

## Inventor Assistance Program (IAP) launched in Kenya



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*Ahmed Isaack Hassan (2nd Right), the Institute's Board Chairman, Allison Mages (3rd Right), Head, Intellectual Property (IP) Commercialization Section, IP for Business Division, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Richard Muteti (Centre), a Member of the Board, and Patrick Nyangweso (2nd Left), Chief Executive Officer, Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI), pose for a group photo after the launch of IAP at a Nairobi hotel. Others in the photo are Joyce Njogu (3rd Left), Head of Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) Consulting, John Onyango (Right), Institute's Acting Managing Director, and David Njunguna (Left), Manager, Institute's Patent Division.*

# Industrial Property News

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## Supporting inventors to protect their IP rights



Ahmed Isaack Hassan (3rd Right), the Institute's Board Chairman, Allison Mages (3rd Left), WIPO, Mary Nafula Mutoro (Centre) and Richard Muteti (2nd Left), Institute's Board Members, John Onyango (2nd Right), Institute's Acting Managing Director, and David Njunguna (Left), Manager, Institute's Patent Division.

## Kenya Joins WIPO's Inventor Assistance Program

**T**he World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), in collaboration with the Institute, launched the Inventor Assistance Program in Kenya on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.

The IAP benefits from a global network of volunteers that provide patent drafting and prosecution services on a pro bono basis to beneficiaries in their own country and in selected jurisdictions. The Program supports inventors and small businesses with limited resources to transform their innovation into commercial assets. It matches selected beneficiaries with a volunteer patent attorney or agent to help them navigate the patent system at no cost.



*Ms. Allison Mages (Standing) , Making her presentation during the launch of Program in Kenya.*



## The launch in pictures

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## WOMEN AND IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity.

**T**he World Intellectual Property( IP) Day is a great opportunity to celebrate the power of innovation and creativity and to explore how IP supports the drive to build a better future. On 26th April 2023, the Institute led Kenyans in celebrating the women inventors, creators and entrepreneurs around the world. The theme for World IP Day 2023 was *Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity*. During the celebration, the Institute recognised the following women Inventors:



**Lilian Songok:** *A professional nutritionist, passionate entrepreneur and founder of Gavo Food Production, a company that specializes in the production of gluten-free food.*

**Esther Kimani:** *The founder and Managing Director (MD) of Farmer-Life-Line Technologies Limited. The agritech company has created a device that helps farmers detect crop diseases and pests in early stages. The technology has seen her scoop various awards including being featured in the COMESA Innovation Awards and recently winning the COP27 Awards.*



**Peres Onyango:** *Manufactures juice and sugar syrup from sugarcane. She has registered a trade mark with the Institute and her products are Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) certified. She promotes healthy organic foods and supports use of sugarcane waste bagasse to make briquette*





**T**he World IP Day 2023 panellists during its celebrations held in a Nairobi hotel (Left to Right) Susan Gachukia, Chief Executive Officer, Sub Sahara Ltd, Anne Obiero, Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA), David Njuguna, Manager, Institute's Patents Division, Lucas Sava, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS), Angela Ndambuki, KNCCI, Tobias Alando, Chief Operating Officer, Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) and Institute's Board Member and Emily Kioko, Kenya Copyright Board (KECOBO)



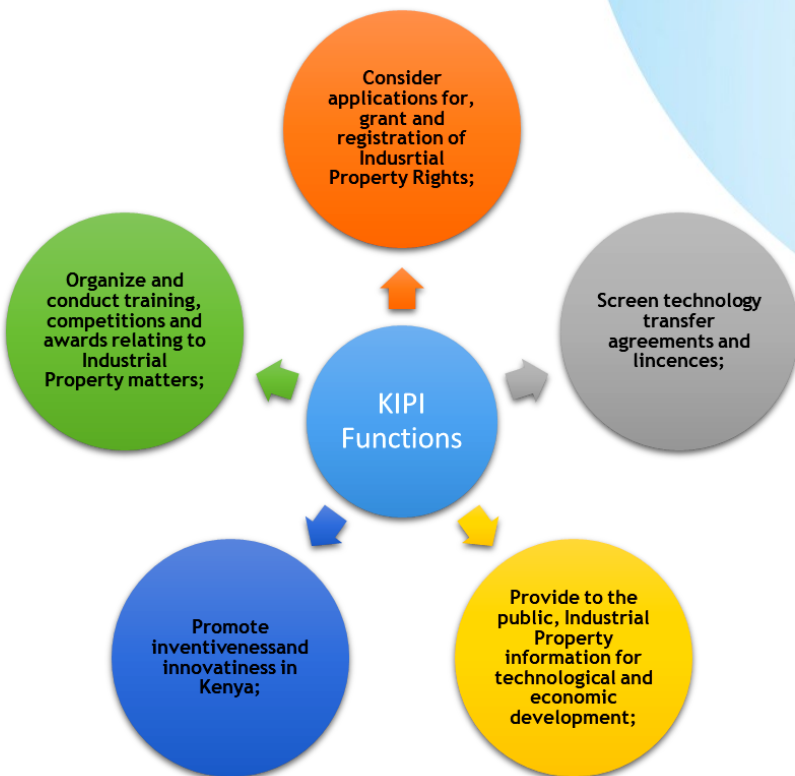
The World IP Day 2023 panellists and its Organising Committee Members pose for a group photo after the celebrations held at a Nairobi hotel.



