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Dr. Juneho Jang, Head, Global Relationship Management Section, Industrial Property Office Business Solutions Division (IPOBSD) at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) speaks during the launch of the Online Patent Filing System in Nairobi

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

Institute targets trade mark system after launching the Online Patent Filing System



Allan Kosgey (7th Left), KIPi Board Chairman, Evelyn Mbaabu (4th Left) and WIPO's Dr. Juneho Jang pose for a group photo with representatives of Patent Agents who attended the launch

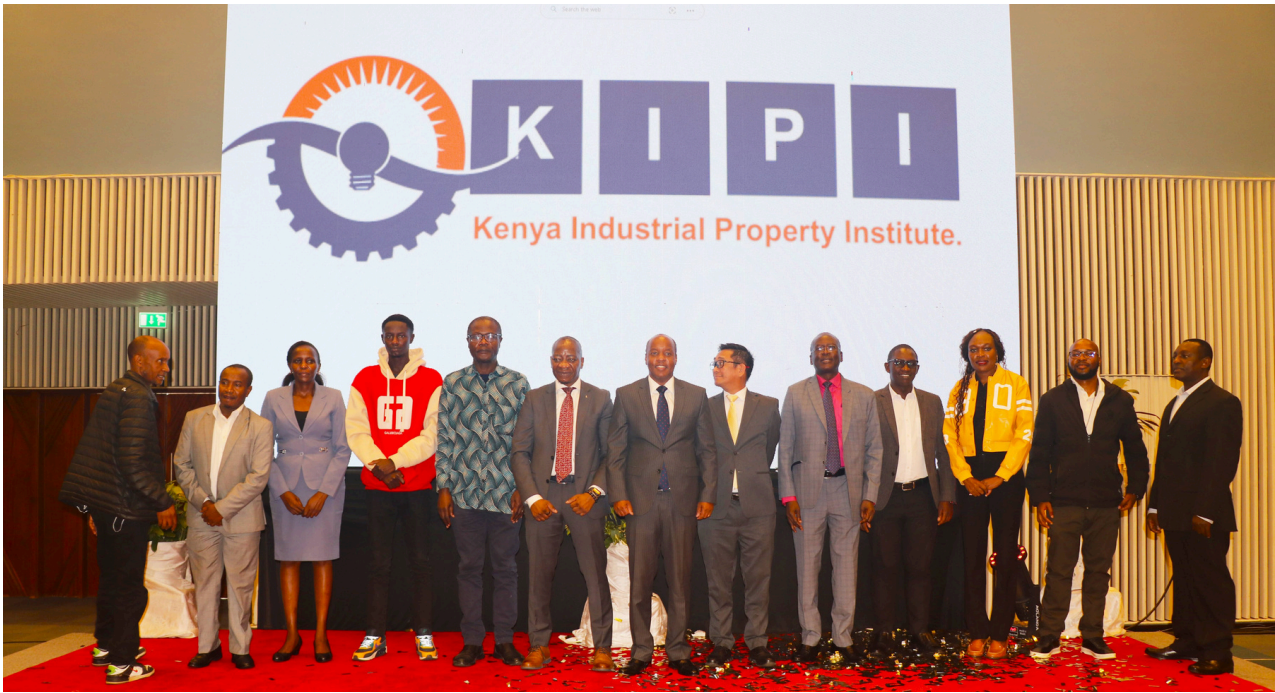
The Institute, in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is working to automate its trade mark filing process after successfully launching the Online Patent Filing System.

“I am also pleased to announce that with the support of WIPO we will soon be launching the Trade Mark Online Filing System,” Allan Kosgey, the Chairman, KIPi Board of Directors, said during the launch of the Patent Filing System at The Edge Hotel and Convention Centre, South C, Nairobi.

The launch of the Online Patent Filing System in Kenya makes it the second African country to digitalise its patent filing after Botswana.

“This System is a secure and user-friendly platform on which users can now file and make payments for applications for patents, industrial designs and utility models, entirely online,” said Kosgey.

A detailed story on the launch of the Online Patent Filing System is available here <https://kipi.go.ke/institute-launches-online-patent-filing-system>



Allan Kosgey (7th Left), KIPI Board Chairman, Board Member, Prof. Ben Sihanya (5th Left) of the University of Nairobi and a patent agent, WIPO's Gregory Sadyalunda (6th Left), Antonio Ros (6th Right), WIPO Expert, John Onyango (5th Right), Managing Director and other patent agents pose for a group photo during the launch.



