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organized by
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO),
the World Trade Organization (WTO);
and
the University of Cape Town (UCT)

Cape Town, August 5 to 8, 2024 (followed by IP Scholars Africa Conference, hosted by UCT: August 9, 2024)

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Venue: Lecture Theatre 3, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town		
<u>Monday, August 5, 2024</u>		
08:30 – 9:00		Registration
09:00 – 09:45	Opening Remarks	<p>Mr. Sherif Saadallah, Executive Director, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Academy, WIPO</p> <p>Mr. Antony Taubman, Director, Intellectual Property, Government Procurement & Competition Division (IPD), World Trade Organization (WTO)</p> <p>Ms. Jetane Charsley, Chief Director (Head), National Intellectual Property Management Office (NIPMO)</p> <p>Prof Danwood Chirwa, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town</p> <p>Prof. Jeff Murugan, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Internationalization, University of Cape Town</p> <p>Prof. Michelle Louw, Head of Commercial Law Department, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town</p>
Group Photo: Opening Session Speakers		
09:45 – 10:45	Theme 1	IP Education, Training and Skills Building in Africa
	Moderator:	Ms. Jetane Charsley, Chief Director (Head), NIPMO
09:45 – 10:00		<p>WIPO Academy: IP Education, Training and Skills Building in Africa</p> <p>Speaker: Martha Chikowore, Acting Head, Academic Institutions and Executive Program, WIPO Academy, WIPO</p>
10.00 – 10.15		<p>Technical Assistance and Skills Building in Africa</p> <p>Speaker: Roshan Khan, Legal and Technical Cooperation Officer, IPD, WTO</p>
10.15 – 10.45	Discussion	
10.45 – 11.15	Break	Group Photo

11.15 – 12.30	Theme 2	The role of Regional Intellectual Property Organizations in enhancing IP Education in Africa
	Moderator:	Victor Owade, Counsellor, Academic Institutions and Executive Program, WIPO Academy, WIPO
11.15 – 11.30		The Role of OAPI in IP Education in Africa Speaker: Mr. Mahamadi Tassemedo, Director, OAPI Academy, Yaoundé, Cameroon
11.30 – 11.45		The Role of ARIPO in IP Education in Africa Speaker: Dr. Outule Rapuleng, Head, ARIPO Academy, Harare, Zimbabwe
11.45 – 12.00		The Role of Regional Intellectual Property Organizations in Enhancing IP Education in Africa: Case of the African Intellectual Property Organization Speaker: John Dashaco Tambutoh, Professor of Law and Coordinator, WIPO-OAPI-University of Yaoundé II MIP
12.00 – 12.30	Discussion	
12:30 – 13:30	Break	
13:30 – 15:20	Theme 3	Frontier Technologies & Digital Copyright and Related Rights: issues and developments in Africa
	Moderator:	Lee-Ann Tong, Associate Professor, Department of Commercial Law, University of Cape Town
13:30 – 13:45		Copyright's Wicked Problems: The Promise and the Peril of Frontier Technologies Speaker: Tana Pistorius, Professor of Commercial Law and Head Department of Commercial Law, Business School of the University of Auckland
13:45 – 14:00		Frontier Technologies & Digital Copyright and Related Rights: issues and developments in Africa Speaker: Teshager Dagne, Associate Professor & Ontario Research Chair in Governing Artificial Intelligence and Associate Professor at York University

14:00 – 15:00		Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):
14:00 – 14:10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tigist D. Gebrehiwot (Ethiopia) <i>‘Piracy in the Digital Ecosystem in Africa: The Effects on Sustainable Development Goals’</i>
14:10 – 14:20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jimcall Pfumorodze (Botswana) <i>‘Legal and ethical issues on copyright and Artificial Intelligence in academic institutions’</i>
14:20 – 14:30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranjeet Kumar (India) <i>‘Technology Growth of Artificial Intelligence A Challenge for the Basic Structure of Intellectual Property Rights’</i>
14:30 – 14:40		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline Joelle Nwabueze (Nigeria) <i>‘AI technologies and heritage safeguarding: critical appraisal of the relevance of text and data mining exception for research and development in OAPI states’</i>
14:40 – 14:50		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leslie Wellington Sirora (Zimbabwe) <i>‘Mitigating Copyright Infringement in AI Models with Targeted Machine Unlearning’</i>
14:50 – 15:00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samuel Samiái Andrews (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) <i>‘Artificial Intelligence and the First Principles of Creative Works: Nigerian Film Industries’ Path’</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Discussion	
15:30 – 16:10	Break	
16:10 – 17:35	Theme 4	Copyright
	Moderator:	Thabang Jase, Deputy Director: IP and TT Skills, NIPMO
16:10 – 16:25		Copyright and Related Rights Speaker: Chijioke Okorie Ph.D., Lecturer, University of Pretoria and Senior Researcher, Centre for Intellectual Property Law (IP Centre)

