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Emerging Researchers & Postgraduates Symposium

Intellectual Property in Africa: Catalysing Development, Innovation & Sustainability in the 21st Century

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

Cape Town, South Africa

7 - 11 July 2025

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

MONDAY 7 JULY 2025 – DAY 1

8:30 – 9:00 AM	<p>Registration Venue: OR Tambo Moot Court, Faculty of Law</p>
9:00 – 9:15	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Professor Caroline Ncube, SARChI Research Chair in Intellectual Property, Department of Commercial Law, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa</p> <p>Professor Danwood Chirwa, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town</p> <p>Professor Michelle Louw, Head of Commercial Law Department, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town</p>
9:15 – 10:15	<p>Moderators Introduction & Reflections on IP Scholarship in Africa</p> <p>Associate Professor Yeukai Mupangavanhu, University of Western Cape – <i>Academic and Legal Writing for Emerging IP Scholars in Africa</i></p> <p>Associate Professor Desmond Osaretin Oriakhogba, University of Western Cape – <i>Contextualising IP in African Realities</i></p> <p>Associate Professor Chijioke Okorie, University of Pretoria – <i>Young scholars’ engagement with frontier issues like AI, digital trade, and genetic resource governance</i></p> <p>Ms. Bongiwe Zungu, University of Cape Town – <i>Argument development and engaging with African jurisprudence in academic writing</i></p> <p>Dr. Samuel Ugwumba, University of Cape Town – <i>Trends, Gaps, and Opportunities in African IP Research</i></p> <p>Dr. Charlene Musiza, University of Cape Town – <i>Purpose and Structure of the IP Law Symposium</i></p>
10:15 – 10:30	<p>Coffee Break</p>
10:30 – 12:30	<p>Theme 1 – Recent Developments in IP Law Session 1 Moderators – A/Prof. Mupangavanhu & A/Prof. Oriakhogba</p> <p><u>Presentations (20mins each)</u></p> <p>Nandipha Ntsaluba – <i>“Reliving Life in Exile, A Healing Strategy”: Leveraging Intellectual Property Rights for the Economic Benefit of Military Veterans and their Families: Honour and Memorialisation</i></p>

	<p>Setso Dennis Mareka – <i>Southern African Copyright Policy Considerations – Compensation for Starving Artists Feeding Generative AI</i></p> <p>Damola Adediji – <i>Convergence of Intellectual Property and Competition Law Objectives for Africa: Revisiting the Copyright Issues Raised by the 6th Amendment of the Nigerian Broadcasting Code Through the Lens of TWAIL</i></p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:30	<p>Theme 1 – Recent Developments in IP Law Session 2 Moderators – Dr. Ghati Nyehita & Ms. Bongwiwe Zungu</p> <p><u>Presentations (20mins each)</u></p> <p>Alvizo Miggels – <i>The Implementation of the Fair Use Exception into South African Copyright Law: A Fever Dream or A Justified Reform?</i></p> <p>Dorcas Chebet Koros – <i>Africa’s Evolving Copyright Landscape: Lessons from Nigeria, Uganda, South Africa, and Kenya</i></p> <p>Kamogelo Rammai, Mafanywa Mangammbi and Suprise Ngwane – <i>The Impact and Usage of Alternative Dispute Resolution in Intellectual Property Disputes: Mediation and Arbitration as a Safeguard for Confidentiality and Accessibility</i></p>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:15	<p>Theme 2 – AfCFTA Session 1 Moderators – Prof. Caroline Ncube & Dr. Ghati Nyehita</p> <p><u>Presentations (20mins each)</u></p> <p>Thato Moloto - <i>AfCFTA and the calibration of trade mark post-registration use requirements</i></p> <p>Andrew Mutua – <i>Opening the Floodgates to Untapped Markets: IP and AfCFTA’s role in promoting the African Start-Up ecosystem</i></p> <p>Victoria Onyeagbako – <i>For the Sake of Africa: Harmonising Paper-Perfect Copyright Laws and Standards in Africa</i></p>
TUESDAY 8 JULY 2025 – DAY 2	
9:00 – 11:00	<p>Theme 2 – AfCFTA Session 2 Moderators – Ms. Bongwiwe Zungu & Dr. Samuel Ugwumba</p> <p><u>Presentations (20mins each)</u></p>

