MASTER’S DEGREE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (MIP) 2019
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The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is the global forum for intellectual property policy, services, information and cooperation. WIPO is a self-funding agency of the United Nations, with 191 member states. Its mission is to lead the development of a balanced and effective international intellectual property system that enables innovation and creativity for the benefit of all. WIPO's mandate, governing bodies and procedures are set out in the WIPO Convention, which established WIPO in 1967.

The WIPO Academy is a division of WIPO established in 1998. The WIPO Academy is the center of excellence for intellectual property (IP) education and training for WIPO Member States, in particular developing countries, least developed countries (LDCs) and countries in transition. The Academy works to help build human capacity in IP, which is essential to innovation. Its four programs cover a rich portfolio of both general and specialized courses on IP, and cater to different target audiences. Courses combine face-to-face and distance learning methodologies, and are taught by IP experts. The aim of the University Partnerships program is to support access to IP higher education, especially to participants from developing countries, LDCs and countries in transition. One of the main means of achieving this aim is through the Joint Master's Programs on IP, offered in cooperation with selected academic institutions.

The African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)
The African Regional Intellectual Property Organization is an intergovernmental organization established by the Lusaka Agreement in 1976. The main objective for establishing ARIPO is to pool resources of the member states together, for the promotion, development and use of intellectual property for economic development. Currently ARIPO has nineteen member states with its headquarters in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Article III of the Lusaka Agreement mandates ARIPO to establish schemes for the training of staff in the administration of Intellectual Property laws, organize training seminars and other meetings on Intellectual Property matters and promote the exchange of ideas and experience as well as conduct research studies in the field of Intellectual Property (IP).
Through the ARIPO Academy, the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization provides capacity building activities for the development of Africa as a whole.

**Africa University**

Africa University is the first Private University in Zimbabwe. It is a Pan-African University that recruits staff and students from over 30 countries. The University is also a United Methodist Related Institution. Former president of Zimbabwe, Robert Gabriel Mugabe granted Africa University’s Charter by Official Proclamation in 1992. The University prides itself in regional and international partnerships that help promote its reach and sustainability.

Africa University has three colleges namely: College of Business, Peace, Leadership and Governance, College of Health, Agriculture and Natural Sciences and College of Social Sciences, Theology, Humanities and Education. While over 2000 students are enrolled as full time students every year, close to 1000 students are enrolled as part-time students.

Africa University’s mission is to provide quality, creative and international education within a Pan African context where students acquire knowledge and skills, grow in spiritual maturity, develop sound moral values, ethics and leadership qualities. The University offers over 50 undergraduate and post graduate degree programmes, inclusive of PhD qualifications.

**ALUMNI PROFILE:**

**ANGUS CHINEDU CHIKWUJI, NIGERIA**

In 2011 following my appointment to the Copyright Society of Nigeria (CoSON) in the capacity of Acting General Manager, I was tasked with spearheading an organization that was still in its infancy and the onus was upon me to steer my nation towards avenues of wealth creation through the protection of locally produced content and our creative industries. I decided to enroll for the Master in Intellectual Property programme with the desire to understand the complexities that exist between wealth creation, invention and reward, as well as how to create an enabling environment for innovation to flourish affording African inventiveness the security and protections that it so duly deserves.

The MIP programme has proven to be immensely beneficial to me personally as I have always had an interest in the field as well as professionally where it has allowed me to grow from strength to strength, beginning with my conformation in the role of substantive General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of CoSON.

What I pride the most is the opportunities that have been availed to me as the pioneer of the CoSON, and the notable milestones that myself and my team have managed to accomplish for Nigeria in the seven years of our existence, developing strategic policies and helping establish institutional frameworks that will provide the much needed safety net for our creators and inventors.
I look back on my experience with Africa University and the programme as a whole with fondness and gratitude and recommend that anybody who has a passion or interest in IP seek out this programme as I think it is one of the best on the continent.

**TELIO MURRURE, MOZAMBIQUE**

My dream became a reality when I participated in the MIP Program offered jointly by WIPO, ARIPO and Africa University (AU) in Mutare, Zimbabwe in 2014/15. I graduated from the 7th Cohort. The curriculum was quite enlightening since it follows a global IP approach but considers the regional IP perspective.

