

# Swiss-Kenyan Project on Geographical Indications (SKGI)



## **Donor agency**

Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI)

## **Implementing agencies**

Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI) and Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI)

## **Main project partners**

Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI), producers of geographical indications (GIs)

## **Project duration**

Three years (1 January 2008 – 31 December 2010)

## **Project development goals**

As an overall strategic goal, SKGI was aimed at contributing to the economic success of Kenyan products by giving Kenyan GI products the opportunity to fill new market niches and to achieve higher profits across the entire value-chain.

## **Project specific objectives**

- Making a key contribution to the establishment of a functional GI protection system in Kenya.
- Supporting the country in raising awareness of GIs within Kenya and the East African Community (EAC).
- Drafting a comprehensive and coherent national GI legislation.

## **The main outcomes:**

- The Kenyan GI Bill and respective GI Rules were prepared by the KIPI to be approved by the Kenyan Parliament.
- After a series of capacity building activities in Kenya and abroad, the KIPI has a team of GI specialists in place that is capable of managing the registration and administrative procedures as soon as the new GI legislation is in force.
- Public events and training have increased general awareness and basic knowledge of GIs at the KIPI, among parliamentarians, producers and producers' associations as well as among the general public.

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