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| **Subject/Objet:** | MISSION REPORT: WIPO Technology And Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) SEMinar on the establishment of the Local TISC Network, luanda, angola, may 21 TO 23, 2024 |

**1. Introduction**

The Technology and Innovation Support Division of WIPO in cooperation with the Angolan Institute of Industrial Property (IAPI) organized in Luanda the first workshop on the establishment of the local TISC network on May 21 to 23, 2024. Angola will sign the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with WIPO soon. The seminar focused on searching and using technology and brand information as well as scientific publications.

**2. Seminar**

In front of more than 50 participants and the local press, Andrew Czajkowski and Mr. Carlos Manuel de Carvalho Rodriguês, Secretary of State of Industry, Representative of the Government, opened officially the seminar.

During the two days, Andrew Czajkowski and Elangi Botoy Ituku carried out presentations and practical exercises using respectively PATENTSCOPE and WIPO Global Brand Database. On his turn, Mr. Flatiel Vilanculos, expert international from Maputo, Mozambique, did the same thing for scientific publications using Research4life platforms.

The seminar ended with a roundtable discussion on the way forward. The government and participants demonstrated a strong interest to establish a TISC network and to enlarge the number of host institutions.

**3. Visits**

Four potential TISC host institutions were visited: The *Instituto Nacional de Investigação em Saúde*, the *Instituto Superior Politecnico Metropolitano de Angola*, the University Agostino Neto (Faculty of Sciences), and the Technology Park (under construction). The delegation of WIPO noticed that the above institutions have a great potential to promote innovation in their field.

**4. General observations**

The seminar and all practical sessions went very well according to the program hereby attached. It was a real eye opener for all the participants and government officials who expressed their gratefulness to WIPO for all the TISC resources made available *free of charge*. Stakeholders and national authorities expressed a high interest in using TISC resources and programs made available by WIPO notably the Inventor Assistance Program and the two WIPO guides on identifying and using patents in the public domain.

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Participants were also encouraged to follow WIPO distance learning courses of which the link was shared during the seminar.

**5. Recommendations and follow-up activities**

1. IAPI to sign the SLA with WIPO to formalize the establishment of a TISC network in the country ;
2. IAPI to send to WIPO the list of candidates who would like to take distance learning courses according to their needs ;
3. IAPI to continue to raise awareness among local institutions of TISC resources notably of the ARDI and ASPI programs.

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