

Consultative Committee**CC/96/12****Ninety-Sixth Session
Geneva, October 31, 2019****Original:** English
Date: July 11, 2019

REPORTS FROM NEW MEMBERS OF THE UNION*Document prepared by the Office of the Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The purpose of this document is to provide information concerning the invitations to the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), Montenegro and the United Republic of Tanzania to make presentations on progress in the implementation of the UPOV system and any particular areas where they would welcome guidance or assistance and on relevant matters regarding future invitations.
2. The Consultative Committee, at its ninety-sixth session, will be invited to:
 - (a) consider the information on progress in the implementation of the UPOV system by Montenegro, OAPI and the United Republic of Tanzania and any particular areas where guidance or assistance would be welcome;
 - (b) note that no invitations will be made to make presentations at the ninety-seventh session of the Consultative Committee, to be held in October 2020; and
 - (c) agree to invite Bosnia and Herzegovina to make a presentation at the ninety-eighth session of the Consultative Committee, to be held in October 2021.

BACKGROUND

3. At its eightieth session, held in Geneva on October 20, 2010, the Consultative Committee endorsed a proposal to invite new members of the Union to make a brief presentation at the Consultative Committee, on progress on the implementation of the UPOV system in their territory, with an opportunity to indicate any particular areas where they would welcome guidance or assistance (see document CC/80/10 "Report on the Conclusions", paragraph 78).
4. At its eighty-first session, the Consultative Committee approved the following arrangements:
 - (a) In order to provide an opportunity for new members of the Union to share their experiences and to indicate any particular areas where they consider that further guidance or assistance would be beneficial, new members of the Union will be invited to make a brief presentation (10 to 15 minutes) at the October sessions of the Consultative Committee. The members of the Union concerned will be invited to report on progress on the implementation of the UPOV system in their territory and to share their experiences in the implementation of the UPOV system. In addition, they will be invited to indicate any particular areas where they would welcome guidance or assistance and, on the basis of their own experience, suggestions that they might have with regard to guidance or assistance that would be beneficial for future members of the Union. It will be emphasized in the invitation that the purpose of the presentation is to facilitate cooperation between members of the Union and to enable the guidance and assistance that UPOV offers to be improved.
 - (b) In the first instance, members of the Union were invited to make a presentation five years after becoming a member of the Union. There were no new members of the Union in 2010 and, from October 2015, the period was reduced to four years to avoid a gap in 2015.

5. The Consultative Committee, at its ninety-fifth session, held in Geneva on November 1, 2018, agreed to invite Montenegro and the United Republic of Tanzania to make a presentation at its ninety-sixth session, on progress in their implementation of the UPOV system and any particular areas where they would welcome guidance or assistance (see document CC/95/18 "Report", paragraph 93).

6. The Consultative Committee, at its ninety-fifth session, held in Geneva on November 1, 2018, noted that it had not been possible for OAPI to make a presentation in 2018 on progress in the implementation of the UPOV system and any particular areas where they would welcome guidance or assistance. The Consultative Committee agreed to renew the invitation in order to enable OAPI to make a presentation at its ninety-sixth session (see document CC/95/18 "Report", paragraph 92).

PRESENTATIONS AT THE NINETY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

7. In accordance with the request of the Consultative Committee at its ninety-fifth session, the Office of the Union issued an invitation to Montenegro, OAPI and the United Republic of Tanzania to make presentations on progress in their implementation of the UPOV system and any particular areas where it would welcome guidance or assistance, at the ninety-sixth session of the Consultative Committee (see document CC/95/18 "Report", paragraph 93).

8. At the date of the publication of this document, OAPI and the United Republic of Tanzania had confirmed that they would make presentations at the ninety-sixth session of the Consultative Committee.

PRESENTATIONS AT THE NINETY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

9. There were no new UPOV members in 2016 and, therefore, no UPOV members will be invited to make presentations at the ninety-seventh session of the Consultative Committee, to be held in October 2020.

10. In accordance with the arrangements approved by the Consultative Committee at its eighty-first session (see document CC/81/11 "Report on the Conclusions", paragraph 41), the Office of the Union plans to invite Bosnia and Herzegovina to make a presentation at the ninety-eight session of the Consultative Committee, to be held in October 2021.

11. On the above basis, the timetable for presentations at the sessions of the Consultative Committee would be as follows:

<i>October 2019</i>	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) Montenegro United Republic of Tanzania
<i>October 2020</i>	[no new member in 2016]
<i>October 2021</i>	Bosnia and Herzegovina
<i>October 2022</i>	[no new member in 2018]
<i>October 2023</i>	[no new member in 2019 at the time of publication of this document]

12. *The Consultative Committee is invited to:*

(a) consider the information on progress in the implementation of the UPOV system by Montenegro, OAPI and the United Republic of Tanzania and any particular areas where guidance or assistance would be welcome;

(b) note that no invitations will be made to make presentations at the ninety-seventh session of the Consultative Committee, to be held in October 2020; and

(c) agree to invite Bosnia and Herzegovina to make a presentation at the ninety- eighth session of the Consultative Committee, to be held in October 2021.

[End of document]