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and
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PROGRAM

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Wednesday, March 26, 2014

- 8.30 – 9.00 Registration
- 9.00 – 9.20 Ms. Grace Issahaque, Chief State Attorney, on behalf of Mr. Joseph Kofi Harley, Registrar General, Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice, Accra
- Ms. Yaa Attafua, Acting Copyright Administrator, Copyright Department, Ministry of Justice, Accra
- Mr. Edward Kwakwa, Legal Counsel, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva
- 9.20 – 9.50 **Topic 1** **A Balanced Approach to Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) – Strategic Goal VI of WIPO**
- Speaker: Ms. Louise van Greunen, Director, Building Respect for IP Division, WIPO
- 9.50 – 11.00 **Topic 2** **National Legal Framework within which to Enforce IP Rights in Ghana**
- a) Industrial Property Rights
- Speaker: Ms. Grace Issahaque
- b) Copyright and Related Rights
- Speaker: Ms. Yaa Attafua
- c) The Textile Industry
- Speaker: Mr. James Quashie-Idun, Legal Practitioner, Accra
- 11.00 – 11.20 Tea Break
- 11.20 – 11.40 **Topic 3** **Effective Border Measures – Article 51 to 60 of the Trade-Related Aspects of IPRs (TRIPS) Agreement**
- Speaker: Ms. Junko Yamamoto, Technical Attaché, World Customs Organization (WCO), Brussels
- 11.40 – 12.00 **Topic 4** **Consumer Attitudes and Perceptions**
- Speaker: Ms. Louise Van Greunen
- 14.15 – 15.00 **Topic 5** **Implementation of Part III of the TRIPS Agreement – a Practical Training Scenario**
- Moderators: Ms. Louise Van Greunen
- Ms. Junko Yamamoto

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 14.20 **Topic 6** **Can Criminal Sanctions be Justified?**

Speaker: Ms. Louise Van Greunen

14.20 – 15.20 **Topic 7** **Effective Investigation and Prosecution: Understanding the Elements of Intellectual Property (IP) Crimes**

a) Trademarks Act and Copyright Act

Speaker: The Hon. Justice Brian Southwood, Judge of the Gauteng Provincial Division of the High Court of South Africa, Pretoria

b) Industrial Designs Act (Textile Designs)

Speakers: Mr. James Quashie-Idun

Mr. Felix Mawusi, Commercial Crime Unit,
Ghana Police Service, Accra

15.20 – 15.40 **Topic 8** **Disposal of Infringing Goods**

Speaker: Ms. Louise Van Greunen

15.40 – 16.00 Tea Break

16.00 – 16.45 **Topic 9** **Breakout Discussion Groups**

a) Police / Copyright Inspectors / Prosecution

The role of the respective agencies: legislative frameworks; the size and seriousness of counterfeiting and piracy; organized crime in connection with IPR infringement; powers of the police and other agencies to act *ex-officio*; investigating IP crimes; legal means of securing evidence; sample evidence; storage and destruction of infringing goods; challenges in the judicial process; cross border information exchange; the online infringement of IPRs and the challenges of the virtual world; appropriate penalties and the applicability of proceeds of crime / money laundering legislation; and other topical issues.

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b) Consumer Protection / Health Inspectors / Bureau of Standards

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c) Customs

The role of customs: latest trends in the cross-border trade of infringing goods; economic impact of border enforcement and its efficiency; procedures, risk analysis and risk management; transit and transshipment; identification of counterfeit and pirated goods; seizure and storage of goods; destruction and recycling; simplified procedures: advantages and disadvantages; evidentiary issues and court proceedings at national level; inter-agency cooperation at national level; sub-regional and regional cooperation; and other topical issues.

Moderators: Ms. Junko Yamamoto

Customs Official

16.45 – 17.20 **Topic 10**

Report Back and Roundtable on Strategic Cooperation

Moderators: Mr. Edward Kwakwa

Ms. Louise Van Greunen

Ms. Junko Yamamoto

Representative of Registrar General's
Department

Ms. Yaa Attafua

17.20 – 17.30 Closing Ceremony

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