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Welcome Message

Chairperson's Note

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I welcome you to the maiden edition of the Intellectual Property (IP) Awards. This initiative was born out of a desire to recognize and celebrate individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of intellectual property in Nigeria and beyond.

The journey to these awards has been both inspiring and rigorous. Our process was designed to ensure fairness, credibility, and transparency. From the nominations submitted by the public to the diligent evaluation by our valiant voices who shortlisted the top 5 candidates and, finally, to our esteemed judges who chose the final winners, every step has underscored the incredible depth of talent, innovation, and commitment within the IP community.

A special highlight of this event is the recognition of our IP Icons—trailblazers whose exceptional contributions have shaped the landscape of intellectual property in transformative ways. These honorees have not only advanced the field but have also inspired generations through their dedication, innovation, and leadership. It is our great privilege to celebrate their legacy and impact, which continue to pave the way for a brighter future in IP.

This award is more than a recognition—it is a call to action. By shining a spotlight on these achievements, we hope to inspire a new wave of creativity, advocacy, and leadership in intellectual property. IP is not just a legal framework; it is a vital tool for economic growth, cultural preservation, and technological advancement.

To every nominee, honoree, and contributor, thank you for your dedication and passion. Your work embodies the vision of a brighter, more innovative future, and it is our privilege to celebrate you today.

Here's to a continued journey of excellence and impact in intellectual property!

Warm regards,

Fathia Adetola
Chairperson, IP Awards Committee



About the Awards Ceremony



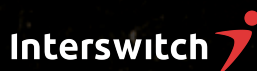
The Intellectual Property (IP) Awards is a ground-breaking initiative that celebrates the transformative power of ingenuity in fostering progress through creativity, innovation. This prestigious ceremony, organized by MIPLG in collaboration with The NestHub, honors individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the advancement of IP in Nigeria. The IP Awards spotlights individuals and organizations whose works have a lasting impact on the IP ecosystem.

At its core, the IP Awards demonstrates how intellectual property is beyond legal concept, but a catalyst for social and economic development. IP serves as the foundation for protecting creators' rights, allowing new ideas and inventions to flourish, while fostering collaboration, creativity, and entrepreneurship. The IP Awards honors those who have championed these principles, ensuring that IP becomes a driving force for positive change.

The purpose of the IP Awards is to cultivate a culture of recognition within the IP space. By showcasing the exceptional achievements of individuals, organizations, and thought leaders, we are inspiring the next generation of innovators, creators, and IP professionals.

Whether in technology, entertainment, healthcare, or education, the ceremony emphasizes the powerful role of IP in shaping industries and communities.

As the maiden edition of the IP Awards, this event not only acknowledges past achievements but also serves as a call to action for the ongoing protection and ethical use of IP. It is a moment to reflect on the journey so far and to look forward to the future, where intellectual property continues to drive growth, innovation, and societal progress.



About the Organizers



My Intellectual Property Law Guide (MIPLG), organizer of the Intellectual Property (IP) Awards, is a non-governmental organization of African professionals with a mandate to promote IP awareness, support advocacy and capacity development in IP and Competition Law in Africa. MIPLG takes pride in her carefully designed projects for youth engagement to encourage an Africa where creativity and innovation works for the people. Through her programs, resources, and thought leadership, MIPLG empowers creators, businesses, and innovators to understand, protect, and maximize their intellectual property. With a focus on youth engagement and sustainability, we play an essential role in promoting the strategic use of IP for economic growth and societal benefit.

IP Awards is organized with the formidable partnership of The Nest - a dynamic platform dedicated to fostering collaboration, creativity, and innovation. Known for its vibrant community and incubator-like environment, The Nest supports changemakers, creators, and entrepreneurs in realizing their potential. It is an ecosystem that encourages collaboration across industries, providing a space for ideas to develop into impactful projects. This partnership brings together the strengths of both platforms — MIPLG's IP expertise and The Nest creative and innovative community — to create a ceremony that celebrates excellence while inspiring future leaders in the IP ecosystem.

Together, MIPLG and The Nest are building a strong foundation for the future of IP. Their combined efforts ensure that IP is not only protected but actively used as a tool for fostering innovation and driving sustainable development across various sectors. With a shared vision of advancing the global IP ecosystem, MIPLG and The Nest are committed to empowering individuals and organizations to leverage IP as a catalyst for change.

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Keynote Address by Oluwatobiloba Moody

Director, WIPO Nigeria Office

Ladies and Gentlemen, good evening and thank you for being here today.

Let me start with a word of appreciation to the organizers MIPLG for the kind invitation to join today's celebration and, of course, the opportunity to deliver this keynote address. Let me also congratulate them for putting together this excellent maiden edition of the MIPLG Intellectual Property Awards; an initiative aimed at recognizing and celebrating creativity and innovation in Nigeria. This is a welcome development, and as an organization, we are pleased to be invited here today.

