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AFRIPI TO REINFORCE CAPACITIES OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN KENYA ON RECORDATION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

*At the request of Kenya's **Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA)**, **AfrIPI** will help to increase Kenyan IP enforcement officials' skills in recordation of intellectual property rights. **AfrIPI** is an intellectual property development project funded by the European Union and implemented by the **European Union Intellectual Property Office – EUIPO**.*

From **4 – 5 October 2022**, AfrIPI will deliver tailor-made training to representatives of the ACA, and five other agencies, on the opportunities and challenges of IP recordation and on contemporary strategies to combat counterfeiting. The workshop will explore best practices and pitfalls for IP recordation, benefiting from the experience of experts from Algeria, Mauritius, South Africa and the European Union.

The workshop will bring together ACA senior officials, first line enforcement officers and other important stakeholders in the IP control process in Kenya. Deliberations will feature a high-level panel of key institutional stakeholders and representatives of the local and international business community. They will take stock of Kenya's state of preparedness and explore strategies to build efficient synergies among key actors.

In pursuit of this cooperation endeavour, which is facilitated by the European Union Delegation in Kenya, AfrIPI and the ACA hope to take advantage of the training programme to ensure that proper enforcement of IP rights helps boost technological progress while guaranteeing market access for authentic goods. Consequently, during the second phase of this collaboration, a selected group of key ACA officials will take part in a study visit to Mauritius. The visit will allow them to deepen their knowledge and explore functional mechanisms put in place by the Mauritius Revenue Authority and Department of Customs.

The workshop's opening ceremony, on Tuesday 4 October 2022, will be chaired by the Cabinet Secretary of the Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development in the presence of the Ambassador, Head of the European Union Delegation in Nairobi.

About the Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA)

The Anti-Counterfeit Authority was established under the Anti-Counterfeit Act 2008 as a State Corporation. Its mandate is to:

- enlighten and inform the public on matters relating to counterfeiting;
- combat counterfeiting, trade and other dealings in counterfeit goods;
- devise and promote training programmes to combat counterfeiting;
- coordinate with national, regional or international organisations involved in combating counterfeiting.





The ACA is currently within the Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development. Although the Act was passed by Kenya's Parliament in 2008, it came into force on 1 July 2009 with the principal aim of prohibiting trade in counterfeit goods. The Authority came into operation in June 2010.

About AfrIPI

AfrIPI is a pioneering intellectual property cooperation project that engages joint action between the EU and Africa to boost intra-African trade and facilitate Africa-Europe investment for economic growth and sustainable development. The project is co-financed by the European Commission, through the Directorate General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA), and by the EUIPO. It is implemented by the EUIPO in partnership with African regional and national institutions, notably the African Union (AU) Commission, the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) and the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO).

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