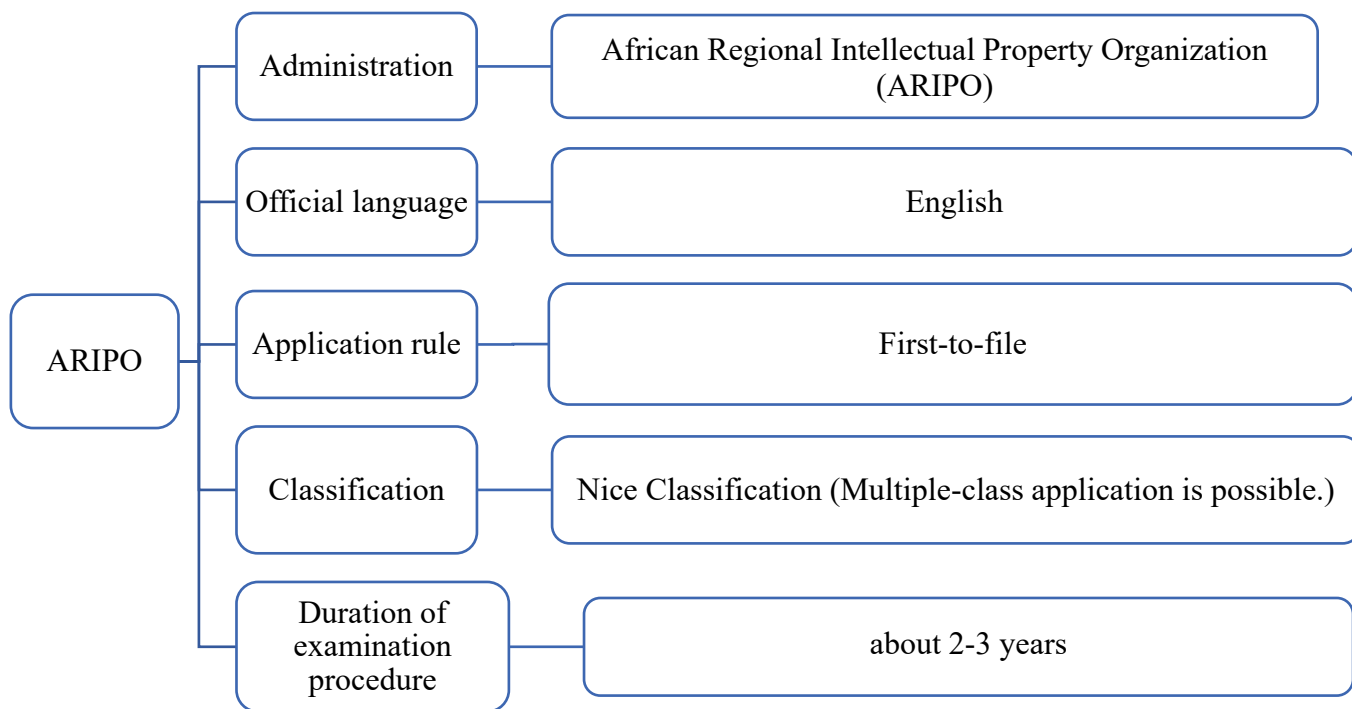
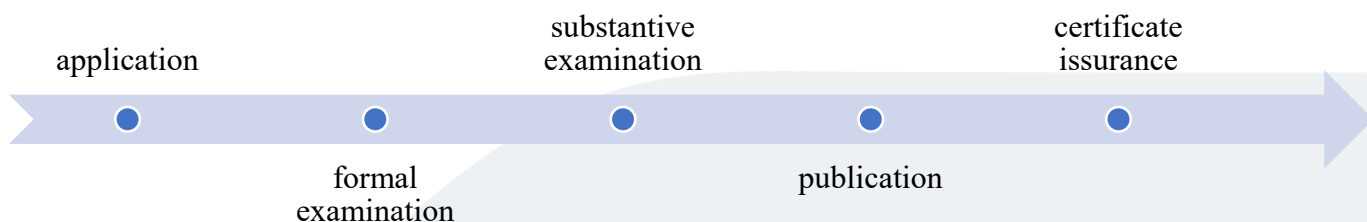


Guidance on Trademark Application in ARIPO

I. Overview



II. Application Process



III. Validity Term

- The registration of a mark shall be for a period of 10 years from the filing date.
- The registration of a mark may be renewed for further periods of 10 years on payment of the prescribed renewal fee.



V. Application Documents Requested

the applicants name and address

designation of the Banjul Protocol contracting state(s)

corresponding class/ classes of the goods and / services in accordance with the Nice Classification

a statement of the mark where name(s) of colors(s) claimed (if any) as a distinctive feature, and an indication, in respect of each colour, of the principal parts of the mark which are in that colour.

dimensional, graphic or photographic reproduction, a declaration of a actual use or intention to use the mark

power of attorney;

priority document if applicable.

VI. Note

- ARIPO is mandated to register marks and the administration of such registered marks on behalf of the Banjul Protocol Contracting States in accordance with the provisions of the Banjul Protocol on Marks. The Banjul Protocol on Marks was adopted on November 19, 1993, at Banjul, The Gambia.
- The Banjul Protocol establishes a trademark application filing system along the lines of the Harare Protocol. An applicant may file a single application either at one of the Banjul Protocol Contracting States or directly with the ARIPO Office. Since 1997, the protocol has been extensively revised in order to make it compatible with the TRIPs Agreement and the Trademark Law Treaty as well as make it more user-friendly.
- States currently party to the Banjul Protocol are: Botswana, Cabo Verde, Kingdom of Eswatini, The Gambia Kingdom of Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Sao Tome and Principe, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.