On this note, let me congratulate all nominees and awardees for their selection, and their remarkable contributions to the growth of intellectual property in Nigeria.

The intellectual property system as we know today is anchored on a fundamental belief that innovation and creativity are the bedrock of progress in any economy. To this end, intellectual property aims to provide time-bound incentives which serve to spur further innovation and creativity in society while yet preserving the integrity of the marketplace. These incentives help creatives and innovators reap returns from their genius, while yet generating new products, services and works for the benefit of society. The various forms of intellectual property are therefore tools of capture, aimed at rewarding inventors and authors thereby spurring economic development.

As Nigeria continues to advance in its development drive, the protection of intellectual property remains a major aspect of its journey. This is evidenced, amongst others, by the ongoing efforts to finalize a National IP Policy and Strategy for the country. Key issues on awareness raising, education, training, updating of legal frameworks remain short and long term priorities towards ensuring that all citizens are aware of their intellectual property rights, respectful to those of others, and sufficiently motivated from an early stage to invest time and resources in creative and innovative output. The potential this portends for our development is immense.

Take the creative industry for example. In the midst of a difficult economic period in Nigeria, with a growing rate of unemployment, double digit inflation and worsening FX devaluation, it is remarkable to see the impact of the entertainment sector in rewriting the narrative. Many travelers report that across Asia, other parts of Africa, North America, South America, the EU and UK, citizens of those regions aim to start conversations about Nigerian music or sports. The number of Nigerian singers, songwriters and producers nominated for the Grammy Awards is increasing by the day with Nigerian artistes securing performance opportunities at major global events,



including the Balon D'or ceremony, the Champions League final ceremony, the World Cup finals in Qatar, NBA All-star games, amongst others.

Without a doubt, Nigerian music is one of the country's greatest exports in recent times, with great impact to the tourism industry at home too! The "Detty Decembers" in Nigeria for example, is driven largely by creatives, and yet continues to expand economic opportunities locally.

There are suggestions that the music industry in Nigeria is expected to grow to about \$50 million this year. As a sharp contrast, the US music industry is worth over \$10 billion dollars – almost 250 times the revenue generated by the same industry in Nigeria. The US' current position represents Nigeria's potential, and this is achievable; intellectual property can make all the difference.

By recognizing the rights of inventors and creating a society in which innovation is rewarded and rights over inventions respected by society, state, and even law, investments are further encouraged and the benefits – both in terms of development as well as economic returns are felt by the creators of such works, and the society as a whole. Similarly, creatives find greater satisfaction in their expressions where their moral and economic rights over their creativity are both understood and regarded in society. Significantly, this gives greater power to creatives to tell their stories and shift narratives through their original expressions. The assurance of reward, respect, and recognition plays an important role.

As we celebrate today, let us remember that there is still so much more to do to support more awareness around IP while yet strengthening the capacity of creatives, inventors and business owners, to fully exploit opportunities arising from their IP rights.

As an organization, WIPO remains committed to the vision to see a world where innovation and creativity from anywhere is supported by intellectual property for the good of everyone. We are delighted to see the bold steps being taken by organizations like MIPLG to acknowledge, recognize and celebrate individuals, as well as champion IP awareness in Nigeria, and across the continent.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations once again to the awardees. Your creativity, innovation, and excellence in your various fields have made you stand out. Thank you for all you do. I hope that this recognition propels you to do even more.

On a final note, thank you again to MIPLG for creating this wonderful platform that recognizes excellence and ingenuity. Let us all embrace the challenge to be active foot soldiers in the promotion of creativity and innovation; collectively building the future we desire.

Meet the Organizing Committee



Oluwajoba Oloba
Co-Founder, The Nest



Victoria Chigozirim Onyeagbako,
Founder MIPLG



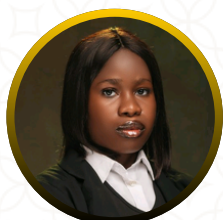
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Hon. Amb. Geoffrey K.J. Onyeama, CON

Geoffrey Jideofor Kwusike Onyeama is a distinguished Nigerian diplomat and politician who served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria. His career in international diplomacy began in 1985 when he joined the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) as an Assistant Programme Officer for Development Cooperation and External Relations, focusing on Africa and Western Asia. Over the years, he rose steadily through the ranks at WIPO, culminating in his appointment as Deputy Director General for the Development Sector in 2009. In November 2015, Onyeama was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs by President Muhammadu Buhari, further cementing his legacy in global diplomacy and governance.



