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WIPO-WTO Colloquium for Intellectual Property Teachers and Researchers in Africa

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 PROGRAMME

Venue: All Africa House, University of Cape Town		
Monday, August 5, 2024		
8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.		Registration
9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	Opening Remarks	<p>Mr. Sherif Saadallah, Executive Director, WIPO Academy, Geneva</p> <p>Mr. Antony Taubman, Director, Intellectual Property, Government Procurement & Competition Division (IPD), WTO, Geneva</p> <p>National Intellectual Property Management Office, Pretoria, South Africa, Pretoria</p> <p>Prof. Caroline Ncube, SARChI Research Chair in IP, Innovation and Development, Professor, Department of Commercial Law, University of Cape Town, Cape Town</p>
9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Theme 1	<p>IP Education, Training and Skills Building in Africa</p> <p>WTO Support for Trade Policy Capacity in the Developing World</p>
	Moderator:	National Intellectual Property Management Office, Pretoria, South Africa, Pretoria
9.30 – 9.50		Speaker: WIPO Academy, Geneva
9.50 – 10.10		Speaker: WTO IPD, Geneva
10.10 – 10.30	Discussion	
<i>10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.</i>	<i>Break</i>	
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Theme 2	The role of Regional Intellectual Property Organizations in enhancing IP Education in Africa
	Moderator:	Mr. Victor Owade, Counsellor, Academic Institutions and Executive Program, WIPO Academy
11.00 – 11.20		Speaker: Director General, OAPI, Yaoundé
11.20 – 11.40		Speaker: Director General, ARIPO, Harare
11.40 – 12.00		Speaker: John Dashaco Tambutoh, Coordinator, WIPO-OAPI-University of Yaoundé II MIP, Yaoundé (confirmed)

12.00 – 12.30	Discussion	
<i>12.30 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.</i>	<i>Break</i>	
2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.	Theme 4	The IP Dimension of Bilateral and Regional Trade Agreements in Africa: Implications for Trade & Development Policy
	Moderator:	A/Prof Tobias Schonwetter, Associate Professor, University of Cape Town, Cape Town
2.00 p.m. – 2.20 p.m.		Speaker: IPD WTO, Geneva
2.20 p.m. – 2.40 p.m.		Speaker: A/Prof Yeukai Mupangavanhu, Associate Professor, University of Western Cape (UWC), Cape Town
2.40 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.		<i>Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each)</i>
3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Discussion	
<i>3.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.</i>	<i>Break</i>	
4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	Theme 5	Frontier Technologies & Digital Copyright and Related Rights: issues and developments in Africa
	Moderator:	Professor from UCT A/Professor Lee-Ann Tong, Cape Town
4.00 p.m. – 4.20 p.m.		Speaker: Prof. Tana Pistorius, Professor of Commercial Law, Business School of the University of Auckland (New Zealand)
4.20 p.m. – 4.40 p.m.		Speaker: Dr. Chijioke Okorie, Lecturer, Department of Private Law, University of Pretoria, Pretoria
4.40 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.		<i>Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):</i>
5.00 p.m. – 5.30p.m.	Discussion	

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Tuesday, August 6, 2024		
9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Theme 6	Patents: current issues and recent developments in Africa
	Moderator:	Professor from Africa
9.00 a.m. – 9.20 a.m.		Speaker: Dr. Fernando dos Santos, Senior Advisor on Africa, European Patent Office, Maputo
9.20 – 9.40 a.m.		Speaker: Dr. Bassem Awad, Assistant Professor and Director in Intellectual Property, Information and Technology at the Faculty of Law, Western University,
9.20 a.m. – 9.40 a.m.		Speaker: Professor from Africa
9.40 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.		<i>Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):</i>
10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Discussion	
10.30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Theme 7	Trademarks and Geographical Indications: current issues and recent developments in Africa
	Moderator:	WIPO / WTO
10.00 a.m. – 10.20 a.m.		Speaker: Professor Teshager Dagne, Ontario Research Chair in Governing Artificial Intelligence (York University)
10.20 a.m. – 10.40 a.m.		Speaker: Professor from Africa
10.40 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	Discussion	
<i>11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.</i>	<i>Break</i>	
11.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	Theme 7 cont'd	Trademarks and Geographical Indications: current issues and recent developments in Africa
	Moderator:	WIPO / WTO