The MIP program was beyond my expectations in every aspect given (i) the richness of the topics covered, (ii) the deep competencies of the lecturers/experts, (iii) the quality of the debate during the sessions and (iv) the excellent learning environment, among other aspects made this program a unique platform of exchanging ideas, sharing knowledge and building an IP network which is effective till now.

After graduation, I was invited to teach IP in two universities, namely, Universidade Politécnica and Universidade Técnica de Moçambique, and as a Trademark and Patent Attorney in Mozambique. In addition, I am frequently invited by public and private institutions which deal with IP matters and to share my expertise and participate actively in drafting policies and legislations related to IP.

Most importantly, I am an author of the first book to deal entirely with IP Law from a Mozambican perspective, published in 2017. I have bolstered to intellectual contribution of my country to the profession through this book which was also supported by local experts alongside IP Offices and other public and private entities that joined efforts to contribute the information and data used in this book which has become a valuable resource for IP stakeholders and universities in Mozambique.

I strengthened my capacity with the expertise and skills obtained during the MIP Program. I am confident to affirm, humbly, that now I am one of the greatest lawyers in Mozambique when it comes to IP matters. I also work as an IP Law lecturer in universities in Mozambique.

The choice I made to study the MIP degree Program at AU was one of the best and most successful choices I have ever made.
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**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF THE MIP PROGRAMME**

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**OBJECTIVES OF THE MIP PROGRAMME**

The MIP Programme was launched as a Training of Trainers programme to:

- Create IP expertise in Africa.
- Support IP teaching in institutions of Higher Learning.
- Promote the IP systems in Africa.

The MIP Curriculum aims to provide an in-depth examination of all fields of intellectual property and is taught by leading academicians, legal practitioners, and intellectual property experts drawn from various universities and other IP institutions in Africa, Japan and beyond.

The MIP programme is designed to equip young professionals with necessary skills to enable them play a leading role in promoting the teaching, use and protection of intellectual property.
DURATION OF THE MIP PROGRAMME

The duration of the programme is 12 months, combining distance learning based on courses developed by the WIPO Academy, the residential learning at Africa University, practical training at ARIPO and a research dissertation. Upon satisfactory completion of the programme, students are awarded the degree of Master of Intellectual Property by Africa University.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

The Language of instruction for the MIP programme is English. Proof of English proficiency is required. The MIP Programme is designed for young professionals who wish to acquire the skills required to play a leading role through exposure to an international and comparative approach to national and regional IP systems. The MIP Programme targets applicants from academic or Research and Development institutions, other IP related institutions, government and industries who upon graduating desire to return to their respective countries or institutions in Africa and play a leading role in the field of IP.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission requirements include the following:

1. A minimum of Bachelor’s degree or its equivalent, with a second lower class, in any field from a recognized academic institution.

2. A minimum of two years working experience after graduating with a first degree.

SCHOLARSHIPS

With a view to contributing to the development of human resources in the field of IP in developing countries, scholarships are offered by WIPO, ARIPO, and the Government of Japan to highly motivated persons from Africa to participate in this programme. Each scholarship covers travel, board and lodge during the Residential Learning Phase, tuition, registration fees and medical insurance.

To qualify for WIPO or ARIPO scholarships, the applicant must hold a minimum of a Bachelors (second lower class) degree from a recognized University in any discipline. Proof of English proficiency is required.
Part I: Distance Learning (DL) Phase
Students take three WIPO Distance Learning Courses offered via the internet from May to July. At the end of the DL courses, students are examined.

Part II: Residential Learning Phase
During this phase, students take residential courses at Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe from August to December where they have face-to-face instruction with Professors/ Lecturers and IP Experts. Class teaching is complemented by case studies, tutorials, research work and study visits. Students also take examinations on every module that is covered.

During the last two weeks of the Residential Learning Phase, students go through practical training and participate in an IP Conference at ARIPO in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Part III: Dissertation
From January to April, students write dissertation projects on selected and approved topics. Every student works intensively under the guidance of two supervisors who are allocated during the Residential Learning Phase.
### DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES: MAY 1- JULY 20 2019

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