

Copyright and Libraries Programme (EIFL-IP)

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Attribution 4.0 International

- 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)
- International copyright law reform – WIPO
- Regional developments – AfCFTA
- National copyright law reform
- Marrakesh Treaty for persons with print disabilities

Right to Research in International Copyright Law (2021-2023)

Funded by the Arcadia Fund

- Advocates for a fair and balanced copyright system
- Advances work at WIPO on L&Es - text and data mining, online education, digital preservation, cross-border uses
- Civil Society Coalition in 5 Regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, EU, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America

Civil Society Coalition



Members of the Civil Society Coalition at WIPO

Modern digital research technology, including text and data mining, is increasing demand by those who seek to study the major problems of our day, including combatting health pandemics, monitoring hate speech and disinformation on social media, and creating machine learning and “artificial intelligence” technology. These and other essential research activities are not occurring everywhere, however, because copyright law does not permit their use everywhere. To promote equity, validity, collaboration and other values in production of and access to research products and material, there is a need for a degree of harmonization in research rights between countries.

The Civil Society Coalition on the Research in International Copyright Law works to establish global copyright norms to promote the production, access to and use of research

materials.

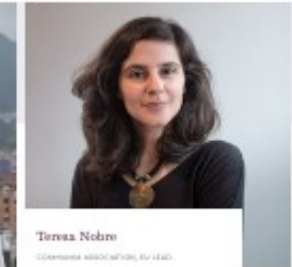
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EIFL coordinates Regional Advocacy Africa

- **Build a coalition** of advocates in Africa who are active and influential at WIPO
- **Public Advocacy Lead**, Dr Dick Kawooya, University of South Carolina
- **Advisory Team**: Kathy Matsika (Zimbabwe), Anthony Kakooza (Uganda), Denise Nicholson (South Africa), Desmond Oriakhogba (Nigeria), Pedi Anawi (Togo), Awa Cissé (Senegal), Ben Cashdan (South Africa)



Dr Dick Kawooya, Public Advocacy Lead



Three national grants awarded (2022)

- **Advocacy:** COBESS in Senegal - copyright law reform
- **Research:** Centre for Intellectual Property and IT, Strathmore Law School, Kenya - copyright and tech policy
- **Conference:** Black Stripe Foundation in South Africa – ‘A Right to Research in Africa?’ A week of debates in Pretoria and Cape Town, 23-27 January 2023



www.a2k-coalition.org

Access to knowledge is not enjoyed equally across the world. The current copyright system poses obstacles for those who learn, teach, research, create, preserve or seek to enjoy the world's cultural heritage.

The A2K Coalition calls for a fair and balanced international copyright system that is underpinned by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

[Read our Mission Statement](#)

Website Launched
October 2022



Advocating for copyright limitations and exceptions (L&Es)

WIPO Copyright Committee (SCCR/42), May 2022

Proposal for Workplan on L&Es presented by African Group

Agreed that 3 issues would be presented at next SCCR:

- Toolkit on preservation by cultural heritage institutions
 - EIFL participated in stakeholder consultation (Sept 2022)
- Presentations by experts on cross-border issues
- Scoping study exceptions for research

Next session: SCCR/43, 13-17 March 2023



EIFL Team at SCCR/42



Algeria, Coordinator African Group



Surprise!

Member states approved convening two diplomatic conferences in 2024

Design Law
Treaty:
protection of
industrial
designs
(products)



Genetic
resources +
traditional
knowledge
(plants, animals,
microorganisms)



African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

- 43 countries party to AfCFTA
- 30 million people potentially lifted out of extreme poverty
- \$450 billion income boost by 2035 (+7% gain)
- **Regional Value Chains:** Automotives, Leather and Leather Products, Cocoa, Soya, Textiles and Apparel, Pharmaceuticals, Vaccine Manufacturing, Lithium ion batteries, Mobile Financial Services, **Cultural and Creative Industries**

IP Protocol currently being negotiated



Objectives

- Support intra-Africa trade
- Promote African innovation and creativity
- Establish common positions on IP rights in Africa
- Influence direction of IP policy in Africa and internationally
- Principles-based approach + Annex

Nigeria: Copyright Bill (2022) adopted in July 2022 - positive L&Es. **Status:** awaiting President's signature

South Africa: responded to public consultation Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry (Jan 2022). Revised Bill adopted in June 2022 - L&Es largely intact. **Status:** the National Council of Provinces are examining the Bill
Blind South Africa won landmark case – ConCourt declared parts of Copyright Act 1976 unconstitutional (Sept 2022)

Namibia: participated in National Conference on Copyright Bill (Nov 2021); written comments in 5 areas: education, libraries, fair use/fair dealing, persons with disabilities and term of protection. **Status:** awaiting new draft text

Kosovo: responded to public consultation on Draft Law on Copyrights with AELK (Oct 2022); written comments in 3 areas: blind and visually persons, libraries, the three-step test. **Status:** awaiting results of the consultation

Marrakesh Treaty for persons with print disabilities: WIPO's most popular treaty

116 countries (14 October 2022)
24 countries supported by EIFL (20%)

EIFL supported 24 countries:

Armenia, 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

Kenya

- Published [Getting Started](#) guide for Kenyan copyright law (Sept 2022)

Ukraine-EU

- Published an [Information Sheet](#) for EU libraries supporting Ukrainian refugees with print disabilities (Oct 2022)

* Since EIFL 2021 GA

Marrakesh Treaty

Looking Back: ‘Success for People with Print Disabilities: The Marrakesh Treaty’.

Book chapter by Teresa Hackett EIFL Copyright and Libraries Programme Manager, and Justus Dreyling, Policy Director of COMMUNIA.

Looking forward: Marrakesh Treaty 2013 - 2023



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