11.30 a.m. – 11.50 a.m.		Speaker: A/Prof Yeukai Mupangavanhu, Associate Professor, University of Western Cape (UWC), Cape Town
11.50 a.m. – 12.40 p.m.		<i>Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):</i>
12.40 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Discussion	
1.00 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.	Break	
2.00 p.m. - 3.40 p.m.	Theme 8	Industrial Designs and Utility Models: current issues and recent developments in Africa
	Moderator:	Dr. Hezekiel Oira, Dean, Mount Kenya University School of Law, Nairobi (Kenya)
2.00 p.m. – 2.20 p.m.		Speaker: ARIPO / Professor from Africa
2.20 p.m. – 2.40 p.m.		Speaker: Prof. Stanley Murairwa, Dean, College of Business, Peace, Leadership and Governance, Africa University, Mutare (Zimbabwe)
2.40 p.m. – 3.10 p.m.		<i>Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):</i>
3.10 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Discussion	
3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	Break	
4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	Theme 9	IP and Competition: recent developments in Africa
	Moderator:	Professor from UCT
4.00 p.m. – 4.20 p.m.		Speaker: A/Prof. Desmond Oriakhogba, Department of Private Law, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town
4.20 p.m. – 4.40 p.m.		Speaker: Professor from Africa
4.40 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.		<i>Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):</i>
5.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Discussion	

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Wednesday, August 7, 2024		
9.00 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	Theme 10	IP, Traditional Knowledge, TCEs & Genetic Resources: current issues and recent developments in Africa
	Moderator:	IPD WTO
9.00 a.m. – 9.20 a.m.		Speaker: Prof Enyinna Sodiemye Nwauche, Professor, Nelson Mandela School of Law, University of Fort Hare, Eastern Cape, Cape Town
9.20 a.m. – 9.40 a.m.		Speaker: Prof. John Dashaco Tambutoh, Professor of Law, Yaoundé II, Yaoundé (Cameroon)
9.40 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.		Speaker: Dr. Hezekiel Oira, Dean, Mount Kenya University School of Law, (Kenya)
10:00 – 10:20 am		Speaker: Prof Chidi Oguamanam, Professor, University of Ottawa, Ottawa (Nigeria)
10.20 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.		<i>Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):</i>
10.30 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	Discussion	
<i>10.45 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.</i>	<i>Break</i>	
11.00 a.m. - 13.00 a.m.	Theme 11	UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs): Global Public Health ((including the COVID-19 pandemic and diversifying production of vaccines and other key technologies)
	Moderator:	Professor from Africa
11.00 a.m. – 11.20 a.m.		Speaker: IPD WTO, Geneva
11.20 a.m. – 11.40a.m.		Speaker: Prof. Lonias Ndlovu, Faculty of Management, Commerce and Law, University of Venda, Limpopo
11.40 a.m. – 12.00 noon		Speaker: Professor from Africa

12.00 p.m. – 12.20p.m.		<i>Research Paper presentation (10 minutes)</i>
12.20 p.m. – 13.00 a.m.	Discussion	
<i>13.00 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.</i>	<i>Break</i>	
2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.	Theme 12	UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs): Climate Change and environmentally friendly technologies
	Moderator:	WIPO / WTO
		Climate change and environmentally friendly technologies
2.00 p.m. – 2.20 p.m.		Speaker: Dr. Bassem Awad, Assistant Professor and Director in Intellectual Property, Information and Technology at the Faculty of Law, Western University, Ontario
2.20 p.m. – 2.40p.m.		Speaker: Dr. Anthony Kakooza, Uganda Christian University (Uganda)
2.40p.m. – 3.00p.m.		<i>Research Paper presentations (10 minutes)</i>
3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Discussion	
<i>3.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.</i>	<i>Break</i>	
4.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	Theme 13	African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA): The economic, trade policy and social context for IP in African countries
	Moderator:	Professor from UCT
4.00 p.m. – 4.20 p.m.		Speaker: Prof. Caroline Ncube, Professor of Law, University of Cape Town (South Africa)
4.20 p.m. – 4.40 p.m.		Speaker: Expert from AFCTA
4.40 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.		<i>Research Paper presentations (10 minutes):</i>
5.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Discussion	

Venue: All Africa House, University of Cape Town		
Thursday, August 8, 2024		
9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Theme 14	Current IP Research and Teaching Methodologies: Building Capacity of Universities to Transform Ideas into Tangible Assets
	Moderator:	WIPO / UCT
9.00 a.m. – 9.20 a.m.		Speaker: Emeritus Prof. Coenraad Visser University of South Africa
9.20 a.m. – 9.40 a.m.		Speaker: Prof. Stanley Murairwa, Dean, College of Business, Peace, Leadership and Governance, Africa University, Mutare (Zimbabwe)
9.40 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.		<i>Research Paper presentations (10 minutes each):</i>
10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Discussion	
<i>10.30 am - 11.00 a.m.</i>	<i>Break</i>	
11.00 a.m. - 12.00 a.m.	Theme 15	Roundtable Discussion: <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
	Moderators:	WIPO and WTO
		Speakers: All Speakers/Participants
<i>12.00p.m. – 13.00</i>	Evaluation and Closing remarks	All Speakers/Participants WIPO/WTO/UCT
<i>12.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.</i>	<i>Break</i>	
2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Theme 16	TBC - Study Visit organized by UCT

6.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.		<i>Evening function</i>
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Followed by IP Scholars Africa Conference, hosted by UCT: August 9, 2024

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