

# GI systems in Africa, the WIPO angle: compatibility with international standards and recognition



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# WIPO's Technical assistance

- **General GI awareness raising activities** for authorities and producers
- **Dedicated trainings on GIs**
- **Legislative advice:** GI legislative framework or treaty accession
- **Policy advice:** GI ecosystem development
- **Assistance pre/post-accession to treaties,** such as Lisbon Agreement/Geneva Act

# WIPO's GI projects

- **WIPO assist local communities to protect and manage their GIs**  
*(identification, development, protection, collective management, branding, enforcement, commercialization)*
- **Upon Member State's request and in cooperation with national authorities**
- **Collaboration with other partners**  
*(UN agencies, regional and national Authorities, NGOs and other institutions)*

# WIPO GI Projects: development, protection and commercialization of GIs



## R. & N. Development Sector:

Africa: **VINHO DE FOGO (Cabo Verde)**; **KENTE (Ghana)**; **BAIE ROSE DE BONGOLOVA (Madagascar)**; **CABRITO DE TETE (Mozambique)**; **Zambia**; Arab R.: **CHECHAR HONEY (Algeria)**; Asia: silk and rice GIs (Lao PDR); Batik GIs (Indonesia); Pacific R.: **KAVA**; SP/TDC: **TUSHETI GUDA**, etc.



## Build Better Fund:

**OREGANO DE FOOTHILLS PULTRE (Chile)**; **KAVA (Tonga, Vanuatu)**; **GRENADA NUTMEG (Grenada)**; **MONGOLIAN PINE NUTS (Mongolia)**; **ALMATY APORT APPLE (Kazakhstan)**; Kirghizstan; Tadjikistan; Peru; **Uganda**, etc.



## CDIP Projects:

Assisting producers in the post registration phase (**Algeria, Brazil, Pakistan, Uganda**); Study on the value of non agri-GIs (India, etc.)



## FIT China (CNIPA):

**KOH TRUNG POMELO & KAMPOT-KEP SALT (Cambodia)**; **TOILES DE KORHOGO (Cote d'Ivoire)**; **MADD DE CASAMANCE (Senegal)**; **RIZ DE KOVIÉ (Togo)**; etc.

# The Lisbon System

International Protection and Registration  
for Geographical Indications (GIs)

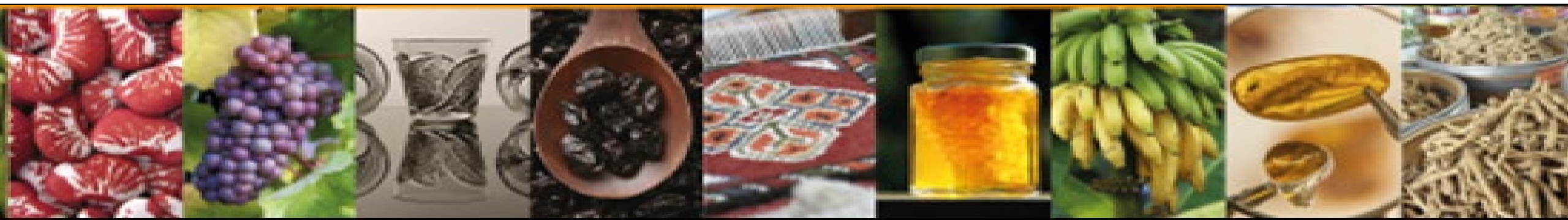
- ***Lisbon Agreement (1958 & 1967 Act)***

*30 Contracting Parties / 30 Countries*

- ***Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement (2015)***

*25 Contracting Parties / 60 Countries*

***Lisbon System overall protection in 73 countries***



# The Lisbon System

- **A**ccessible
- **C**onvenient
- **E**ffective
- **E**asy
- **G**lobal



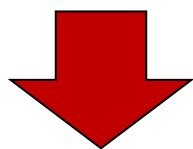
# The Lisbon System & Geneva Act

- **Protection of AOs and GIs**  
(including transborder AOs/GIs)
- **Common protection standards**  
(minimum level; protection against any usurpation and imitation; protection against genericity)
- **Freedom to choose the domestic system of protection for GIs** (e.g. *sui generis* system or trademark system)
- **Possibility for IGOs delivering regional titles of protection for GIs to join** (e.g. OAPI and EU)

