Copyright and Libraries Programme (EIFL-IP)

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EIFL General Assembly
Online
20 October 2021
• Support national copyright law reform
• Advocate for global copyright rules to benefit libraries
• Build capacity of librarians in copyright
• Develop practical resources in multiple languages
Right to Research in International Copyright Law (2021-2023)

• A fair and balanced copyright system

• Advance work on L&Es at WIPO - text and data mining, online education, digital preservation, cross-border uses

• Issues highlighted by COVID
R2R Academic network: high impact research and training

R2R Advocacy network: researchers, libraries and digital rights activists

5 Regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, EU, Latin-America and the Caribbean, North America
EIFL coordinates Regional Advocacy Africa
Public Advocacy Lead, Dr Dick Kawooya

- Build a coalition of librarians and advocates in Africa who are active and influential at WIPO

- National advocacy grants

- AfLIA webinar series Oct 2021 – March 2022
Advocating for copyright limitations and exceptions

- WIPO Copyright Committee (SCCR) - Spring 2022
- Develop workplan on Limitations and Exceptions
- Priority topics: digital preservation, online uses, cross-border uses, other disabilities
- Information session on COVID: opportunity to inform member states of library experiences during lockdowns
**Engaging with WTO**

**EIFL supports WTO TRIPS waiver for COVID-19**
Proposal to temporarily suspend WTO rules on IP to support the prevention, containment and treatment of COVID-19

**Civil society statement, March 2021**
- 250+ prominent researchers, copyright experts and organizations
- EIFL partner consortia in Kenya, Lesotho, Lithuania, Uganda and Zimbabwe

**WTO Public Forum, Sept 2021**
- Why copyright needs to be included for research, social distancing, online education
EIFL supports WTO TRIPS LDC general waiver
Extended until 1 July 2034

EIFL actions:
• Joined civil society letter (February 2021)
• Issued joint statement with IFLA (March 2021)
• Wrote to European Commission President (June 2021)

EIFL partner countries that can benefit: Laos, Lesotho, Malawi, Nepal, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe

Outstanding issue: 12 year post-graduation request
National copyright law reform

**Namibia**: comments on new copyright framework (2021)

**Nigeria**: comments on Copyright Bill (2021)

**South Africa**: letter in support of CAB (2017)

**Zimbabwe**: comments with ZULC on Copyright Bill (2020)

**Ukraine**: comments on Copyright Bill 2021 to European Commission (EU-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement)

Dr. Desmond Oriakhogba, Univ of Benin
Marrakesh Treaty for persons with print disabilities: WIPO’s most popular treaty

107 countries (18 October 2021)
incl. 20 EIFL partner countries (18%)

EIFL supported 23 countries:
Azerbaijan, Belarus, Botswana, Côte d'Ivoire, Estonia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Malawi, Moldova, Mongolia, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda and Zimbabwe

University libraries in Zimbabwe:
• getting ready to provide expanded access for VIP students
• dedicating staff to serving VIPs.
• librarians trained in accessible book production by WIPO ABC Accessible Publishing initiative

* Since EIFL 2020 GA
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Questions? Comments?

Thank you.