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**Intellectual Property, Innovation and Sustainability: Regulating for African
Development**

Venue: OR Tambo Moot Court, Level 5, Faculty of Law, UCT

Organisers, Plenary Panel and Moderator Biographies

Opening Session



Prof. Caroline Ncube, DSI-NRF SARCHI Research Chair in IP, Innovation and Development, University of Cape Town

Professor Caroline Ncube is the DSI/NRF SARCHI Research Chair in Intellectual Property, Innovation and Development in the Department of Commercial Law at the University of Cape Town (UCT). She holds a PhD in IP Law from the University of Cape Town; an LL.M from the University of Cambridge; and an LL.B from the University of Zimbabwe. Before joining UCT in 2005, Prof Ncube lectured at the University of Limpopo (formerly University of the North) and the University of Zimbabwe. Prior to that, she practiced as an attorney at Coghlan, Welsh & Guest.



Mr. Sherif Saadallah, Executive Director, WIPO Academy

Mr. Sherif Saadallah, Executive Director, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Academy, is a national of Egypt and joined the International Bureau of WIPO in April 1991, as Special Assistant, Office of the Director General. In January 1993, he was transferred to the Development Cooperation and External Relations Bureau for Arab Countries. Promoted as Head of that Bureau in November 1995 and became Director of that Bureau in 1997. In December 2003, he was appointed as Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Use of Intellectual Property for Development (OSUIPD) and supervised the work of five Divisions in WIPO, namely, the Intellectual Property and Economic Development Division, the Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Division, the Intellectual Property and New Technologies Division, the Creative Industries Division, and the Division for Public Policy and Development. Mr. Saadallah was responsible for the process that led to the successful adoption of the WIPO Development Agenda in 2007. In 2008 Mr. Saadallah was appointed Executive Director of the Department of External Relations where he supervised the work of the Intergovernmental Organizations and Partnerships Section and the Non-Governmental Organizations and Industry Relations Section, as well as the WIPO Coordination Office in New York. In January 2015, Mr. Saadallah became the Executive Director of the WIPO Academy.



Mr. Antony Taubman, Director, Intellectual Property, Government Procurement & Competition Division (IPD), WTO

Antony Taubman has served since 2009 as Director of the WTO's Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division, with responsibility for a wide range of WTO activities in these fields including coordination on the intersections between public health, trade policy and the intellectual property system, with a particular focus on the international response to the COVID-19 pandemic. From 2002 to 2009, he directed the Global Intellectual Property Issues Division of WIPO (including the Traditional Knowledge Division and Life Sciences Program), covering IP and genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore, the life sciences, and related global issues including public health and climate, the environment, climate change, human rights, food security, bioethics and indigenous issues. An earlier appointment at WIPO covered development cooperation in Asia and the Pacific, redesign of the program and budget, and policy development.



Mr. Denis L. Bohoussou, Director-General, OAPI

Mr. Denis Bohoussou, an Ivorian national, is the current Director General of the African Property Organization Intellectual (OAPI). Mr. Denis Bohoussou holds a doctorate in private law obtained in 1993 at the University of Montpellier. He is a teacher-professional researcher and expert with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). In the recent past, Mr. Denis Loukou Bohoussou successively occupied the positions of Director General of the Ivorian Office of intellectual property and Director of development of the private sector in his country, the Ivory Coast. Mr. Denis Bohoussou is the author of numerous publications in the field of intellectual property. He is a Commander in the Order of Arts and Culture (Côte d'Ivoire).



Dr. Outule Rapuleng, Head of ARIPO Academy, ARIPO

Dr. Outule Rapuleng joined ARIPO in June 2017 as the Head of the ARIPO Academy. He is responsible for intellectual property human resource development and capacity building. Prior to joining ARIPO, he was Senior Partner at Adsense Consulting (IP Consulting & Training) in Botswana. He served as Acting Assistant Director - Commercialization with the Office of Research and Development at the University and as an IT Analyst (Assistive Technology) in the Faculty of Education at the University of Botswana, coupled with part-time teaching. He worked at the Coca-Cola Company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA as IT Helpdesk Analyst. Dr. Rapuleng holds a Ph.D. (Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge) from Northwest University in South Africa. He also holds a Masters in IP from Africa University in Zimbabwe, a BSc in Information Systems from Drexel University, Philadelphia, USA, and a Diploma in Science Education (Biology and Physics) from the University of Botswana. He is a recipient of Executive IP Management training from WIPO as well as Innovation Policy training from the World Bank. He has also served as a Committee Member of the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) through an appointment by the Minister, in the Research, Innovation, Science & Technology (RIST) committee. The committee is responsible for bridging the skills mismatch in Botswana, matching the supply of graduates with national needs and priorities.

