



WIPO-BCC 27th Advanced Training Seminar on Copyright and Related Rights

Country Report

UGANDA

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1. Country: UGANDA

2. Copyright and Related Rights Legislation:

Supplement No. 8, The Copyright and Related Rights Act, 2006.

An Act to repeal and replace the copyright Act, Cap. 215 of 1964 to provide better protection of literary, scientific and artistic intellectual works and their neighboring rights; and to provide for other related matters.

It was assented on the 31st of May 2006, commenced on the 4th of August 2006 and enacted by parliament.

The regulations were made on the 20th day of August 2009 after consultation with the collecting societies in exercise of the power conferred upon the Minister by section 82 of the copyright and Neighboring Rights Act, 2006.

3. Membership of Conventions, Treaties and Agreements:

Objective XXVIII of the constitution of the Republic of Uganda 1995 provides that the foreign policy of Uganda shall be based on the principles of promotion of the national interest of Uganda and that; Uganda shall actively participate in international and regional organizations that stand for peace and for the well-being and progress of humanity.

In line with that objection, Uganda is a party to Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) agreement administered by the World Trade Organization (WTO) and a member of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). As such, Uganda is obliged, to put in place an enabling legal framework for promotion and protection of all intellectual property rights including Copyright and Neighboring rights. Uganda Registration Services Bureau is in process of ratifying other treaties like The Berne Convention for the protection of Literary and Artistic Works 1886, The WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT) 1996, The WIPO Performance and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT) 1996 and The Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances 2012.

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

Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) is a semi-autonomous statutory body established by the URSB Act Cap 210 to implement the relevant laws, provide registration services, collect and account for all revenue provided for under the relevant laws.

It is also responsible for intellectual property rights which include Industrial designs, Geographical indication, patents, Utility models, trademarks and service marks; copyright and neighboring rights amongst other functions. (www.ursb.go.ug)

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.

Uganda Federation of Movie Industry (UFMI) is the collecting society mandated to manage, protect and collect royalties on behalf of Authors and Actors in film industry. (<http://ufmi.ug/>).

Uganda Reproduction Rights Organization (URRO) is the collecting society mandated to protect copyright, license users, collect fees and distribute royalties to authors and publishers of literary works. (www.urro.ug).