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# Introduction - The Intellectual Property Rights & Innovation (AfrIPI) project

#### **Overview of the project:**

- Project duration five years (2020 2025)
- Close cooperation with local stakeholders: ARIPO, OAPI, African Union
- Team representatives in Zimbabwe (Harare), Cameroon (Yaoundé), Accra (Ghana) and Spain (Alicante)

#### Main objectives:

Promotion of Intellectual Property international agreements Strengthening of national and regional IP institutions Raising awareness of Intellectual Property Rights – focus includes SMEs

Support for Continental strategy for GIs (AU)



### Introduction – The TIDO Trade Mark and Design Guidelines Initiative

**Component II** 

Strengthening of national and regional IP institutions ACTIVITY: Support TIDO in the development of the Office Trade Mark and Design Guidelines

OBJECTIVE: TIDO to have developed its Trade Mark and Design Examination Guidelines, available in Arabic and English, and to serve as a practical guide:

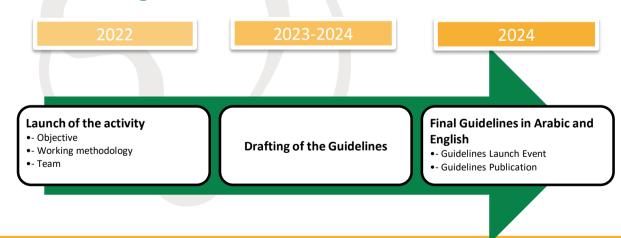
- to the Office examiners in charge of the different procedures
- as a reference to the Office users



#### **Component II**

Strengthening of national and regional IP institutions

#### Activity - Support TIDO in the development of the Office Trade Mark and Design Guidelines









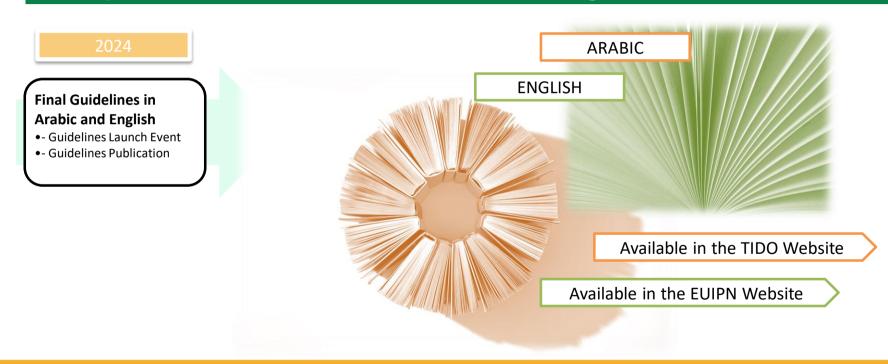
Drafting of the Guidelines

**Compilation** of documents /**Exchange** of Practices information (Kick-off meeting in Cairo)

**Drafting** of the Guidelines in English Review of the Guidelines by TIDO experts in coordination with the AfrIPI/EUIPO Experts

Final draft of the Guidelines in Arabic and English







#### **Guidelines Features**

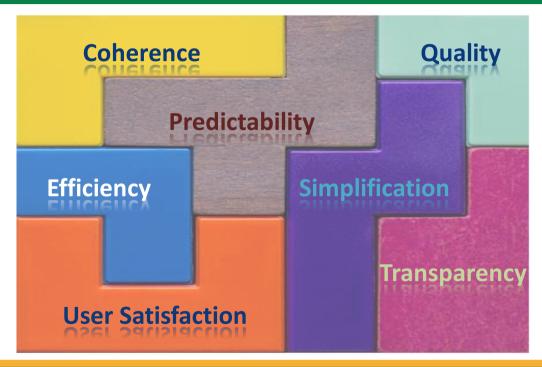


- UNIQUE SOURCE of information of all the substantive examination practice of the Office
  - STRUCTURED
- PRACTICAL to staff in charge of the
  - different procedures and to the users of the

different office services



#### **Guidelines Benefits**



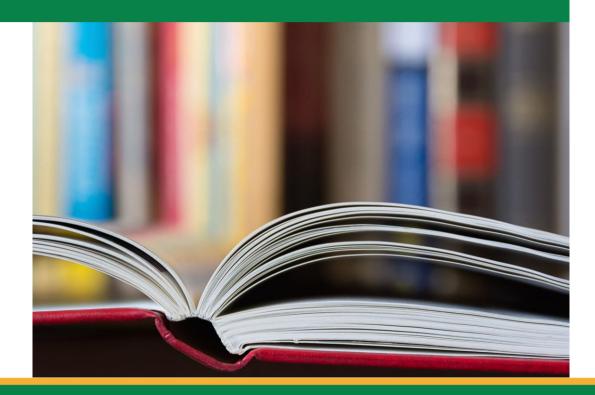


## **Guidelines Benefits**

Open

Cyclic

Flexible



# **QUESTIONS???**



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