



Dear Colleague,

9th March 2010

RE: INVITATION TO SEATINI-Uganda DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP

SEATINI-Uganda is pleased to invite you to a dissemination workshop for a study report entitled ***“TRIPS COMPLIANCE AND SOCIAL WELFARE: THE IMPLICATIONS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REFORM FOR UGANDA’S SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT”***. The dissemination workshop is scheduled to take place on the 16th March 2010 at Hotel Africana Kampala from 10:00am - 1:00pm

The study gives an overview of Uganda’s progress in complying with the multilateral Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement). The study discusses key pieces of legislation or proposed legislation that constitutes the intellectual property law and policy reform process and their implications for social welfare and national development. It specifically highlights gaps in the protection of intellectual property rights in three key areas: plant varieties, pharmaceuticals, and educational materials. The study also highlights EAC regional initiatives in Intellectual Property Rights and their impact on reforms in Uganda.

This workshop is targeting Members of Parliament, government officials, researchers, civil society organisations, academia Private Sector, institutions of higher learning, the media and other key stakeholders.

It is our hope that this workshop will make a useful contribution and inform the ongoing discussions on Trade Related Intellectual property Rights at the national level, regional and global level.

We would be very much honoured if you would positively respond to our invitation. Please do not hesitate to contact SEATINI-Uganda on 0414-540856/ 0781-460413 in case of any inquiry.

Attached herewith are the draft study report, concept note and a tentative agenda.

Note: Please endeavour to confirm in time to enable us prepare effectively

Yours respectfully

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