# Kenya Industrial Property Institute

## Our Services

- ◆ Trade Mark
- ◆ Patents
- ◆ Utility Models
- ◆ Industrial Designs



*Intellectual Property is wealth: Akili, Ujuzi na Uvumbuzi ni mali*



## Technology and Innovation Support Centre (TISC)

**T**he Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) Program provides innovators with access to locally based, high quality technology information and related services, helping them to exploit their innovative potential and to create, protect, and manage their intellectual property (IP) rights. The Institute opened a TISC in Nyandarua National Polytechnic in Nyandarua County. The Center is going to help students access services provided by TISC in the Polytechnic including:

- \* *Patent and scientific and technical databases*
- \* *Analytics - Patent Landscape Reports (PLRs) or related services*
- \* *Assistance and advice in using databases*
- \* *Assistance and advice on IP management - Commercialization*
- \* *Assistance and advice on IP management - Licensing, technology transfer*
- \* *Assistance and advice on IP management - Patent drafting, prosecution*



John Onyango, Institute's Acting Managing Director, cuts a tape to open the TISC in Nyandarua National Polytechnic, Nyandarua County.



## Fare Thee Well Dear Colleague



**Linah J. Kipkeror**  
Sunrise: 10th February, 1967    Sunset: 15th May 2023

Linah Jepkosgei Kipkeror, a receptionist in the Institute's Administration Department, died on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at a Kenyatta National Hospital after a short illness. She was laid to rest on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 in her home in Root Village, Keiyo Mosop Location, Baringo county



The Institute's Staff at the funeral service of the late Linah in Root Village



## Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Based Violence (GBV) Sensitization for KIPI Staff

**B**oth women and men experience Gender-Based Violence (GBV) but the majority of victims tend to be women and girls. GBV is one of the most prevalent and tolerated human rights violations in the world, including at the workplace. It affects all workers, but unequal status and power relations in society and at work

often result in women being far more exposed to violence and harassment.

In June 2021, the Government of Kenya made a decision to end GBV including sexual violence by 2026. When making the announcement, Kenya promised to intensify its campaign to end these violations by undertaking a series of commitments

that would remove the systemic barriers that allow it to thrive. One of the commitments was to ratify and implement the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Convention 190 on Eliminating Gender-Based Violence and Harassment in the World of Work by 2026 in close partnership with the private sector



*Nicasius Njeru, Senior Gender Officer, the State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action, sensitizing the staff about the Institute's Gender Based Violence Policy during a Gender Mainstreaming Training held at its KIPI Centre Offices.*



Institute's Gender-based violence committee Members (Left to Right), James Kavinga, Accounts Section, Penina Chelangat, Human Resource Division, Nimo Somo, Patent Division, Alice Mweki, Trade Mark Division, Josephine Kikuyu, Human resource Department and Stanley Astali, Patent Division, pose for a group photo before the Training.



## Planting trees to conserve the environment and mitigate the effects of climate change in Kenya

**T**he Government, in the Performance Contract Guidelines for the Financial Year 2022/2023, which ended on June 30, 2023, targeted accelerated attainment of 10 per cent national tree cover by 2022 as part of mitigating the climate change effects.

The Board undertook to allocate 10 per cent of the Institute's approved budget to tree-planting while committing to plant 1,000 trees during the Year.

The Institute, in conjunction with the Kenya Forest Research Institute (KEFRI), planted over 1,000 trees in Ng'arwa Rironi Primary School and Lake Ol'Bolossat in Nyandarua County on 16th June, 2023.

Besides the Institute's and KEFRI's staff, the event was attended by, among others, Scholastica Ruto, the Assistant County Commissioner, Wanjohi Sub-County of Nyandarua County, Dr. Eston Mutitu, Regional Director, Central Highlands Ecoregion Research Programme (CHERP), KEFRI, parents, teachers and pupils of Ng'arwa Rironi Primary School and members of the Lake Ol'Bolossat Community Conservation Group (LOCCOG).









## The Technical University of Kenya (TUK) field study visit to the KIPI Centre



Dr. Richard Aruko (Left) from Department of Veterinary Services (DVs) in the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Sammy Ziro (Centre), Institute's Patent Division, and George David Oginga Okwadha (Right), Senior Lecturer, Department of Civil and Construction Engineering, TUK, pose for a group photo during their visit to KIPI Centre.



Institute's Sammy Ziro (3rd Left) and Belinda Ilagosa (Right) meet TUK's (Left to Right) Pascaline Ndila, Sally Chepchirchir, Dr. Salome W. Mathangani, Martha Thao, Rachael Kagoiya and John Muriuki.





### Vision:

A world class institution in administration of industrial property rights

### Mission:

To protect and promote industrial property rights and foster innovation for sustainable development in Kenya.

### Motto:

Intellectual Property is wealth: *Akili, Ujuzi na Uvumbuzi ni mali*

### Core Values:

- a) Confidentiality: We endeavour to guarantee the privacy and confidentiality of our customers' information
- b) Customer focus: We strive to understand and meet customer needs and aim to exceed their expectations
- c) Innovation: We commit to foster an enabling environment that encourages creativity, continuous learning and improvement for efficient and effective service delivery.
- d) Integrity: We endeavour to be honest, fair, and ethical in creating a culture of trust and accountability in all the institute's activities and decision making.
- e) Professionalism: We shall maintain high standards and professional competence in the discharge of responsibilities and delivery of services of services. We shall abide to professional considerations on the methods, standards and procedures in our work.
- f) Team work: We create at the institute a unique atmosphere of collaboration, mutual support and genuine interest in each other's success. Our diverse mix of cultures and experiences provides a variety of perspectives and talents that, when united through teamwork, strengthens our ability to achieve our goals.





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