Participants listen to a presentation during the launch of the System



Institute conducts IP Training for 84 coconut producers from Kilifi County

The Institute, in collaboration with the County Government of Kilifi, conducted an Industrial Property (IP) training for 84 coconut farmers and producers from the county. The training, which drew participants from 14 groups under the Kilifi-based Coconut Producers Consortium (CPC), was held at Pwani University. The training was opened by the Institute Board Chairman, Allan Kosgey, and closed by H.E. Flora Mbetsa Chibule, Deputy Governor, Kilifi County.



H.E. Flora Mbetsa Chibule, Deputy Governor, Kilifi County, signs a visitor's book at the CPC Exhibition Stand as Dr. Mtana Lewa (Left), the CPC Chairman, and other CPC members look on when she toured the exhibition.

For more details on the IP Training click here <https://kipi.go.ke/kipi-hosts-ip-training-coconutproducers-kilifi-county>

Pictorial: IP Training in Kilifi for Coconut Producers



Seated Front Row: H.E. Flora Mbetsa Chibule (4th Left), Deputy Governor, Kilifi County; Dr. Mtana Lewa (5th Left), Chairman, Coconut Producers Consortium (CPC), Stephen Ngeno (3rd Left), KIPI Deputy Managing Director-Technical Services; Hibo Hussein (3rd Right), Manager, Research, Innovation and IP Information, KIPI and other CPC officials pose for a group photo with participants during the IP Training in Pwani University



H.E. Flora Mbetsa Chibule, Deputy Governor, Kilifi County, dances with the participants during the Training.



Henry Kibe, Assistant Manager, Trade Mark Division, KIPI, enlightens the CPC members on the procedure, cost and importance of registering a Collective Mark of their Group during the Training

The Institute's Board engages staff after its inaugural meeting



Allan Kosgey (Left), KIPi Board Chairman, welcomes Lawrence Njenga, a new member and KAM Representative, to the Board

Earlier, during the Board's inaugural meeting, the Chairman welcomed the Board Members including two new faces; Aileen Aluso Ingati, representing the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) and Lawrence Njenga representing the Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM).

Other Members who attended the Meeting are Prof. Elijah Omwenga, representing universities; Victoria Kaigai, representing KAM, and Richard Muteti, representing the Jua Kali and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector. Evelyn Mbaabu, representing the Director General, National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI) and Managing Director John Onyango also attended the Board Meeting.

A detailed story and photo on the inaugural Board Meeting is available here <https://www.kipi.go.ke/kipi-board-holds-inaugural-meeting-following-appointment>

The Institute's Board of Directors engaged the staff shortly after holding its inaugural meeting following the gazettment of its members by Hon. Lee Kinyanjui, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry (MITI). Speaking to the staff, Allan Kosgey, the KIPi Board Chairman, praised them for their service to the Institute's clients and other stakeholders and urged them to keep up the good work.

"Our services play an important role in facilitating innovation, promoting productivity and competitiveness of our country's products and services in the market, which in turn leads to job creation, especially for our youth, for social and economic development of our country," he said during the engagement held on March 19, 2026 in the Institute's KIPi Centre Offices, Lavington, Nairobi.



Mr. Kosgey welcomes another new Member, Aileen Aluso Ingati, representing the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) on the Board



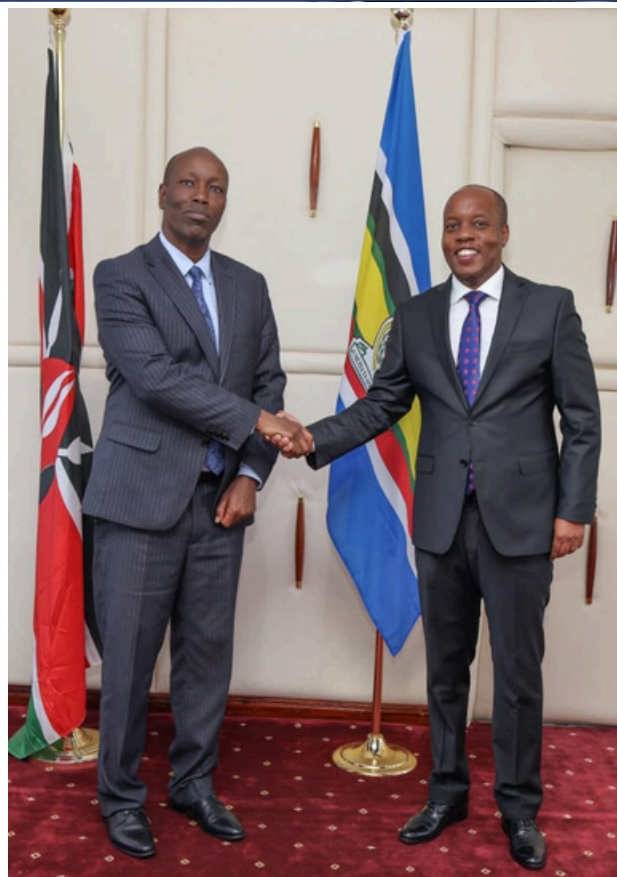
Hon. Lee Kinyanjui (Left), Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry (MITI), engages Allan Kosgey, Board Chairman, during his meeting with the KIPI officers

