



**PROGRAMME**  
**CEMAC Regional Dialogue on EPA's, IPRs, Innovation and Sustainable Development**

**28-29 April 2008,  
 Hotel Mont FEBE - Yaoundé, Cameroon**

**Day 1 (28 April)**

<b>9:00 - 9:15</b>	Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair: <i>Mr Bernard NJONGA</i>, ACDIC</li> <li>• <i>Mr Jacob Kotcho BONGKWAHA</i>, ACDIC</li> <li>• <i>Mr Ahmed ABDEL LATIF</i>, ICTSD</li> <li>• <i>Mr Aristide EBANG ESSONO</i>, CEMAC</li> <li>• <i>Mrs Chantal ELOMBAT</i>, CNSCN - APE (Comité National de Suivi et de Coordination des Négociations APE)</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Session 1: General trends in the field of IPRs: harmonization, regional and bilateral agreements</i></b></p>	
<b>9:15 - 10:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> <i>Mr Bernard NJONGA</i>, ACDIC</li> <li>• <b>Setting the Stage: Current Trends in EPA Negotiations (in relation to IPRs)</b>            Resource Person: <i>Dr El Hadji DIOUF</i>, ICTSD</li> <li>• <b>Scope and Content of the EU proposition on IPRs within the EPA negotiations with CEMAC</b>            Resource Person: <i>Mr Aristide EBANG-ESSONO</i>, CEMAC Secretariat</li> <li>• <b>Regional Approach to EPAs and IP Policy Making</b>            Resource Person: <i>Mr Désiré LOUMOU</i>, APPIA</li> </ul>
<b>10:30 - 10:45</b> Coffee Break	
<b>10:45 - 12:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> <i>Dr El Hadji DIOUF</i>, ICTSD</li> <li>• <b>The role of OAPI and the Regional System of IPRs Protection: the Bangui Agreement</b>            Resource Person: <i>Mr Pape Algaphe THIAM</i>, Consultant</li> <li>• <b>The Role of IPRs for Sustainable Development: which kind of flexibility for Central African countries?</b>            Resource Person: <i>Dr Stéphanie NGO MBEM</i>, Consultant</li> <li>• <b>Multilateral Trends in IP Policy Making: an Update on the WIPO Development Agenda and the WTO negotiations</b>            Resource Person: <i>Mr Ahmed ABDEL LATIF</i>, ICTSD</li> </ul>
<b>12:30 - 14:00</b> Lunch	

<b><i>Session 2: The protection of traditional knowledge and the conservation of biodiversity</i></b>	
<b>14:00 - 15:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> CNSP</li> <li>• <b>The Potential of Traditional Knowledge for the CEMAC Region: Identifying Defensive and Positive Interests</b> Resource person: <i>Dr Christophe SEUNA</i>, Université de Yaoundé II Commentator: <i>Mr Musa USMAN NDAMBA</i>, MBOSCUDA</li> </ul>
<b>15:30 - 15:45</b> Coffee Break	
<b><i>Session 3: The protection of Geographical Indications</i></b>	
<b>15:45 - 17:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> CEMAC</li> <li>• <b>Increased Protection for Geographical Indications: Potential Benefits and Costs for the CEMAC Region</b> Resource Person: <i>Mrs Fleur CLAESSENS</i>, ICTSD</li> </ul>
<b>Day 2 (29 April)</b>	
<b><i>Session 4: Copyright and the Information Society</i></b>	
<b>9:00 - 10:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> <i>Mr Malem TIDZANI</i>, Intellectual Property Office of Gabon</li> <li>• <b>Developing a Positive Agenda on Copyright Issues for the CEMAC for EPA Negotiations</b> Resource Person: <i>Dr Uma SUTHERSANEN</i>, University of London Commentator: <i>Mr Alexis EYANGO MOUEN</i>, COCUREL</li> </ul>
<b>10:30 - 10:45</b> Coffee Break	
<b><i>Session 5: Enforcement of IPRs</i></b>	
<b>10:45 - 12:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> RDC</li> <li>• <b>Setting a Positive Agenda for the Enforcement of IPRs</b> Resource Person: <i>Mr Ahmed ABDEL LATIF</i>, ICTSD Commentator: <i>Mrs Françoise EKANI</i>, Université de Yaoundé II</li> </ul>
<b>12:30 - 14:00</b> Lunch	
<b><i>Session 6: Innovation and Technology Transfer</i></b>	
<b>14:00 - 16:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> <i>Mr Aristide KPENGA</i>, RCA</li> <li>• <b>Stimulating Innovation and Technology Transfer</b> Resource Person: <i>Mr Malcolm SPENCE</i>, Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery Commentator: <i>Mr Maurice BATANGA</i>, OAPI</li> </ul>
<b>16:00 - 16:15</b> Coffee Break	

<b>16:15 - 17:15</b>	General discussions and recommendations Chair: ICTSD
<b>17:15 - 17:30</b>	General conclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Mr Jacob Kotcho BONGKWAHA</i>, ACDIC</li><li>• <i>Dr El Hadji DIOUF</i>, ICTSD</li><li>• <i>Mr Aristide EBANG ESSONO</i>, CEMAC</li><li>• <i>Mrs Chantal ELOMBAT</i>, CNSCN - APE (Comité National de Suivi et de Coordination des Négociations APE)</li></ul>