<p>16:25 – 17:05</p> <p>16:25 – 16:35</p> <p>16:35 – 16:45</p> <p>16:45 – 16:55</p> <p>16:55 – 17:05</p>		<p>Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanya Samtani (South Africa) <i>‘New frontiers in copyright and human rights: Copyright discrimination’</i> • Faud Thomas Touray <i>‘A review and analysis of the Intellectual Property Bill of 2023 in the Gambia, focusing on the complex policy and legal issues being debated and reviewed’</i> • Ismail Nuruhussien Attayib (Ethiopia) <i>‘A Quest for the Unknown "Other Authors" of Audiovisual Work Under the Ethiopian Copyright Law’</i> • Odegua Evbuoma (Nigeria) <i>‘Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in Literary, Artistic and Musical Works Created with the Use of Artificial Intelligence’</i>
<p>17:05 – 17:35</p>	<p>Discussion</p>	

Venue: Lecture Theatre 2, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town, Cape Town		
<u>Tuesday, August 6, 2024</u>		
09:00 – 10:30	Theme 5	Patents: current issues and recent developments in Africa
	Moderator:	Tobias Schonwetter, Associate Professor, Department of Commercial Law and Director, Intellectual Property Unit, University of Cape Town
09:00 – 09:15		Challenges In the Development of Patent Systems in Africa Speaker: Fernando dos Santos, Ph.D., Senior Advisor on Africa, European Patent Office
09:15 – 09:30		Artificial Intelligence generated inventions and the quest of normative framework for Africa Speaker: Bassem Awad, Professor, Director of the Intellectual Property, Information and Technology Law Unit and Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, Western University
09:30 – 10:00 09:30 – 09:40 09:40 – 09:50		Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stanislas Bigirimana (Burundi) <i>'Intellectual property protection for pharmaceutical products during the COVID-19 pandemic: between patent protection and compulsory licensing'</i> • Hankie Uluko (Malawi) <i>'Frugal innovations space in Africa and opportunities for patenting'</i>
09:50 – 10:20	Discussion	
10:20 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 12:15	Theme 6	Trademarks and Geographical Indications: current issues and recent developments in Africa
	Moderator:	Irene Calboli, Regents Professor of Law, Texas A&M University

11:00 – 11:15		<p>Evaluating Geographical Indications in Africa: Challenges, Opportunities, and Strategic Implementations in a Tailored Legal Framework</p> <p>Speaker: Teshager Dagne, Associate Professor & Ontario Research Chair in Governing Artificial Intelligence and Associate Professor at York University</p>
11:15 – 11:30		<p>Trademarks and Geographical Indications: current issues and recent developments in Africa</p> <p>Speaker: Sadulla Karjiker, Professor & Chair of Intellectual Property Law, Stellenbosch University</p>
11:30 – 11:45		<p>Trademarks and Geographical Indications: current issues and recent developments in Africa</p> <p>Speaker: Nomagugu Hlongwane, Senior Lecturer, University of South Africa</p>
11:45 – 12:15	Discussion	
12:15 – 13:00	Theme 7	Industrial Designs and Utility Models: current issues and recent developments in Africa
	Moderator:	Hezekiel Oira, Professor of Law & Dean, Mount Kenya University School of Law, Nairobi
12:15 – 12:30		<p>Protecting Innovation: Industrial Designs and Utility Models in Africa - Current Issues and Recent Developments</p> <p>Speaker: Stanley Murairwa, Professor & Dean, College of Business, Peace, Leadership and Governance, Africa University</p>
12:30 – 12:40		<p>Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mercy Musukwa (Malawi) <p><i>‘The Impact of Digital and Virtual Designs on Enforcement of Design Rights in Africa: A Case Study of Malawi’</i></p>
12:40 – 13:00	Discussion	
13:00 – 14:00	Break	

14:00 – 15:00	Theme 8	IP and Competition: recent developments in Africa
	Moderator:	Tebogo Lefifi, Ph.D., Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance and DSI-NRF SARCHI Chair: IP, Innovation and Development, UCT
14:00 – 14:15		Intellectual property rights and competition in the digital space in Africa Speaker: Desmond Oriakhogba, Associate Professor, Department of Private Law, University of the Western Cape
14:15 – 14:30		IP and Competition: recent developments in Africa Speaker: Mr. Antony Taubman, Director, IPD, WTO
14:30 – 15:00	Discussion	
15:00 – 15:30	Break	
15.30 – 17:20	Theme 9	UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs): Climate Change and environmentally friendly technologies
	Moderator:	Amos Saurombe, Associate Professor of Law and International Trade Law Consultant, University of South Africa
15:30 – 15:45		Climate Justice and Green Technology Innovation in Africa Speaker: Bassem Awad, Professor, Director of the Intellectual Property, Information and Technology Law Unit and Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, Western University
15:45 – 16:00		Climate Adaptation Innovation: IP Lessons from Uganda’s National Agricultural Research Organization Speaker: Anthony Kakooza, J.S.D, Lecturer, School of Law and Ag. Head, Department of Commercial Law, Makerere University (Uganda)
16:00 – 16:40		Research Paper presentations (10 minutes)
16:00 – 16:10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew Rens (South Africa)