CS Kinyanjui engages the Institute's Board Chairman and Managing Director in his NSSF Building Office

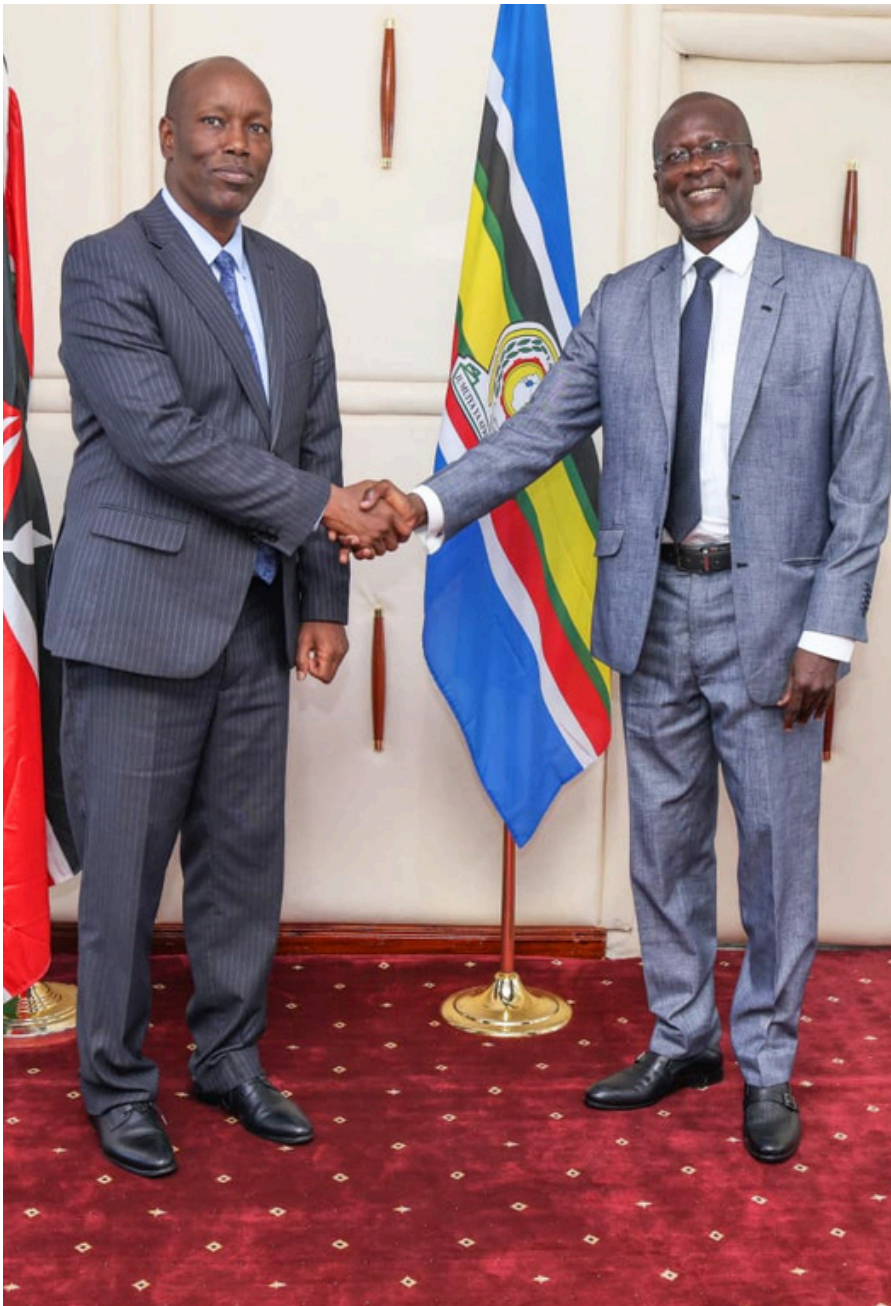
Hon. Lee Kinyanjui, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry (MITI) engaged a team of the Institute's officers led by Chairman Allan Kosgey and Managing Director John Onyango.