Conference Organisers



Ms. Martha Chikowore, WIPO Academy, WIPO

Martha Chikowore is Acting Head, Academic Institutions and Executive Program at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Academy since February 2023. Previously, she was a Counsellor, from 2017 to January 2023, and a Training Officer and Consultant, from 2003 to 2017, for the WIPO Academy. She specializes on the development of human resources as well as capacity building in the field of intellectual property, in particular the WIPO joint Masters' Degree programs with universities worldwide and the WIPO-WTO Colloquium for teachers and researchers of IP. Prior to joining WIPO, from 1983 to 2002, Ms. Chikowore was a civil servant with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Zimbabwe. She served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with stints at the country's diplomatic missions in Tokyo, Japan; New York, United States of America and Geneva, Switzerland. She holds a Master of Laws in Intellectual Property; a Master of Business Administration and Management and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management.. Ms. Chikowore co-published the Intellectual Property Monograph on Zimbabwe (2018 & 2013), a monograph which is an integral part of Intellectual Property in the International Encyclopedia of Laws series. She also co-authored a chapter in a book on IP Law, Practice and Management: Perspectives from Africa (2018).



Ms. Roshan Khan, Intellectual Property Division, Intellectual Property, Competition Policy and Government Procurement, WTO

Roshan Saeed Khan has a diverse work experience across multiple organizations. In 2009, they interned at Natural Justice, followed by a role as a Research Associate at Lahore University of Management Sciences in 2012. Roshan Saeed then joined Bhandari, Naqvi & Riaz as an Associate Lawyer from 2010 to 2012, where they worked on transactional and corporate matters, as well as appeals related to the Competition Commission and Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan. Roshan Saeed also gained extensive experience in banking law, financial regulation, and legal consultancy. Since 2013, Roshan has been employed at the World Trade Organization, starting as a Trainee and progressing to the role of Junior Economic Affairs Officer. Roshan Saeed then transitioned to the position of Economic Affairs Officer in 2015, where they were responsible for economic analysis and policy implementation. Currently, they serve as a Legal and Technical Cooperation Officer, focusing on legal and technical cooperation activities.



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Plenary Panelists



Prof. Chidi Oguamanam, University of Ottawa, Canada [OpenAIR]

Dr. Chidi Oguamanam is a full professor at the Centre for Law and Technology in the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Law. He holds the Research Chair in Sustainable Bio-Innovation, Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Global Knowledge Governance. He is also a Co-founder of the Open African Innovation Research (Open AIR) Network and the founding Director of Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) Canada.

Dr. Chidi Oguamanam is called to the Bar in Nigeria and Canada and is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association and the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society. He is also inducted to the Royal Society of Canada College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists and holds several interdisciplinary research fellowships. Dr. Chidi Oguamanam's research interests include global knowledge governance, especially through intellectual property and technology law, with emphasis on biodiversity, biotechnology & AI. He explores the intersections of Western science and the traditional knowledge of Indigenous and local communities in relation to the global dynamics of negotiating access to knowledge and the benefits of innovation. Dr. Oguamanam is affiliated with three Centres of Excellence at the University of Ottawa: Centre for Law Technology & Society, Centre for Environment & Global Sustainability and the Centre for Health Law, Policy & Ethics.



