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**Training Workshop on Patent Database Searches and Development of Technology and Innovation Support Centers (TISCs) in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic (Lao PDR)**

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**Vientiane, March 18 and 19, 2024**

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| Monday, March 18, 2024 | | | | |  |  |
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| 9.00 – 9.30 | Registration | | | |  |  |
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| 9.30 – 10.00 | Opening Ceremony  Welcome addresses by: | | | |  |  |
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|  | Mr. Xaysomphet Norasingh, Director General, Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lao People's Democratic Republic  Mr. Andrew Czajkowski, Director, Technology and Innovation Support Division, IP for Innovators Department, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector, WIPO, Geneva | | | |  |  |
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| 10.00 – 10.45 | **Theme 1** | **Value of Patent Information** | |
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|  |  | Speaker: Mr. Alex Riechel, Head, TISC Development Section, Technology and Innovation Support Division, IP for Innovators Department, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector, WIPO, Geneva | |
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| 10.45 – 11.00 | Coffee Break |  | |
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| 11.00 – 11.45 | **Theme 2** | **TISCs: What are they? What role do WIPO and its national partners play?** | |
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|  |  | Speaker: Ms. Nathalie Montillot, Program Officer, TISC Development Section, Technology and Innovation Support Division, IP for Innovators Department, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector, WIPO, Geneva | |
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| 11.45 – 12.30 | **Theme 3** | **TISCs in Lao PDR: Current situation and future opportunities** | |
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|  |  | Speaker: The representative of DIP Lao PDR | |
| 12.30 – 14.00 | Lunch Break |  | |
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| 14.00 – 14.45 | **Theme 4** | **Patent System in the Lao PDR** | |
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|  |  | Speaker: The representative of DIP Lao PDR | |
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| 14.45 – 15.30 | **Theme 5** | **Patent Search Tools and Strategies** | |
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|  |  | Speaker: Mr. Alex Riechel | |
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| 15.30 – 15.45 | Coffee Break |  | |
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| 15.45 – 16.45 | **Theme 6** | **Accessing and Using TISC Resources** | |
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|  |  | Speaker: Ms. Nathalie Montillot | |
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| Tuesday, March 19, 2024 | | |  |
| 9.00 – 10.30 | **Theme 7** | **Using Patent Classification, in particular the International Patent Classification (IPC), for Searching** | | |
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|  |  | Speaker: Mr. Andrew Czajkowski | | |  | |
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| 10.30 – 10.45 | Coffee Break |  | | |  | |
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| 10.45 – 12.30 | **Theme 8** | **Searching Patents Using PATENTSCOPE** | | |
|  |  | Speaker: Ms. Nathalie Montillot | | |
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| 12.30 – 13.30 | Lunch Break |  | | | |
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| 13.30 – 14.30 | **Theme 9** | **Key Concepts and Considerations in Patent Search** | | |  | |
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|  |  | Speaker: Mr. Alex Riechel | | |  | |
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| 14.30 – 15.45 | **Theme 10** | **Patent Search Exercise** | | |  | |
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|  |  | Speaker: Mr. Alex Riechel | | |  | |
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| 15.45 – 16.00 | Coffee Break |  | | |
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| 16.00 – 17.00 | **Theme 11** | **ARDI Access Exercise** | | |  | |
|  |  | Speaker: Ms. Nathalie Montillot | | |  | |
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| 17.00 – 17.30 | Closing and Distribution of Certificates | | | |  | |
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