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# Certificate in Intellectual Property and Indigenous Knowledge Systems



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## Programme overview and objectives:

The criteria set for intellectual property under the current Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) are inadequate to protect indigenous/traditional knowledge. IPRs are largely centred on individual and not collective rights which is characteristic of indigenous/traditional knowledge. Indigenous knowledge is a social capital of marginalised groups. Most of this knowledge is being misappropriated without any benefit for the knowledge producers themselves. Therefore, there is a need to create awareness among participants on the importance of protecting indigenous knowledge systems for equitable benefit sharing with indigenous knowledge producers.

The current international system for protecting intellectual property was developed to meet the interest and needs of technologically advanced societies. It is incompatible with protecting indigenous knowledge systems. The Certificate in Intellectual Property and Indigenous Knowledge Systems is a short course which intends to equip participants with vocationally oriented knowledge of intellectual property rights management as it pertains to the protection and equitable benefit sharing of indigenous knowledge systems. It will also expose the participants to the inherent challenges associated with IPR as a tool for protecting indigenous knowledge.

## How you will benefit. You will learn to:

- Understand and appreciate the prospects and challenges of protecting indigenous knowledge systems through intellectual property
- Articulate the major concepts and principles of intellectual property in an indigenous knowledge context
- Gain the ability to engage with multiple perspectives, forms and sources of IKS using relevant IPR concepts and principles
- Address the challenges of using IPR for IKS protection and benefit
- Understand and appreciate equitable benefit sharing of indigenous knowledge systems with indigenous knowledge holders and practitioners
- Engage with indigenous knowledge holders and practitioners on the importance of protection and equitable benefit sharing of indigenous knowledge for sustainable livelihoods

## Key focus areas:

- Introduction to intellectual property and indigenous/traditional knowledge
- Prospects and challenges of IPR for protection and benefit of indigenous/traditional knowledge systems
- Value proposition of intellectual property rights for indigenous/traditional knowledge
- Positive, defensive and Sui Generis protection of indigenous/traditional knowledge
- Prior Informed Consent in indigenous/traditional knowledge systems

**Duration:** Three Days

## Facilitators include:



### Professor Palamagamba John Kabudi

*Dr. iur (Freie Universitaet Berlin Germany), LLM and LLB (University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania).*

Professor Kabudi is Secretary to Council and Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. He is also an advocate of the High Court of Tanzania; Chairman of Tanzania UNESCO National Heritage Committee; and a Member of the Constitutional Review Commission.



### Professor Hassan Kaya

*PhD and MA (Sociology of Development and International Political Economy, Freie University Berlin, Germany); Post-Doctorate Certificate in International Agricultural Development (Centre for Advanced Training in Agricultural Development, Technical University Berlin MA (Development Studies, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania); BA (Hon) (Economics and Political Science, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania).*

Professor Kaya is a Research Leader and Director of the DST-NRF Centre in Indigenous Knowledge Systems at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. He has coordinated the NEPAD Agency IKS Regional Node for Southern Africa (which encompasses 12 countries) and is the Patron of the African Young Scientists Initiative on Climate Change. Additionally, he is a member of the DST Working Group on the Development of a Statutory Body and Framework for the Accreditation and Certification of IK Holders and Practitioners.



### Professor Yonah Seleti

*BA.ED University of Zambia 1979; MA (History) University of Zambia, 1982; Ph.D. Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, Canada 1987.*

Professor Seleti participates in the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organisation as a chief South African negotiator. He is also team leader for developing the legislation for the protection, promotion, development and management of IKS in South Africa.

## Who should attend:

The course is aimed at individuals with an interest in IPR and IKS regardless of prior knowledge in this field. The course is particularly relevant to those in business and industry, marketing, journalism, government departments, parliamentarians, science and technology, community leaders, artistic and literary arts, IT and paralegal services.

## Entrance requirements:

1. Bachelor's Degree
2. Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) may be applied for access into this programme.  
Candidates must:
  - a) Have a matriculation exemption and/or
  - b) Have a minimum of 10 years' experience in an IPR and IKS-related fields

## Programme fee:

The course fee of R7 425 (incl. VAT) covers tuition, instruction material, lunches and refreshments.

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