

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE WWW.IPOSKN.GOV.KN

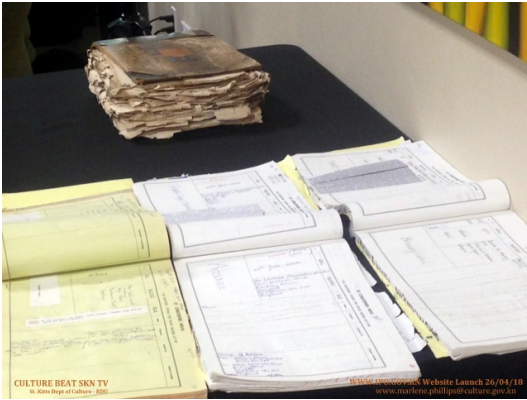


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St. Kitts and Nevis Intellectual Property Office (IPOSKN) officially launched the www.iposkn.gov.kn website on April 26th 2018, the date recognized internationally as “World Intellectual Property Day”. The initiative was led by Ms. Jihan Williams, Acting Registrar – IPOSKN Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, and supported by the Honorable Vincent Byron, St. Kitts and Nevis Attorney General. The IPOSKN was established by “s. 3 of the Patents Act (Cap 18.25)” and operated as part of the High Court Registry. In 2011, the office became a department that focused on intellectual property matters.

IPOSKN administers all laws related to intellectual property, processes applications to administer and grant intellectual property rights; they organize studies, programs and activities regarding intellectual property; promote creativity and inventiveness among citizens and residents of St. Kitts and Nevis; raise public awareness about intellectual property rights and issues; and collaborate with public and private national, regional and international bodies, agencies or institutions, to promote the advancement of people through science, culture, commerce or any art when intellectual property is concerned.





The IPOSKN has always been challenged to provide easy public access to intellectual property, and trademark data, due to an old manual documentation system that has been used to record information. Now owners of Intellectual Property can easily access the new website to search the Intellectual Property database, learn about current developments, and trade related information. Digitization of the old records has reduced the search time for data

considerably. In addition to the new website the public can also message the office <https://www.facebook.com/IPOSKN/?nr> to get an immediate response.

During the launch a demonstration of www.iposkn.gov.kn was delivered by Mr. John James, ICT Consultant -Agyle Junction Technologies, the company responsible for designing the website. Ms. Diana Francis, Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Justice, Legal Affairs and Communications extended congratulations. Mr. Adel Baccouche, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Consultant gave brief remarks of congratulations. WIPO was established in 1967 to provide a “global forum for intellectual property services, policy, information, and cooperation”. St. Kitts and Nevis is one (1) of the one hundred and ninety one (191) member states that benefit from its efforts to “...develop balanced and effective international intellectual property systems that enables innovation and creativity for the benefit of all”. The IPOSKN website hopes to offer more services via the website that address copyright, patents, trademarks, industrial design, and geographical indications, as defined by WIPO;



Copyright is a legal term used to describe the rights that creators have over their literary and artistic works. Works covered by copyright range from books, music, paintings, sculpture and films, to computer programs, databases, advertisements, maps and technical drawings

A patent is an exclusive right granted for an invention. Generally speaking, a patent provides the patent owner with the right to decide how - or whether - the invention can be used by others. In exchange for this right, the patent owner makes technical information about the invention publicly available in the published patent document.

A trademark is a sign capable of distinguishing the goods or services of one enterprise from those of other enterprises. Trademarks date back to ancient times when artisans used to put their signature or "mark" on their products.

An industrial design constitutes the ornamental or aesthetic aspect of an article. A design may consist of three-dimensional features, such as the shape or surface of an article, or of two-dimensional features, such as patterns, lines or color.

Geographical indications and appellations of origin are signs used on goods that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities, a reputation or characteristics that are essentially attributable to that place of origin. Most commonly, a geographical indication includes the name of the place of origin of the goods.

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