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**Introduction:**

Workshop on **Practical Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions** was organized by WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) and ABS Initiative (Access and Benefit-Sharing), 05 to 08 September 2016 in Marrakech, Morocco, in collaboration with Deputy Ministry of Environment of Morocco and Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC). PROMETRA International, represented by Mamadou Diaw, was invited as a member of Indigenous Communities of Local Group (CAL).

The workshop is addressed to participants from six countries: Algeria, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Senegal and Morocco. Participants include government officials of Intellectual Property Office, the Ministry of Environment as well as two members of indigenous peoples and local communities in each participating country.

**Main objective :**

Following the exchange of Namibia workshop organized in 2015 with English-speaking countries, this actual edition is intended for French-speaking countries, to share experiences in terms of Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions. This interactive workshop focused on discussion groups and included several case studies.

**Specific objectives :**

- Strengthening basic awareness and knowledge of the principles, systems and tools of intellectual property, and how they interact with traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions and genetic resources,
- Foster cooperation between government officials of various departments and indigenous peoples and local communities, within each country and between countries of the same region; and,
- Identify needs regarding enhanced protection of traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions and genetic resources, and help participants explore opportunities and identify sources of support and assistance to meet those needs.

The workshop allowed to various participants to be up to date in terms of knowledge sharing regarding benefits of intellectual protection system. Various case studies have been done through group studies under supervision of WIPO and ABS Initiative.

Valuable learnings have been given to all participants, allowing them to build their capacity so that they can better serve their communities.

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