16:10 – 16:20		<p><i>‘Climate Change and Intellectual Property: Mapping the Interface’</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Télio Murrure (Mozambique)
16:20 – 16:30		<p><i>‘Climate change and environmentally friendly technologies – Challenges in addressing energy poverty in Mozambique’</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chanda Mwali (Zambia)
16:30 – 16:40		<p><i>‘Exploring the Nexus between Intellectual Property and Sustainable Development Goal 7: Clean Energy’</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini Srivastava (India) <p><i>‘Green technology solutions for climate change adaptation: select case studies from WIPO green initiative’</i></p>
16:40 – 17:10	Discussion	

Venue: Lecture Theatre 2 [09:00 – 13:30] and Lecture Theatre 3 [14:00 – 17:30] Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town, Cape Town		
<u>Wednesday, August 7, 2024</u>		
09:00 – 10:40	Theme 10	IP, Traditional Knowledge, TCEs & Genetic Resources: current issues and recent developments in Africa
	Moderator:	Roshan Khan, Legal and Technical Cooperation Officer, IPD, WTO
09:00 – 09:15		OAPI Model Laws for the Protection of GRs, TK and TCEs: Prospects for International Protection Speaker: John Dashaco Tambutoh, Professor of Law and Coordinator, WIPO-OAPI-University of Yaoundé II MIP
09:15 – 09:30		Protection of TK, CEs & Genetic Resources: Africa's Mirage Speaker: Hezekiel Oira, Professor of Law & Dean, Mount Kenya University School of Law, Nairobi
09:30 – 10:10		<i>Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurensius Gebhardt (Namibia) <i>'Assessing and developing a sui-generis model of intellectual property on Traditional Knowledge for indigenous communities in Namibia'</i> • Caroline Wanjiru Muchiri (Kenya) <i>'Politics of Knowledge Governance: Re-imagining the Contributions of Traditional Knowledge to Trade in Kenya'</i> • Vitória Nhone (Mozambique) <i>'Developing a legal framework for the effective Protection of traditional medicine in Mozambique'</i>
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10:10 – 10:40	Discussion	
10:40 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 12:35	Theme 11	<p>(i) WIPO Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge – Implications for Africa</p> <p>(ii) Plant Variety Protection</p>
	Moderator:	Eddie Hurter, Associate Professor in Intellectual Property Law, University of South Africa
11:00 – 11:15		<p>African Patent Regimes and Prior Disclosure Frameworks</p> <p>Speaker: Enyinna Sodiemye Nwauche, Professor of Law and Head Department of Private Law, Nelson Mandela School of Law, University of Fort Hare</p>
11:15 – 11:30		<p>Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge – Implications for Africa</p> <p>Speaker: Chidi Oguamanam, Professor, Faculty of Law and University Research Chair in Sustainable Bio-Innovation, Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Global Knowledge Governance, University of Ottawa</p>
11:30 – 11:45		<p>Plant Variety Protection</p> <p>Speaker: Coenraad Visser, Professor Extraordinarius, University of South Africa, South Africa</p>
11:45 – 12:35		<p><i>Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pierrette Essama -Mekongo (Cameroon) <p><i>‘The WIPO international legal instrument relating to Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources, and Associated Traditional Knowledge: Stakes and Challenges for Africa’</i></p>
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		'Assessing the Plant Variety Protection System status and prospects in Uganda'
12:05 – 12:35	Discussion	
12:35 – 14:00	Break	
14:00 – 15:30	Theme 12	UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs): Global Public Health ((including the COVID-19 pandemic and diversifying production of vaccines and other key technologies)
	Moderator:	Coenraad Visser, Professor Extraordinarius, University of South Africa, South Africa
14:00 – 14:15		UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) Speaker: Roshan Khan, Legal and Technical Cooperation Officer, IPD, WTO
14:15 – 14:30		Patent Law and Access to essential Medicines in South Africa: A Tale of four Drugs Speaker: Lonias Ndlovu, Professor & Director, School of Law, Faculty of Management, Commerce and Law, University of Venda
14:30 – 15:00		<p>Research Paper presentation (10 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chikosa Banda (Malawi) <i>'Examining the potential utility of Article 31bis (3) of the TRIPS Agreement as a tool for production of vaccines in the Southern African Development Community region'</i> • Adekola Tolulope Anthony (Australia) <i>'Beyond the Binary: Reimagining Intellectual Property for Equitable Healthcare Access in Africa'</i> • Saviour Komla Sobia Deikumah (Ghana) <i>A post COVID patent box for Africa: Assessing the prospects of a preferential IP tax regime in AfCFTA</i>
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15:30 – 16:00	Break	
16:00 – 17:20	Theme 13	African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA): The economic, trade policy and social context for IP in African countries
	Moderator:	Ntando Sindane, Ph.D., Lecturer, University of the Western Cape
16:00 – 16:15		The economic, trade policy and social context for IP in African countries Speaker: Caroline Ncube, Professor & DSI/NRF SARChI Research Chair in Intellectual Property, Innovation and Development, University of Cape Town
16:15 – 16:30		Intellectual property provisions in Trade Agreements: The bargaining chip Speaker: Yeukai Mupangavanhu, Associate Professor, University of the Western Cape
16:30 – 16:50 16:30 – 16:40 16:40 – 16:50		Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each): • Saudin J. Mwakaje (Tanzania) <i>‘Resolution of Intellectual Property Disputes under AfCFTA: The Dilemma and Prospects’</i> • Amos Saurombe (South Africa) <i>‘The AfCFTA IPR Protocol: An opportunity for African Countries relevance’</i>
16:50 – 17:20	Discussion	

