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11.00 **Topic 2:** Technological Information Contained in Patent Documents and its Use
by Inventors

Speaker: Mr. Eduardo R. Fernández, President, Argentine Association of
Inventors, Member of the Executive Committee of the
International Federation of Inventor's Associations (IFIA)

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12.45 Lunch

14.00 Chairman: Mrs. M. Williams, Senior Research Officer,
Department of Science and Technology

Topic 3: Promotion of Innovation and Inventive Activity at the Regional Level:
The African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)

Speaker: Mr. Mzondi Haviland Chirambo,
Director-General, ARIPO

14.45 **Topic 4:** Innovation and Invention in the Southern Africa: The Example of Developing the “Ro-Bust”, an International Award Wining Invention and Other Innovative Technologies

Speakers: Mr. Johann Mey, Business Manager (Mining), Swartklip Products, Cape Town, South Africa

Mrs. Esmé du Plessis, Intellectual Property Attorney, Adams and Adams, Pretoria

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15.45 Coffee Break

16.15 **Topic 4** (cont'd)

17.00 Country Reports on the Promotion of Innovation and Inventive Activity in Represented Countries

Speakers: Participants

17.30 End of Session

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09.00 Chairman: Mrs. Mabahla Makahaya, Secretary, Lesotho Association of Inventors

Topic 5: Assesment and Evaluation of Inventions and their Commercialization

Speaker: Mr. John Turner, Managing Director, Flinders Technologies, Australia

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10.30 Coffee break

10.45 **Topic 6:** Challenges to an African Inventor: Experience of a Winner of the 1995 WIPO/OAU Best African Inventor Award

Speaker: Dr. O. Ovadje, Nigerian Inventor, Lagos, Nigeria

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12.15 Lunch

14.00 Chairman: Registrar General, Mrs. 'Nyalleng Pii

Topic 7: Promotion of Innovation and Inventive Activity at the International Level: The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA)

Speaker: Mr. Eduardo R. Fernández

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15.30 Coffee break

15.45 **Topic 8:** Governmental Support for Inventors in Lesotho

Speaker:

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16.45 Country Reports on the Promotion of Innovation and Inventive Activity in Represented Countries

Speakers: Participants

17.30 End of Session

Thursday, August 28, 1997

09.00 Chairman: Director of Administration, Ministry of Law, Mr. Maluke

Topic 9: WIPO's Development Cooperation Program in Respect of the Promotion of Inventive and Innovative Activity

Speaker: Mr. Vladimir Yossifov

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10.30 Coffee break

10.45 Country Reports on the Promotion of Innovation and Inventive Activity in Represented Countries

Speakers: Participants

12.00 Official Closing: Minister of Law and Constitutional Affairs,
Hon. Sephiri Motanyane

14.00 Exhibition of Inventions

Chairman: Mr. L. Mokotjo, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry

15.00 Giving of Awards by the Hon. Minister of Trade and Industry, Hon. Lira Moteetee

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