

## UNESCO ACTIVITIES

### MUSICIANS AND MAGISTRATES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST PIRACY

During the month of September 2007, UNESCO organized two separate workshops for musicians and government officials in the Tanzanian capital, Dar es Salaam, as part of the Global Alliance's efforts to promote respect for copyright and the fight against piracy.

The first seminar, '**Copyright as a Tool for Music Industry Development**', held on 13 and 14 September in collaboration with local partner Music Mayday, brought together some of the country's top musicians and film-makers to discuss the detrimental consequences of piracy from an artist's perspective.

An **Anti-piracy Training for Trainers** (APTT) session was then held from 17 to 20 September for magistrates, customs officials and police superintendents from the five countries of the East African Community – Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda – as well as Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles.

Over the course of the four days, the participants learned about mechanisms for detecting and measuring piracy as well as ways to reduce and prevent the widespread phenomenon. This is the second APTT seminar in Africa, with the first one being held in Namibia in 2006 for countries of Southern Africa. As before, the participants are now expected to train others in ways and means of enforcing existing legislation.

In a unique take on the fight against piracy, the officials attending the training had the chance to meet up with many of the performers from the previous seminar during a concert on their last evening. Renowned Dar es Salaam band, the Roots Rockers performed alongside featured artists Banana Zorro, Enika and Fid Q in a fusion of R'n'B and bongo flava.

This lively celebration of local music brought an end to a week-long discussion on how to stamp out piracy in East Africa and pave the way for a thriving and economically viable music industry in the region.

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