The meeting underscored the importance of protecting intellectual property rights and promoting creativity as a means of promoting H.E. the President's Bottom-Up Economic Agenda (BETA).

During the meeting, which was held at the Cabinet Secretary's NSSF Building office, the Chairman expressed his gratitude to CS Kinyanjui, Principal Secretary Dr. Juma Mukhwana and the entire Ministry team for the continued encouragement and support given to the Institute.



Hon. Kinyanjui with the Chairman



Hon. Kinyanjui with KIPI Managing Director, John Onyango

The Government seeks to attain the aspirations of BETA through five key pillars, which are agricultural transformation, a thriving micro, small, and medium enterprise (MSME) economy, housing and settlement, healthcare, and the digital superhighway and creative economy. The plan is part of the country's long-term economic development blueprint, Vision 2030, and its implementation is outlined in the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) for 2023-2027.

CS Kinyanjui meets Ministry and SAGAs Heads of Communication



Hon. Lee Kinyanjui, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry (MITI), addressing the Heads of Communication from the Ministry and its SAGAs

He said there is a big gap between the good job the Ministry and its SAGAs are doing, which is positively impacting the lives of Kenyans, and what the public perceives because the correct information backed by relevant and adequate data is not being effectively communicated.

“We must start to speak in a language, form and tone in which our people will understand what we are saying,” Kinyanjui said during a meeting also attended by Principal Secretaries, Dr Juma Mukhwana of the State Department of Industry, and his Trade Department counterpart, Regina Ombam.

The Cabinet Secretary said Kenyans do not see the Government from a Ministry, Department or SAGA view.

Hon. Lee Kinyanjui, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry (MITI), has underscored the critical role of communication in informing the public on the Government projects, their implementation and impact on the public.

Meeting the Heads of Communication from the Ministry and its Semi-Autonomous Government Agencies (SAGAs), the Cabinet Secretary challenged them to utilise their skills, knowledge and position to inform the public about their institutions mandate, projects and achievements in implementing them as a way of tackling public skepticism against the Government. “Communication is a core enabler in the delivery of the Ministry’s mandate in investment, trade and industry,” he said during a meeting held at The Edge Hotel and Convention Centre, South C, Nairobi.



Dr Juma Mukhwana, Principal Secretary, State Department for Industry, MITI, addressing the team

“They see one Government,” said the CS.

He noted that communication is a strategic function and communication officers should be involved in all Ministry and SAGAs programmes and activities right from the planning stage and not at the execution stage.



Ms. Regina Ombam, Principal Secretary, State Department for Trade, MITI, addressing the communication team



Ms. Regina Ombam (Front 2nd Left), Principal Secretary, State Department for Trade, MITI, pose for a group photograph with the communicators

The Institute participates in the Taptengeli Cultural Festival 2026

The Institute participated in the 2nd Edition of the Taptengeli Cultural Festival, which celebrates the Nandi community's rich culture, heritage, tourism, and unity as a people and was held from 15th to 17th January, 2026.

The Institute's officers sensitized participants during the event about industrial property rights—patents, industrial designs, utility models and trademarks—their importance, and the registration process during the festival, which was held at Kapseon Comprehensive School in Tinderet, Nandi County.



Johanna Kibet (Left), Senior Trade Mark Examiner, explains to a visitor to the Institute's Stand the process of registering a trade mark during the 2nd Edition of the Taptengeli Cultural Festival in Nandi County



Camelyne Imali of the Institute's Administration Department watches as a client signs the visitors book.

The event was attended by, among others, by Rebecca Miano, Cabinet Secretary, Tourism and Wildlife, Hanna Cheptumo, Cabinet Secretary, Culture, Gender and Children Services, Felix Koskei, Chief of Staff and Head of The Public Service, John Ololtai, Principal Secretary, State Department of Tourism and HE Stephen Sang, Governor, Nandi County, among others. The Institute's officers also made industrial visits to working stations of four micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the County.



