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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

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Venue: Lecture Theatre 3, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town		
Monday, August 5, 2024		
08:30 – 9:00		**Registration**
09:00 – 09:45	**Opening Remarks**	**Sherif Saadallah**, Executive Director**,** World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Academy, WIPO **Antony Taubman**, Director, Intellectual Property, Government Procurement & Competition Division (IPD), World Trade Organization (WTO) **Jetane Charsley**, Chief Director (Head), National Intellectual Property Management Office (NIPMO) **Danwood Chirwa,** Professor and Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town **Jeff Murugan**, Professor and Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Internationalization, University of Cape Town **Michelle Louw**, Professor and Head of Commercial Law Department, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town
Group Photo: Opening Session Speakers		
09:45 – 10:45	**Theme 1**	**IP Education, Training and Skills Building**
	Moderator:	Jetane Charsley, Chief Director (Head), NIPMO
09:45 – 10.00		**WIPO Academy: IP Education, Training and Skills Building** Speaker: Martha Chikowore, Acting Head, Academic Institutions and Executive Program, WIPO Academy, WIPO
10.00 – 10.15		**30 Years of the TRIPS Agreement: The Role of Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Initiatives** Speaker: Roshan Khan, Legal and Technical Cooperation Officer, IPD, WTO
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: Mahamadi Tassembedo, Director, OAPI Academy, Yaoundé, Cameroon
11.30 – 11.45		**The Role of ARIPO in IP Education in Africa** Speaker: 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 – 14.50 14:00 – 14:10 14:10 – 14:20 14:20 – 14:30 14:30 – 14:40 14:40 – 14:50		***Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):*** • Tigist D. Gebrehiwot (Ethiopia) *'Piracy in the Digital Ecosystem in Africa: The Effects on Sustainable Development Goals'* • Jimcall Pfumorodze (Botswana) *'Legal and ethical issues on copyright and Artificial Intelligence in academic institutions'* • Ranjeet Kumar (India) *'Technology Growth of Artificial Intelligence A Challenge for the Basic Structure of Intellectual Property Rights'* • Caroline Joelle Nwabueze (Nigeria) *'AI technologies and heritage safeguarding: critical appraisal of the relevance of text and data mining exception for research and development in OAPI states'* • Leslie Wellington Sirora (Zimbabwe) *'Mitigating Copyright Infringement in AI Models with Targeted Machine Unlearning'*
14:50 – 15:20	Discussion	
15:20 – 16:00	**Break**	
16:00 – **17:25**	**Theme 4**	**Copyright**
	Moderator:	Thabang Jase, Deputy Director: IP and TT Skills, NIPMO
16:00 – 16.15		**Copyright and Related Rights** Speaker: Chijioke Okorie Ph.D., Lecturer, University of Pretoria and Senior Researcher, Centre for Intellectual Property Law (IP Centre)
16:15 – 16.55 16:15 – 16:25 16: 25 – 16:35		***Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):*** • Sanya Samtani (South Africa) *'New frontiers in copyright and human rights: Copyright discrimination'* • Faud Thomas Touray

16: 35 – 16:45 16:45 – 16:55		*'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'* • Ismail Nuruhussien Attayib (Ethiopia) *'A Quest for the Unknown "Other Authors" of Audiovisual Work Under the Ethiopian Copyright Law'* • Odegua Evbuoma (Nigeria) *'Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in Literary, Artistic and Musical Works Created with the Use of Artificial Intelligence'*
16:55 – 17:25	Discussion	

Venue: Lecture Theatre 2, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town, Cape Town		
Tuesday, August 6, 2024		
09:00 – 10.20	**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, Director of the Intellectual Property, Information and Technology Law Unit and Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, Western University
09:30 – 09:50 09:30 – 09:40 09:40 – 09:50		***Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):*** • Stanislas Bigirimana (Burundi) *'Intellectual property protection for pharmaceutical products during the COVID-19 pandemic: between patent protection and compulsory licensing'* • Hankie Uluko (Malawi) *'Frugal innovations space in Africa and opportunities for patenting'*
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		**Evaluating Geographical Indications in Africa:**

		Challenges, Opportunities, and Strategic Implementations in a Tailored Legal Framework Speaker: Teshager Dagne, Associate Professor & Ontario Research Chair in Governing Artificial Intelligence and Associate Professor at York University
11:15 – 11:30		**Trademarks and Geographical Indications: current issues and recent developments in Africa** Speaker: Sadulla Karjiker, Professor & Chair of Intellectual Property Law, Stellenbosch University
11:30 – 11:45		**Trademarks and Geographical Indications: current issues and recent developments in Africa** Speaker: Nomagugu Hlongwane, Senior Lecturer, University of South Africa
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		**Protecting Innovation: Industrial Designs and Utility Models in Africa - Current Issues and Recent Developments** Speaker: Stanley Murairwa, Professor & Dean, College of Business, Peace, Leadership and Governance, Africa University
12:30 – 12:40		***Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):*** • Mercy Musukwa (Malawi) *'The Impact of Digital and Virtual Designs on Enforcement of Design Rights in Africa: A Case Study of Malawi'*
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 – 17:10	**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, 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, Depart of Commercial Law, Makerere University (Uganda)
16:00 – 16:40 16:00 – 16:10		***Research Paper presentations (10 minutes)*** • Andrew Rens (South Africa) *'Climate Change and Intellectual Property:*

