



Report of the National Multi-Stakeholders Workshop for the Validation of the Draft National Intellectual Property Policy & Strategy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Organized by the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in cooperation with World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Abuja on 13 to 15 September 2022

1. INTRODUCTION

A National Multi-Stakeholders Workshop for the Validation of the Draft National Intellectual Property Policy & Strategy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria was organised by the Federal Government agencies responsible for Intellectual Property (IP) in Nigeria, with the support of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). The event which was held at the United Nations Building, Abuja on September 12 – 15, 2022 provided the platform for stakeholders in the IP related industries, and relevant public and policy agencies to examine and discuss the draft document of the National Intellectual Property Policy and Strategy for Nigeria with a view to finalizing the document for subsequent adoption.

In attendance at the opening ceremony were dignitaries, including the Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, represented by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Mrs. Evelyn Ngige; the Honourable Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, represented by Mr. Fur M. Anpe, Director, Technology Acquisition and Adaptation, Federal Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation; His Excellency, the Ambassador and Permanent

Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, Ambassador Richards Adejola, represented by Mr. Akindeji of the Permanent Mission in Geneva. Also in attendance were heads of all collaborating IP agencies as follows: Dr. John Asein, Director-General, Nigerian Copyright Commission; Dr. Ibrahim Dan Azumi, Director-General, National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP), represented by Dr. Ephraim Okejiri; Chief Registrar, Commercial Law Department of the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Mrs. Stella Ezenduka; the Registrar of Trademarks, Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr. Shafiu Adamu Yauri. The Workshop in addition, had a large representation of participants drawn from the private and public sector stakeholders.

The event was declared open by the Honourable Attorney-General of the Federation, Mr. Abubakar Malami, SAN who was represented by the Permanent Secretary and Solicitor-General of the Federation, Federal Ministry Justice, Mrs. Beatrice Jedi Agba, MNI, OON.

2. WORKSHOP SESSIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The opening ceremony of the Workshop was followed by presentations at plenaries, and breakout sessions by thematic groups representing critical aspects of the draft working document. The major presentations and discussion segments were as follows:

- i. National Intellectual Property (IP) Policies and Strategies in WIPO's Partnership with Member States
- ii. Presentation and Discussion of the Draft National IP Policy for Nigeria (National Consultants)
- iii. Presentation and Discussion of the Draft National IP Policy for Nigeria (International Consultants)
- iv. Presentation of the Draft Implementation Strategy

- v. Discussions (Draft Policy and Strategy) in 3 clusters (Breakout)
- vi. Presentations of Reports from the Breakout sessions by the respective rapporteurs of the 3 clusters

3. OBSERVATIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND VALIDATION

After robust engagement and discussions in the various plenary sessions and breakout groups, participants made some observations and recommendations to improve the draft National IP Policy and Strategy. The observations and recommendations were noted and incorporated into the draft document. Thereafter, participants unanimously validated the National IP Policy and Strategy for onward transmission to relevant Honourable Ministers and the Federal Executive Council for adoption as National IP Policy and Strategy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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