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## **WIPO-BCC 27<sup>th</sup> Advanced Training Seminar on Copyright and Related Rights**

### **Country Report**

#### **KIRIBATI**

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## Written Country Report

### 1. Name of country

- The Republic of Kiribati

2. **Copyright and related rights legislation:** give details of the copyright/related rights statute or statutes of your country. If the legislation is available online provide a link.

- **Copyright Act 2018:** is the new reviewed IP Legislation which will repeal the outdated legislation of the *Registration of the United Kingdom Trademarks Ordinance (CAP 88), 1988* and to be promulgated once the Copyright regulation is finalized by the legal officer from Ministry of Commerce Industry & Cooperatives and the Attorney General's office. There is a prediction that by early September, Regulation will be finalized and Copyright registration will then open to the public..
- Intellectual Property Division has a vision in the future to create an online link or an appropriate registration system with the assistance from WIPO, that can be accessed by whoever who wants to register their products online, however, this time online registration is not yet available. Registration and query actions from international clients is done via interactive email communications.

Main IP Laws: enacted by the Legislature (Kiribati profile on WIPO website)

- Copyright Ordinance (Cap 16) (1998)
- Registration of UK Patents Ordinance (Cap 87) (1977)
- Registration of United Kingdom Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap 88) (1977)
- United Kingdom Designs Protection Ordinance (Cap 99) (1977)

3. **Membership of Conventions, Treaties and Agreements:** state which of the following your country has joined: Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (Paris text 1971); Universal Copyright Convention 1952-1971; Rome Convention for the Protection of Performers, Phonogram Producers and Broadcasters 1961; TRIPS Agreement 1994; WIPO Copyright Treaty 1996; WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty 1996; Visually Impaired Persons Treaty 2013 or the Audiovisual Performances Treaty 2012.

**Conventions, Treaties and Agreements that Kiribati had joined.**

Contracting Party	Convention/Treaty	Instrument	In Force
Kiribati	Berne Convention	Accession: October 2, 2017	January 2, 2018
	Marrakesh Treaty	Accession: July 31, 2019	October 31, 2019

**Conventions, Treaties and Agreements that Kiribati has not yet join.**

<b>Contracting Party</b>	<b>Convention/Treaty</b>	<b>In Force</b>
Kiribati	Universal Copyright Convention	Not yet a member
	Rome Convention	
	TRIPS Agreement	
	WIPO Copyright Treaty	
	WIPO Performance and Phonograms Treaty	
	Audiovisual Performance Treaty	

**4. Name of the Government Department(s)** of your country responsible for laws on copyright and related rights.

The Intellectual Property Office was based under the Business Regulatory arm of the **Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives** in Betio. However, IP office works in collaboration with the Attorney General’s office to review and draft laws and legislatives of IP such as Copyright Act 2018, Trademark Bill 2019, and also in the ongoing review of Patent and other laws of IP in the near future.

**5. Names of collective management organizations** representing or administering the rights of owners of copyright or related rights in your country, the rights which they manage or license and the types of right holders they represent. If possible provide links to their websites.

- Currently Kiribati had not joined any collective management organizations that represent or administer the rights of owners of copyright or related rights. However, as a way forward Kiribati is very interested to seek assistance in order to get exposure to any information on collective management organizations and also to get advice on prerequisite requirements and possible benefits of joining one in the future.