Benson Baituru, a Patent Examiner in the Institute's Patent Division, engages a client on the process of registering a patent

Institute working with Pwani University to promote research and innovation



Allan Kosgey (4th Left), KIPI Board Chairman, CPC Chairman, Dr. Mtana Lewa (3rd Left), John Onyango (3rd Right), Managing Director, and other officers pose for a photograph with Prof. James Kahindi (4th Right), Vice Chancellor, Pwani University after the courtesy call

The Institute is working with the Pwani University to promote research and innovation at the Kilifi-based institution of higher learning.

Allan Kosgey, the Board Chairman, said the Institute is assisting the University in the development of an Intellectual Property (IP) Policy and setting up a Technology and Innovation Support Centre (TISC).

He said the Policy will guide, among others, the duties and responsibilities of those involved in the research and innovation, and the sharing of benefits of innovation between the university and the researchers/innovators.



Allan Kosgey, the KIPI Board Chairman, signs a visitors book when he led a team of KIPI and CPC officers in paying a courtesy call on Prof. James Kahindi, Vice Chancellor, Pwani University, Kilifi County

"The TISC will enable the university community to access technological, scientific and technical material published in a variety of IP databases from around the world," he said this when he led a team of officers from the institute in paying a courtesy call on Prof. James Kahindi, Vice Chancellor, Pwani University, Kilifi County.



Institute's Allan Kosgey (Left), Chairman and John Onyango (Right), Managing Director, pose for a photograph with Prof. Kahindi after the courtesy call

Prof Kahindi said universities can no longer rely on the exchequer to fund their programmes because it is becoming too much for the government. "We need to convert our university into an entrepreneurial institution and that is why we want to partner with stakeholders such as KIPI to promote and commercialise research and innovation," he said. He said Kilifi County is renowned for its fish, coconut and cassava production and starting to add value and commercialise these products will promote community nutritional needs, improve food security and create jobs and wealth. "Coconut has at least 100 known uses and yet less than 10 are currently being exploited," said Prof. Kahindi, "This is a huge unexploited potential that we, as a University, and other stakeholders, must strive to come up with ways of harnessing it." The Institute's delegation was in Kilifi for the IP Training it hosted at the University in collaboration with the area County Government for 14 groups of the Coconut Producers Consortium (CPC). Among others, KIPI Managing Director, John Onyango, Deputy Managing Director-Technical Services, Stephen Ngeno and CPC Chairman Dr. Mtana Lewa, were part of the team that paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor.



ELDORET NATIONAL ASK SHOW

*Held in Eldoret Showground, under the theme
"Promoting Climate-Smart Agriculture and Trade Initiatives for Sustainable
Economic Growth."*

Institute sensitises public during the 2026 Eldoret National ASK Show



Diana Mambiri of Trade Mark Division leads a team of officers in welcoming H.E Jonathan Chelilim, Governor of Uasin Gishu County, into the Institute's Stand during this year's Eldoret National ASK Show, Eldoret Showground



Jeremiah Korir of Corporate Communication engages a visitor during the Show

The Institute sensitised members of the public and other visitors on industrial property (IP) during this year's Eldoret National Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK) Show.

The theme of the Show, which took place from 4th March, 2026 to 8th March, 2026 at the Eldoret Showground, was Promoting Climate Smart Agriculture and Trade Initiatives for Sustainable Economic Growth.

During the annual event, which features five days of agricultural innovation, livestock and trade, the officers led by Diana Mambiri of Trade Mark Division, welcomed visitors at the Institute's stand, among them, H.E Jonathan Bii, the Governor of Uasin Gishu County.

They explained to the visitors the services the Institute offers to inventors and innovators, including those in the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) Sector. They informed them that the Institute encourages them to protect their IP rights in form of patents, trade marks, industrial designs and utility models



The Institute's officers pose for a group photo during the Show



Institute's Leonard Mwangi (Centre) of Trade Mark Division and Mary Koech of Supply Chain Section attend to visitors during the show.

Board Signs Performance Contract with MITI Cabinet Secretary



Hon. Lee Kinyanjui (Right), CS MITI, presents a copy of the signed Performance Contract to the Institute's Board Chairman, Allan Kosgey (2nd Right), during the ceremony. Others in the picture are PS Regina Ombam (Centre), State Department of Trade, Prof. Erastus Gatebe (Left), Industrialization Secretary, SDI, and John Onyango (2nd Left), Managing Director, KIPi.