	<p>Tshimangadzo Donald Mukwevho – <i>Protocol to the Agreement Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area on Intellectual Property Rights: An Opportunity for a Sui Generis Protection of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in Africa</i></p> <p>Davy Rammila – <i>Patent Law Harmonisation in the African Continental Free Trade Area: A Question of Parallel Import</i></p> <p>Cindy Moshatane – <i>The Nexus of Indigenous Knowledge and Biodiversity: A Framework for Sustainability in the African Continent</i></p>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 13:15	<p>Theme 6 – TK & Genetic Resources Moderators – A/Prof. Mupangavanhu & Dr. Charlene Musiza</p> <p><u>Presentations (20mins each)</u></p> <p>Kutlwano Jairos – <i>Artificial Intelligence and Knowledge Management Models in Sustainable Preservation of Traditional Knowledge Systems (TKS)</i></p> <p>Tafadzwa Chiwanza – <i>An Investigation into the efficacy of Zimbabwe's Legal Regime for the Protection of Indigenous knowledge systems</i></p> <p>Ronald Allamano Ong'udi, Youngreen Peter Mudeyi – <i>Decolonising and Harmonising Africa's Intellectual Property for Traditional Knowledge Protection, Global Bargaining Power, and Intra-African Trade</i></p>
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15 – 16:15	<p>Theme 7 – IP and Frontier Technologies Moderators – A/Prof. Oriakhogba & Dr. Elfes Torerai</p> <p><u>Presentations (20mins each)</u></p> <p>Grace Njeri Gatere – <i>Is it Piracy? AI-Copyright Relationship Among Designers in Kenya</i></p> <p>Tanaka Dakacha – <i>Navigating Intellectual Property and Data Rights in Africa's Digital Economy: Legal Frameworks for Innovation and Sustainable Growth</i></p> <p>Dennis Ramphomane – <i>Few-Shot Learning with Small Language Models for Empowering African Languages (low resource languages)</i></p>
WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2025 – DAY 3	
9:00 – 11:00	<p>Theme 8 – Global Public Health, IP & SDG Moderators – Prof. Caroline Ncube & Dr. Samuel Ugwumba</p> <p><u>Presentations (20mins each)</u></p>

	<p>Michael Saidu Dumbuya – <i>The Implementation of the AfCFTA Protocol on Intellectual Property Rights: Examining Possible Ways to Alleviate Access to Medicine in Africa</i></p> <p>Emmanuel Omondi Odera – <i>The Impact of COVID-19 on Global Health and Intellectual Property: Reframing Strategies for Future Preparedness</i></p> <p>Fidelma Mumbua – <i>Reimagining IP Policy: A Design and Systems Thinking Approach to Promote Health Equity</i></p> <p>Tendai Mikioni – <i>Intellectual Property as a Catalyst for Sustainable Development in Africa: Accelerating Attainment of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals</i></p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:30	Block Writing Session
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:00	Block Writing Session
THURSDAY 10 JULY 2025 – DAY 4	
9:00 – 11:00	<p>Feedback session - Theme 1 (Recent Developments in IP Law) & Theme 8 (Public Health)</p> <p>Moderators – All</p> <p><u>Presentations (10mins each)</u></p> <p>Nandipha Ntsaluba Setso Dennis Mareka Damola Adediji Alvizo Miggels Dorcas Chebet Koros Kamogelo Rammai, Mafanywa Mangammbi & Suprise Ngwane Fidelma Mumbua</p>
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16:15 – 16:45	<p>Reflections and next steps Prof. Caroline Ncube</p>
FRIDAY 11 JULY 2025 – DAY 5	
Open Day	

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