Copyright and Libraries Programme (EIFL-IP)

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EIFL-IP – what we do



- 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





International Copyright Reform

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, crossborder uses
- Issues highlighted by COVID

PROGRAM ON INFORMATION JUSTICE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY



Right to Research in International Copyright Law

Launched at the start of 2021, this project aims to define and implement rights to research within international copyright law and policy. We will produce high impact research, provide training to a global network of change makers, and connect a global academic network to the work of global and domestic organizations that represent researchers, libraries, museums, archives, educational and research institutions.

PIJIP chairs the network's Academic Advisory Board, constructed through the membership of the Global Expert Network on Copyright User Rights, which will create and disseminate research and analysis. The Board will release a Call for Research Proposals in Spring 2021 soliciting original papers and policy proposals.



Members of the Right to Research Coalition at the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights, 2019



International Copyright Reform

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



Academic Network



Civil Society Coalition



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





Dr Dick Kawooya, Public Advocacy Lead



Building on work at WIPO

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

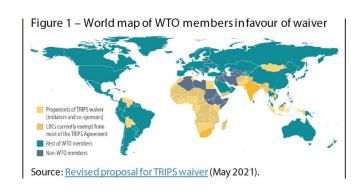


EIFL supports WTO TRIPS waiver for COVID-19

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



Engaging with WTO



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 postgraduation 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

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.