Dr. Fernando dos Santos, Senior Advisor on Africa, European Patent Office

A national of Mozambique, PhD by the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. Holds a Masters Degree on Intellectual Property from the University of London. He also holds a postgraduate certificates on IP by WIPO Academy, the University of Turin, Italy and the University of South Africa, South Africa; a post-graduate certificate on International Trade Law. He attained his first degree

in Law by the University of Trento in Italy. He was consultant for the International Training Centre of the ILO from 2000 to 2004; first Director General of the Mozambican Industrial Property Office (2004-2012). Director General of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization – ARIPO from January 2013 to December 2020. He has been consultant on Africa related issues for The International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations (IFPMI). He is currently the Senior Advisor on Africa of the European Patent Organization (EPO). He teaches IP on the Master's programme in Business Law at Universidade A Politécnica and Instituto Superior Monitor; and on the Master's programme in IP at Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe. He taught international trade law at the Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo and was also a tutor of the Distance Learning Courses of the WIPO Academy.



Prof. Enyinna Nwauche, University of Fort Hare, South Africa

Enyinna Sodiénye Nwauche is a professor of law at the Nelson Mandela School of Law University of Fort Hare, East London. He previously taught at Rhodes University Grahamstown; the University of Botswana; and the Rivers State University of Nigeria. He is a rated NRF scholar and has held fellowship and visiting positions in the United States; Canada; Germany; United Kingdom and Austria. He was Chair of the Coordinating Committee of the African Network of Constitutional

ALawyers (ANCL); a member of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL) and former Director General of the Nigerian Copyright Commission. He has to his credit many international peer reviewed books and articles a list of which appears at <https://enyinnawuache.com>.



Dr. Tebogo Lefifi, Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance and DSI-NRF SARChI Chair: IP, Innovation and Development, UCT

Tebogo Lefifi is the Senior Program Manager: Stakeholder Relations at the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance, University of Cape Town. She holds a PhD in Commerce: Chinese Law and Investments in Africa (University of Cape Town, 2023), an LLM in Chinese Business Law (Hong Kong Open University), and a BCom from the University of KwaZulu-Natal (1997). Since 2018, Tebogo has been convening and teaching an LLM course and an executive development course in Chinese Law and Investments at UCT. Her expertise includes international business strategy and research, China-Africa relations, strategic marketing, and reputation management. In her previous roles, Tebogo has served as a senior government official and established the first official nation brand agency in China. In this capacity, she profiled and positioned South Africa and Africa to attract Chinese investments and promote market entry for African products in China. She has been a Chief Representative for various organizations in China, providing strategic advice to private sector companies and senior officials in the public sector. Tebogo serves on advisory boards for various China-Africa businesses and initiatives, including the Africa China Law Desk (ACLD). She co-founded the Sino-Africa Centre of Excellence (SACE), an applied think tank that published and conducted the China Business Perception Index in various African countries. She has also served on advisory boards for initiatives such as the China-Africa Wildlife Conservation Council (CAWCC), an Aspen Institute and Africa Wildlife Foundation initiative, Yale University's Visiting Women's Executive Exchange Program (VWEEP), and the South Africa China Business Association (SACBA). As a Junior Research Fellow at the UCT Intellectual Property Chair, Tebogo's research interests focus on the development of Chinese intellectual property as part of economic development strategy and lessons for the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). She was a 2020 fellow for the prestigious Olu Akinkugbe Business Law in Africa Fellowships (OABLAF). Her groundbreaking doctoral research received the Vice Chancellor's Award in 2020 and 2021, the Siri Johnson Scholarship Award, and the K.W. Johnston Bequest Scholarship Award.



Prof. Teshager Dagne, Ontario Research Chair in Governing Artificial Intelligence (York University) [OpenAIR], Canada

Professor Dagne is an Associate Professor and holds the Ontario Research Chair in Governing Artificial Intelligence at York University in Canada. He teaches at the School of Public Policy and Administration and Osgoode Hall Law School. His current research explores the legal, regulatory, and ethical aspects of AI, focusing on innovation and knowledge governance in Indigenous and local communities.

He examines the instrumentality of intellectual property, privacy and data governance rules and norms in influencing societal outcomes, either perpetuating or mitigating inequalities in AI deployment.

Moderators



Dr. Chijioke Okorie, University of Pretoria, South Africa

Chijioke Okorie is a Lecturer at the University of Pretoria, where she specialises in Intellectual Property Law and Internet laws. She is a Senior Researcher at and member of the [Centre for Intellectual Property Law](#) (IP Centre). She is the principal investigator and leader of Data Science Law Lab, a research group at the University of Pretoria that deploys research in law and produces evidence and policy advice to support the growth of data science research across Africa. Chijioke is an Africa correspondent at The IPKat blog, associate editor of South African Intellectual Property Law Journal, and the author of several articles on intellectual property and information justice issues in Africa.