The Institute's Board and Management led by the Chairman, Allan Kosgey, signed a performance contract with Hon. Lee Kinyanjui, the Cabinet Secretary for Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry (MITI).

The Cabinet Secretary emphasised that the Ministry's success reflected the collective efforts, positioning it in a pivotal position in nation-building during a ceremony held at the Ministry's NSSF Building Headquarters, Nairobi.

"We bear a huge responsibility to make the nation work unlocking jobs through value addition and achieving self-sufficiency in consumables," the CS said.

During the event, the CS also signed performance contracts with Chairs and CEOs of other State Agencies (SAGAs) under the Ministry.

A detailed story on the event is available here: <https://kipi.go.ke/board-signs-performance-contract-cabinet-secretary>.

Performance Contract signing pictorial



Hon. Lee Kinyanjui speaks during the ceremony



Hon. Lee Kinyanjui and officers from the Ministry, its SAGAs and Prime Cabinet Secretary office during the Ceremony



John Onyango (Left), Managing Director, receives Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak, the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Science, Research, and Innovation, at the Institute's KIPI Centre Offices

Government working to strengthen university-industry linkages

The Government is working to strengthen linkages between universities and the industry sector, support researchers to file patents through the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), and increase local ownership.

PCT, which is administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), is a filing system that offers a cost-effective means for companies and innovators to seek patent protection for inventions in multiple countries, currently standing at 158 contracting States.

“True innovation is not just using technology. It is owning it. Let us climb the Global Innovation Index together,” said Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak, the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Science, Research, and Innovation, Ministry of Education.

He said Kenya’s industrial property (IP) filings are rising but foreign applications account for a large number of them.

“While foreign patents dominate, our focus is shifting to converting homegrown research into Kenyan-owned global IP,” said Prof. Abdulrazak when he paid a courtesy call on John Onyango, the Institute’s Managing Director, in his KIPI Centre office.

The PS noted patents applications increased from 1,085 in 2021 to 1,280 in 2025, while patent granted increased from 381 to 462 over the same period. During the period, applications for industrial designs increased from 245 to 360 and those registered from 187 to 295.

“These are promising numbers, but numbers alone are not enough. We need systems that help universities, research institutes, and startups file patents internationally, protect ideas, and scale innovations locally and globally,” he said.



John Onyango (Right) presents a copy of the Institute's Strategic Plan 2023-2027 to Prof. Abdulrazak

On his part, Onyango said the Institute, in collaboration with WIPO and African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), has been working closely with universities, technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and research institutions to promote research and innovation.

“We have been conducting IP awareness trainings, assisting in the development of individual IP policies and establishment of Technology and Innovation Support Centres (TISCs),” he said. A WIPO Programme, a TISC enables one to access technological, scientific and technical material published in a variety of intellectual property (IP) databases.

Onyango informed the PS that the Institute is in the process of digitalizing its services, which will see applicants and other users access all IP online.

Since then, the Institute has launched the Online Patent Filing System with the Trade Mark Online Filing System expected to follow suit in a short while.



John Onyango, Managing Director, flanked by Elvine Apiyo (Centre), Assistant Manager, Legal Division, and Diana Mambiri, Examiner, Trade Mark Division, explains to Prof. Abdulrazak how the Institute has been working closely with learning and research institutions to promote research and innovation

Chuka University students visit KIPI Centre on a learning tour



The Institute's officers and Chuka University students pose for a group photo during the learning tour to KIPI Centre

A group of Chuka University students, accompanied by one of their lecturers, Dr. Peter Gituma, visited the Institute's KIPI Centre Offices off Waiyaki Way, Nairobi, for a learning tour.

They were received by the Institute's officers: Belinda Ilagosa, in charge of Patent Division Benson Mwangela, a patent examiner; and Brenda Haro, a trademark examiner. The officers took the students through the process, fees charged, and benefits of protecting Industrial Property (IP) rights in the form of patents, industrial designs, utility models, and trademarks and IP's role in research and innovation in universities. Ilagosa noted that Chuka University has made deliberate efforts to promote research and innovation.

“We are happy Chuka University has established a Technology and Innovation Support Centre (TISC), which is an important tool for research and innovation,” she said.

A TISC enables one to access technological, scientific and technical material published in a variety of intellectual property (IP) databases.



