

## Call for Paper

Welcome to the All Africa IP Summit 2025 Call for Papers.

We are now accepting abstract submissions for the upcoming summit. This will be an in-person summit with a diverse audience, featuring high-level panel discussions, paper presentations, breakout sessions, an exhibition, and a marketplace. Participants will include representatives from IP offices, industry experts, innovators, academics, civil society, policymakers, investors, creatives, IP practitioners, and business and trade membership organizations from Africa and beyond.

We invite researchers, academics, development practitioners, scientists, investors, and professionals whose work intersects with Intellectual Property to submit abstracts of their original work for consideration.

The theme of the summit: **Building an Inclusive IP Ecosystem for Africa's Future**

Subtheme: *What kind of IP ecosystem do we want for Africa?*

### Topics of Interest:

We welcome submissions on a wide range of topics, including but not limited to:

- What is the ideal IP Ecosystem We Want for Africa?
- Enhancing global competitiveness of Africa IP innovated products and Services
- Leveraging IP to foster development, economic growth, and regional integration under the AfCFTA
- Promoting collective prosperity through IP in Africa
- Protecting African traditional knowledge and know-how
- African traditional knowledge inside the IP Ecosystem for Africa's Development
- Encouraging homegrown innovation and Patent Protection.
- Harnessing IP for inclusive development
- Aligning IP strategy with Agenda 2063
- Rethinking Africa's IP strategy to overcome systemic barriers,
- Fostering African innovation through IP
- Empowering Women and youth within Africa IP system
- Anti-counterfeit measures: the role of governments, private sector actors, and communities
- Combating Counterfeiting under AfCFTA
- Balancing IP commitments with continental, regional, national and local developmental needs?
- Mobilizing African direct investment to fund Innovation and commercialisation?
- Strengthening the protection of industrial designs
- Implementing policy and legal reforms for a future-ready IP system.
- Marketing, promoting and protecting Africa Geographical Indications
- Supporting rural communities through traditional products
- Preserving Africa's cultural heritage.

- The WIPO Treaty on Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources: Implications – Implications and Opportunities for Africa.
- The AfCFTA Protocol on Digital Trade: IP Implications
- New Plant Variety protection for Africa's food security
- Intellectual property and access to medicine.
- Intellectual property law in Africa confronted with the challenges of Artificial Intelligence
- The Pan African Intellectual Property Organization: Role and challenges.
- Intellectual Property Cooperation in China-Africa relations.
- Dakar Declaration on Intellectual Property for Africa.
- examining African countries' experiences with legislation on TK associated with genetic resources
- Access to technologies for Africa's development: The use of IP Public Domain and Patents database information as a tool
- IP and University and Research Systems in Africa

**Submission Guidelines:** Please adhere to the following guidelines when preparing your submission:

**Submission Process:**

- The Abstract and paper must be in English or French
- The abstract (300 -500 words count) should be submitted along with the title of the paper, the author's name, the name of the author's institution, the author's email and telephone number, etc.
- The abstract should be uploaded to the platform provided

**Important Dates:**

- Submission of Abstract Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025
- Notification of Acceptance: 20th June 2025
- Submission of Complete paper: 20th August 2025
- Submission 5-15 PowerPoint Presentation: 30th September 2025

**Review Process:** An abstract will be selected based on its originality, quality, alignment with the theme/sub-themes, topic of interest and capacity to provoke productive debate.

All submissions will undergo a rigorous peer-review process. At least two Faculty Advisors will review each abstract. The review process is double-blind, ensuring the anonymity of both authors and reviewers.

When the decisions on the acceptance of the abstract have been communicated to the selected applicant, the selected applicant will be expected to submit their complete paper (not exceeding 10,000 words) by the stipulated date below. Submissions must be original and not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

**Publication:** Accepted papers will be published with a reputable publishing house after the summit.

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We look forward to receiving your submissions and welcoming you to the leading All Africa IP Summit 2025!

**Sign**

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**Chairman Organising Committee**