Prof. Tana Pistorius, University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand

Tana Pistorius is a Professor of Commercial Law at the Business School of the University of Auckland (UABS). Tana is also the Head of the Department of Commercial Law in the UABS). Tana is the Programme Director of the Information Governance Programme. Tana was a professor of intellectual property law from 2003-2019 and the incumbent of the South African Research Chair in Law, Society and Technology at the University of South Africa from 2016 to 2019. She is a qualified attorney and a notary of the High Court of South Africa and a senior adjudicator of the SAIIPL alternate dispute resolution panel for the .za domain-name system. Tana has an active interest in policy formulation at national and international levels. Tana has been involved in several World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) projects, including the development of a Model Intellectual Property Policy for Universities and Research Institutions (2018-2019) and the development of national IP curricula for universities in Africa (2015-2017). She has also served as a tutor for the WIPO courses since 2001 and is one of the tutors regularly appointed to teach the WIPO intellectual property management course (DL450). Tana served on the executive committee of the International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property (ATRIP) from 2009-2017. She was the President of ATRIP from 2013 to 2015 and she remains actively involved in ATRIP as a Past-President. Tana is a member of the editorial board of the WIPO-WTO Colloquium, and she is an external co-editor of the Journal for Juridical Science (University of the Free State).



Dr. Sanya Samtani, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

Sanya Samtani is an academic, holding the position of Senior Researcher at the Mandela Institute, a premier research centre at the School of Law, University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. She conducts academic research, teach and supervise students across the areas of intellectual property, human rights, and international law. She also consults for public interest organisations and the government on matters relating to one or more of the above areas.



Prof. Irene Calboli, Texas A&M University, United States of America

Irene Calboli is Regents Professor of Law at Texas A&M University and Academic Fellow at the University of Geneva. She holds several honorary and visiting appointments, including at SciencesPo Paris, the University of Melbourne, Singapore University of Social Sciences, National Law School Delhi, Bocconi University, and Stanford University. In 2022, she was a Fulbright-Hanken Distinguished Chair in Business and Economics in Finland and, in 2018, a Fulbright Specialist Scholar at the Royal University of Law and Economics in Cambodia.

She is a member of the editorial board of several scientific journals, including the Oxford Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice, the Queen Mary Journal of Intellectual Property, and the WIPO-WTO Colloquium Papers. An elected member of the American Law Institute and the European Law Institute, she serves on the board of several professional associations, including the Comparative Law and European Law Sections of the Association of American Law Schools, the American Branch of the International Law Association, the European Policy for Intellectual Property Law Association, and the International Trademark Association. She regularly advises national governments and international organizations, and is currently an Expert for the World Intellectual Property Organization, the World Trade Organization, the U.N. International Trade Center, and the European Union. Irene is a graduate of the University of Bologna, Queen Mary University, and the London School of Economics.



Prof. Lonias Ndlovu, University of Venda, South Africa

Lonias is a professor and Director of the School of Law at the University of Venda (SA), where he has worked since August 2016. He served as the dean of the School of Law at the same university from 2019 to 2021. He holds a Bachelor and Master of Laws from the University of Fort Hare (SA), a Doctor of Laws from the University of South Africa, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education from the University of Kwazulu-Natal. Before joining the University of Venda, he worked at the universities of Fort Hare, Zululand, and North

West (all in SA), holding managerial positions such as Head of the Law Department and Vice Dean at the University of Zululand. As an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa, Lonias maintains a limited commercial law practice, focusing on intellectual property, customs law, and commercial law. His teaching and research interests include intellectual property law, access to medicines, international trade law, and corporate law. He has been an instructor on the WIPO/Havard University PatentX Programme on Patent Law and Global Public Health since its inception in 2023. Lonias is an active member of several professional societies, including the American Society of International Law, the Asian Society of International Law, the African International Economic Law Network, the Society of International Economic Law, and the South African Association of Intellectual Property Law and Information Technology Law.