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The Harare and Banjul Protocols now effective in Cape Verde



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Effective today, 14 October 2022, the Harare Protocol and the Banjul Protocol are now

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Pursuant to the Harare and Banjul Protocols, starting today, users of the ARIPO system can designate Cape Verde in their applications. Furthermore, Cape Verde nationals and residents are entitled, starting today, to file patent, industrial designs, utility models and mark applications directly with the ARIPO Office if they so wish.

The Republic of Cape Verde on 14 July 2022 deposited its instruments of Accession to ARIPO and its Protocols at a ceremony held at the Embassy of Cape Verde in Geneva, Switzerland in the margins of the 63rd WIPO General Assemblies.

The other ARIPO Member States that are Contracting Parties to the Harare Protocol are: Botswana, Kingdom of Eswatini, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Kingdom of Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. As for the Banjul Protocol, the other Contracting States are: Botswana, Kingdom of Eswatini, The Gambia, Kingdom of Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Sao Tome and Principe, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.

The Republic of Cape Verde also deposited its instrument of accession to two other Protocols in the framework of ARIPO: the Swakopmund Protocol on the Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Expression of Folklore and the Arusha Protocol for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants.



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