# The Lisbon System in Africa

## ■ Lisbon Agreement (1967 Act)

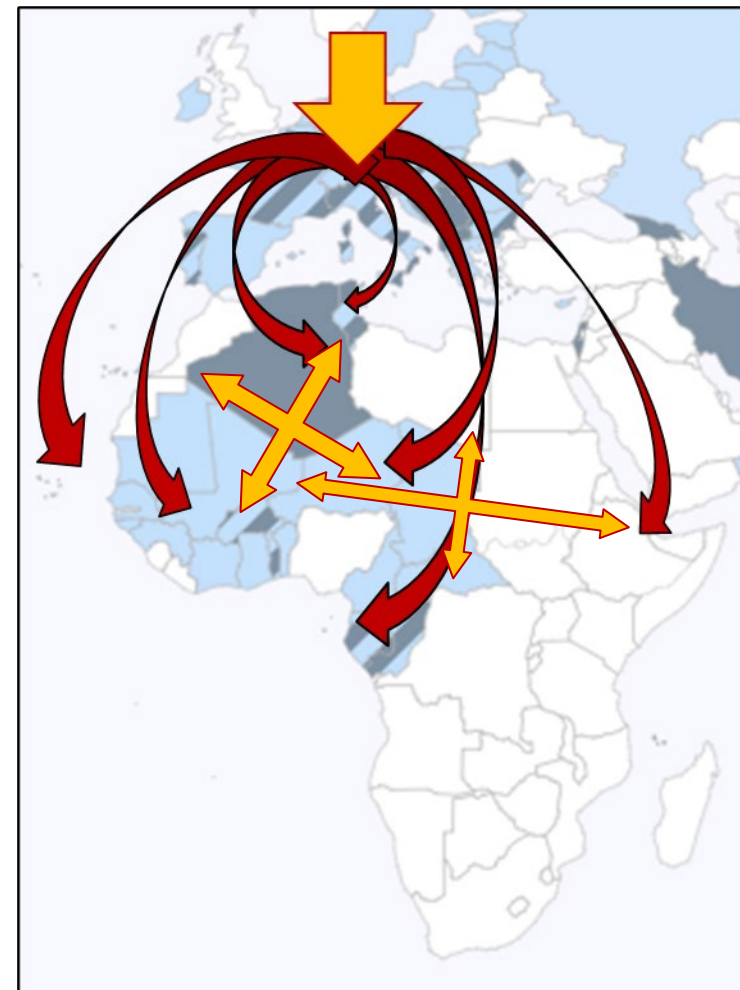
*Algeria, Burkina Faso,  
Congo, Gabon,  
Togo, **Tunisia***



## ■ Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement (2015 Act)

*Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire,  
Djibouti, Ghana,  
OAPI (=17 OAPI Member States),  
Sao Tomé and Príncipe,  
Senegal, **Tunisia***

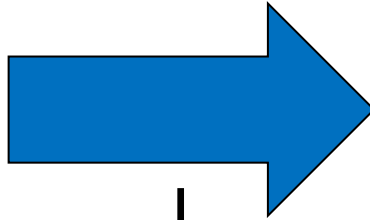
***and more to come....***





# Members of the Lisbon System

## Lisbon Agreement (30 countries)



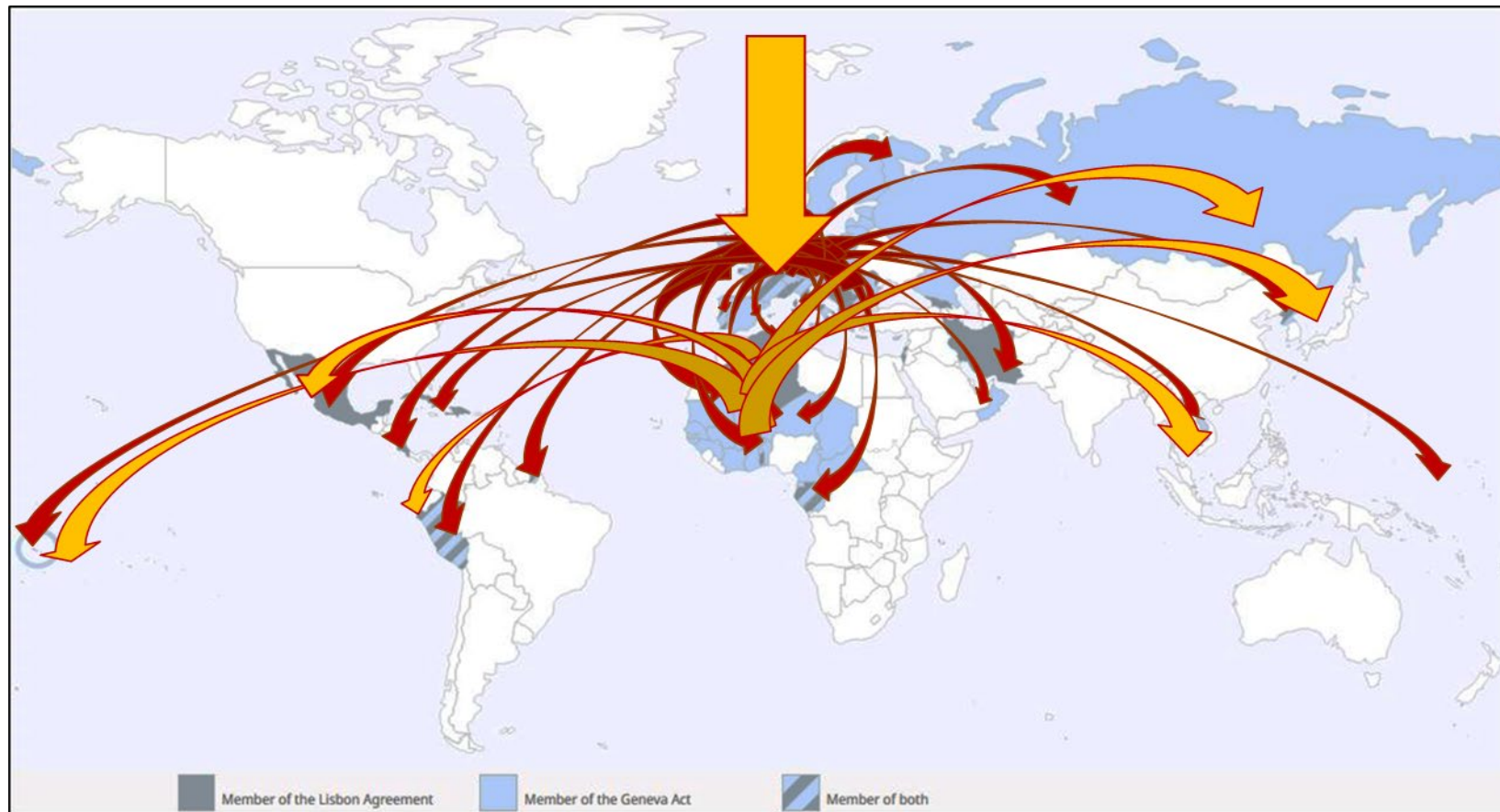
## Geneva Act (60 countries)