Left to Right: Brenda Haro, Trade Mark Examiner, Belinda Ilagosa, Patent Division In-Charge, and Benson Baituru, Examiner, Patent Division during the meeting with a group of Chuka University students



Chuka University students seated during the meeting

For details on TISCs click here:

<https://kipi.go.ke/technology-and-innovation-support-centres-tisc>



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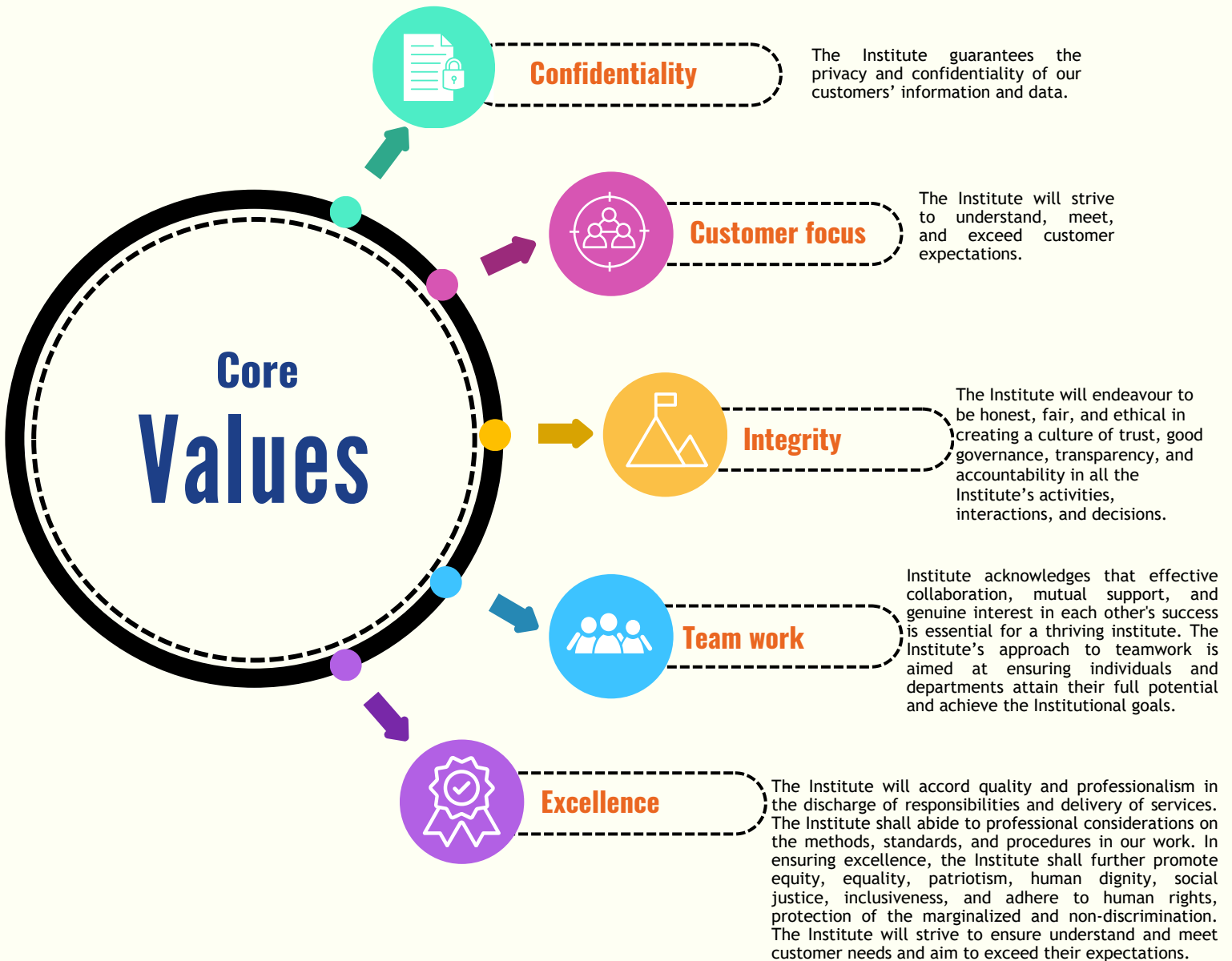
Fostering global innovation and creativity for sustainable development.

Mission:

To promote inventive and innovative activities through protection of Industrial Property rights for an innovative and creative Kenya.

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