



**AFRICAN REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY ORGANIZATION
(ARIPO)**



**ЕВРАЗИЙСКАЯ ПАТЕНТНАЯ ОРГАНИЗАЦИЯ (ЕАПО)
THE EURASIAN PATENT ORGANISATION
ЕВРАЗИЙСКОЕ ПАТЕНТНОЕ ВЕДОМСТВО (ЕАПВ)**

Memorandum of Understanding between the African Regional Industrial Property Organization [ARIPO]

And the

The Eurasian Patent Organization [EAPO]

The African Regional Industrial Property Organization [ARIPO] and the Eurasian Patent Organization [EAPO]

Desiring to establish and maintain cooperation in the field of Industrial Property,

Recognizing the vital role of industrial property in technology transfer and economic development for the betterment of the member states of the two organizations,

Understanding that close cooperation between the two offices is an essential element in solving common problem for inventors and the business community in both the member states of the two organizations,

Have therefore reached the following general understanding on cooperation in the field of industrial property,

- i) The establishment of a working relationship between the two offices for mutual benefit in the field of industrial property of the two organizations and their respective member states,

- ii) Carry out joint consultations and discussions concerning mechanisms for technical cooperation and other matters of mutual interest at times and places to be mutually agreed,
- iii) Develop work plans envisaged in this memorandum, scheduled on a short, medium and long term basis,
- iv) Participate in each others major conferences, meetings and technology fairs or exhibitions of mutual interest to the two organizations,
- v) Exchange on continuous basis copies of patent documents, journals and other periodicals published by the two offices,
- vi) Provision of information on the services offered by the other office with regard to administration of rights, search services and support to inventors,
- vii) Exchange of information of each others legislative systems and law reports on industrial property,
- viii) General exchange of information on utilization of patents for industrial application, automation, and information dissemination activities.

The memorandum shall be in two copies each in the English and Russian language. Both texts are authentic.

Done at HANANE this 13th day of December 2000


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