- **Asia (3):** DPR Korea; Iran (Isl. Rep.); Israel
- **Americas (7):** Costa Rica; Cuba; Haiti; Mexico; Nicaragua; **Peru**; Dominican Rep.
- **Africa (6):** Algeria; Burkina Faso; Congo; Gabon; Togo; **Tunisia**
- **Europe (14):** **Albania**; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Bulgaria; **Czech Rep.**; **France**; Georgia; **Hungary**; Italy; **Moldova (Rep)**; **Montenegro**; **Portugal**; Serbia; **Slovakia**; North Macedonia

- **Asia/Pacific (5):** Cambodia; DPR Korea; Lao PDR; Oman; Samoa
- **Americas (1):** Peru
- **Africa (8CP/22c.):** **Cabo Verde; Côte d'Ivoire; Djibouti; Ghana; OAPI (=17 c.); Sao Tomé and Príncipe; Senegal; Tunisia**
- **Europe, Balkan & Caucasus (11CP/32c):** **Albania; Czech Rep; European Union (= 27c.); France; Hungary; Moldova (Rep); Montenegro; Portugal; Russian Fed.; Slovakia; Switzerland**

**Lisbon System overall protection in 73 countries**

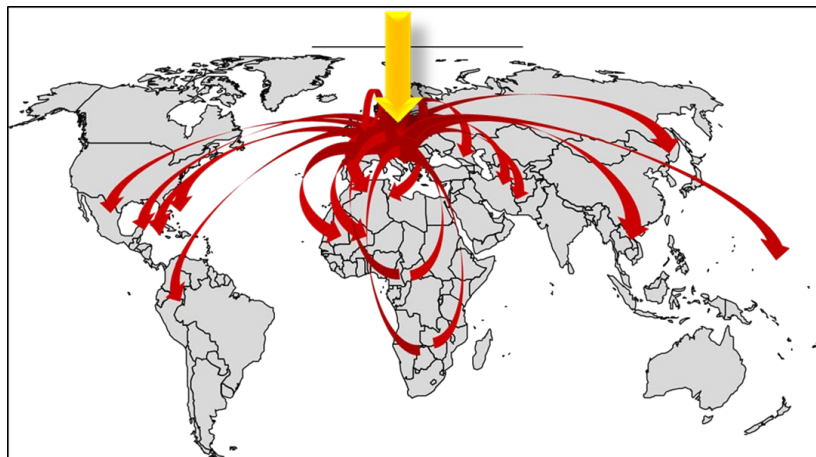
**With a Single Registration at WIPO**  
**already protection in more than 70 countries**  
**under the Lisbon System.... and more to come!**



# *With the Globalization of the Economy and Trade,*

■ ***WIPO is on your side to help developing an enabling GI ecosystem***

■ ***The Lisbon System is a global solution***



**More information on the Lisbon System:**

**[www.wipo.int/lisbon](http://www.wipo.int/lisbon)**



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