16:10 – 16:20 16:20 – 16:30 16:30 – 16:40		*Mapping the Interface'* • Télio Murrure (Mozambique) *'Climate change and environmentally friendly technologies – Challenges in addressing energy poverty in Mozambique'* • Chanda Mwali (Zambia) *'Exploring the Nexus between Intellectual Property and Sustainable Development Goal 7: Clean Energy'* • Mini Srivastava (India) *'Green technology solutions for climate change adaptation: select case studies from WIPO green initiative'*
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**	
Wednesday, August 7, 2024		
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 09:30 – 09:40 09:40 – 09:50 09:50 – 10:00 10:00 – 10:10		*Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):* • Laurensius Gebhardt (Namibia) *'Assessing and developing a sui- generis model of intellectual property on Traditional Knowledge for indigenous communities in Namibia'* • Caroline Wanjiru Muchiri (Kenya) *'Politics of Knowledge Governance: Re-imagining the Contributions of Traditional Knowledge to Trade in Kenya'* • Kabelo Mutubi (South Africa) 'A *Critical Analysis of South African Indigenous/Traditional Knowledge: An argument against an Intellectual Property Rights approach'* • Vitória Nhone (Mozambique) *'Developing a legal framework for the effective Protection of traditional medicine in*

		Mozambique'
10:10 – 10:40	Discussion	
10:40 – 11:00	**Break**	
11:00 – 12:35	**Theme 11**	**(i) WIPO Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge – Implications for Africa** **(ii) Plant Variety Protection**
	Moderator:	Eddie Hurter, Associate Professor in Intellectual Property Law, University of South Africa
11:00 – 11:15		**African Patent Regimes and Prior Disclosure Frameworks** Speaker: Enyinna Sodienye Nwauche, Professor of Law and Head Department of Private Law, Nelson Mandela School of Law, University of Fort Hare
11:15 – 11:30		**Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge – Implications for Africa** 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
11:30 – 11:45		**Plant Variety Protection** Speaker: Coenraad Visser, Professor Extraordinarius, University of South Africa, South Africa
11:45 – 12:35 11:45 – 11:55 11:55 – 12:05		***Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):*** • Pierrette Essama -Mekongo (Cameroon) *'The WIPO international legal instrument relating to Intellectual Property, Genetic* Resources*, and Associated Traditional Knowledge: Stakes and Challenges for Africa'* • Joseph Mbihayeimaana (Uganda)

		'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		**Creating Synergies Between Public Health, Trade, and IP to Meet the UN SDGs** 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 14:30 – 14:40 14:40 – 14:50 14:50 – 15:00		***Research Paper presentation (10 minutes each):*** • Chikosa Banda (Malawi) *'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'* • Cyridion Nsengumuremyi (Rwanda) *'Sustainable access to medicines in Rwanda: The intersection between SDG3 and Public Health TRIPs flexibilities'* • Adekola Tolulope Anthony (Australia) *'Beyond the Binary: Reimagining Intellectual Property for Equitable Healthcare Access in Africa'*

15:00 – 15:30	Discussion	
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) *'Resolution of Intellectual Property Disputes under AfCFTA: The Dilemma and Prospects'* • Amos Saurombe (South Africa) *'The AfCFTA IPR Protocol: An opportunity for African Countries relevance'*
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 09:30 – 09:40 09:40 – 09:50 09:50 – 10:00 10:00 – 10:10		***Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):*** • Soad Essam Abueldahab (Egypt) *'Building capacity of universities to transform ideas into tangible assets'* • Benjamin Torlafia (Nigeria) *'Leveraging Intellectual Property for University-Driven Innovation in Africa'* • Eunice Adu Boahen, Lecturer (Ghana) *'Mindset Change: The role of Intellectual Property education in promoting Innovation and Entrepreneurship in higher education in Ghana'* • Caleb Muyiwa Adelowo, (Nigeria) *'Technology Transfer and R&D commercialisation in Nigerian research institutions: motivation, barriers and policy options'*
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		**Innovation and Technology Adaptation in Africa** 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; Tobias Schonwetter, Associate Professor, Department of Commercial Law and Director, Intellectual Property Unit, University of Cape Town
11:25 – 11:40		**Innovation and Technology Adaptation in Africa** Speaker: Nandipha Ntsaluba, Adv, University of South Africa
11:40 – 12:20		**Roundtable Discussion:** • 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		*Dinner: Gold Restaurant, Cape Town*

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

Venue: University of Cape Town (Faculty of Law)