



## **OAPI Trademark Registration**

The African Intellectual Property Organisation (OAPI) is an union organized by former French colonies for the protection of intellectual property rights. It comprises of 17 member states and a trademark upon registration will be protected in all member states of OAPI.

## **Member States of OAPI Trademark**

Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo Brazzaville, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo.

## **Required Information and Documents**

- Corporation Applicant: Business Registration Certificate / Certificate of Incorporation
- Individual Applicant: Identity documents and address proof
- Application form
- Trademark image
- Power of Attorney

## **Trademark Registration Flow**

- Trademark Search
- Initial Application
- Substantive Examination
- Publication
- Issuance of Certificate

## **Preliminary Trademark Search**

The Preliminary trademark search shall be conducted to avoid legal complications in the future. The point of a trademark search is to ensure that the trademark is not already under application or registered by another entity in order to reduce the possibilities of the rejection or opposition raised.



## **Duration of Application**

6-12 months

## **Validity Period**

The registration is valid for 10 years.

## **Renewal**

- Renewal application for 10 years may be submitted 6 months before the expiry.

## **Intellectual Property Legal Forms**