Venue: Hasso Plattner d-school Afrika*, University of Cape Town

Thursday, August 8, 2024

09:00 – 10:40	Theme 14	Current IP Research and Teaching Methodologies: Building Capacity of Universities to Transform Ideas into Tangible Assets
	Moderator:	Roshan Khan, Legal and Technical Cooperation Officer, IPD, WTO
09:00 – 09:15		Building Capacity of Universities to Transform Ideas into Tangible Assets Speaker: Coenraad Visser, Professor Extraordinarius, University of South Africa, South Africa
09:15 – 09:30		Transforming Ideas into Tangible Assets: Building University Capacity through Current IP Research and Teaching Methodologies Speaker: Stanley Murairwa, Professor & Dean, College of Business, Peace, Leadership and Governance, Africa University
09:30 – 10:10		Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):
09:30 – 09:40		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soad Essam Abueldahab (Egypt) <i>'Building capacity of universities to transform ideas into tangible assets'</i>
09:40 – 09:50		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benjamin Torlafia (Nigeria) <i>'Leveraging Intellectual Property for University-Driven Innovation in Africa'</i>
09:50 – 10:00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eunice Adu Boahen, Lecturer (Ghana) <i>'Mindset Change: The role of Intellectual Property education in promoting Innovation and Entrepreneurship in higher education in Ghana'</i>
10:00 – 10:10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caleb Muyiwa Adelowo, (Nigeria) <i>'Technology Transfer and R&D commercialisation in Nigerian research institutions: motivation, barriers and policy options'</i>
10:10 – 10:40	Discussion	
10:40 – 11:10	Break	
11:10 – 12:20	Theme 15	Innovation and Technology Adaptation in Africa

	Moderator:	Caroline Ncube, Professor & DSI/NRF SARChI Research Chair in Intellectual Property, Innovation and Development, University of Cape Town
11:10 – 11:25		<p>Innovation and Technology Adaptation in Africa</p> <p>Speakers: Chidi Oguamanam, Professor, Faculty of Law and University Research Chair in Sustainable Bio- Innovation, Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Global Knowledge Governance, University of Ottawa and;</p> <p>Tobias Schonwetter, Associate Professor, Department of Commercial Law and Director, Intellectual Property Unit, University of Cape Town</p>
11:25 – 11:40		<p>Innovation and Technology Adaptation in Africa</p> <p>Speaker: Nandipha Ntsaluba, Adv, University of South Africa</p>
11:40 – 12:20		<p>Roundtable Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation and Technology Adaptation in Africa • How to enhance IP Education and Research in Africa • How to build IP knowledge and skills of relevance to regional needs and priorities
		Speakers: All Speakers/Participants
12:20 – 13:00	Evaluation and Closing remarks	All Speakers/Participants WIPO/WTO/UCT
13:00 – 14:00	Break	
14:00 – 17:00	Theme 16	Study Visit organized by UCT
18:30 – 20:00		<i>Dinner: Gold Restaurant, Cape Town</i>

Followed by IP Scholars Africa Conference, hosted by UCT: August 9, 2024

Venue: University of Cape Town (Faculty of Law)