

Swiss-Ghana Intellectual Property Rights Project (SGIP)



Donor agency

Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)

Implementing agencies

Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI)

Main project partners

Ministry of Trade & Industry (MOTI), Registrar General's Department (RGD), and relevant stakeholders

Project duration

4 years (1 January 2009 – 31 December 2012)

Project development goals

The aim of the project was to assist Ghana in designing a modern IP system in order to improve the business environment, encourage know-how and technology transfer, facilitate exports, and contribute to economic development.

Project specific objectives

- A National Intellectual Property Policy Strategy is drafted and established;
- Ghanaian legislation is in line and up to date with the requirements of the TRIPS Agreement and best practice;
- Sensitize Judiciary on intellectual property issues on a continuous basis;
- Utilization of patent information by the public and private sectors; and
- Assist with the establishment of an Intellectual Property Office.

The main outcomes:

- A National IP Policy Committee was established, which drafted the National IP Policy and Strategy (NIPPS). The NIPPS was finalized after a stakeholder meeting and received Cabinet approval. The NIPPS was ready to be launched by the end of the project;
- The Plant Breeders' Bill and the Revised Trademarks Act received Cabinet approval;
- Validation workshops were held on the following revised Acts: the Industrial Designs Act, the Patent Act and the Geographical Indications Act;
- Colloquia were held for judges on IP topics, and a draft training manual was developed; and
- An international expert with a background in new public management, organization process management and IP, held strategic and operational level workshops on the establishment of the National IP Office. The expert developed a roadmap for the establishment of a National IP Office.

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