Prof. Adejoke Oyewumi, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Commercial and Industrial Law, Faculty of Law, University of Lagos

Professor Oyewunmi, called to the Bar in 1989, is a distinguished legal scholar with extensive expertise in intellectual property law. She has held prestigious regional and international fellowships, including at the Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property and Innovation Law in Munich, Germany, and the Franklin Pierce Law Center. Her scholarly contributions include notable publications such as Nigerian Law of Intellectual Property (2015), Handbook of Business Law (2017), and Intellectual Property Law, Practice and Management: Perspectives from Africa (2018), among others. A former Sub-Dean and Master of Laws Coordinator, she is also an active member of the Nigerian Bar Association Women Forum, demonstrating her dedication to both academia and professional development in the legal field.



Dr. John O. Asein, Director-General, Nigeria Copyright Commission

John Asein, is Director of the Nigerian Copyright Institute, the training and capacity building arm of the Nigerian Copyright Commission. He has for more than two decades been involved in shaping copyright law and policies in Nigeria. He has also participated in negotiating Nigeria's position on several international copyright issues. A graduate of the New Hampshire School of Law (formerly, Franklin Pierce Law Center), the Universities of Lagos and Calabar, Asein is also author of Nigerian Copyright Act, with Introduction and Notes; Introduction to Nigerian Legal System and consults widely in the field of intellectual property law, authorship and innovation management. He lectures in the Masters of Intellectual Property (MIP) programme, Africa University, Mutare, Zimbabwe; the Master of Laws (LL.M.) programme, University of Abuja and the Post-Graduate Diploma (PGD) programme, National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism (NIHOTOUR) Abuja, NIGERIA.

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Prof. Bankole Sodipo, Senior Partner at G.O. Sodipo & Co.

Professor Bankole Sodipo is the Senior Partner at G.O. Sodipo & Co., renowned for his expertise in Intellectual Property, Technology, Communications, and Allied Rights, with significant experience in navigating regulatory frameworks across diverse sectors. His legal career includes work with leading solicitors' firms and barristers' chambers in London.

Prof. Sodipo is a sought-after speaker and organizer of conferences both in Nigeria and internationally, with engagements at the Frankfurt Book Fair, the Copyright Society of America, the American Intellectual Property Law Association, and the University of Maastricht, among others.

He is the founding president of the Intellectual Property Law Association of Nigeria and the African Intellectual Property Group, reflecting his pivotal role in shaping intellectual property discourse in Africa. Additionally, he serves as the current president of the Nigerian International Franchise Association (NIFA), further cementing his leadership in legal and business advocacy.



Professor Adebambo Adewopo, SAN, Lecturer, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Professor Adebambo Adewopo is a distinguished intellectual property (IP) law expert and a former Director-General of the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), a position he held from 2004 to 2010. Currently, he serves as a Professor at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (NIALS), where he continues to contribute to the development of legal scholarship and policy in Nigeria.

Prof. Adewopo has an extensive teaching background, having taught intellectual property law at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels at Lagos State University. His academic pursuits have included prestigious Visiting Researcher roles at the Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property and Innovation Law in Munich (2003) and the Centre for Research in Intellectual Property and Information Technology at the University of Edinburgh (2005).



Sandra Oyewole, Partner, Olajide Oyewole LLP

Sandra Oyewole is a seasoned legal professional and Partner at Olajide Oyewole LLP, a member of DLA Piper Africa, with over 26 years of experience in legal practice. She leads the firm's Intellectual Property and Technology practice and co-leads its Employment practice. Leveraging her expertise in intellectual property, Sandra played a pivotal role in establishing the firm's technology practice, encompassing areas such as fintech and data protection. She is deeply committed to fostering structure within Nigeria's creative and innovative industries, with a focus on strengthening the country's anti-piracy measures and intellectual property laws and policies.

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Dr. Shafiu Adamu Yauri, Registrar of Trademarks, Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Nigeria

Shafiu Adamu Yauri is a distinguished authority in Intellectual Property law and administration, with nearly two decades of trailblazing experience, he has left an indelible mark on the IP landscape.

With a unique blend of technical expertise and legal acumen, he excels in navigating the complexities of IP law, from examination and opposition to legal drafting and dispute resolution. A seasoned arbitrator and trade law specialist, Shafiu's counsel is sought by clients worldwide.

A true luminary in the field, Shafiu Adamu Yauri's contributions have elevated the practice of IP law, inspiring a new generation of professionals.



Dr. Dan-Azumi Mohammed, Director General and CEO of National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion

Dr. Dan-Azumi Mohammed Ibrahim is a passionate Nigerian dedicated to development and innovation. He holds a B.Sc. in Agricultural Science from the University of Maiduguri, an M.Sc. in Soil Microbiology from the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK, and a Ph.D. in Soil Fertility from Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi (2004).

Dr. Ibrahim began his career as a lecturer at the University of Maiduguri and later joined the Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC), rising to Deputy Director. In 2010, he transitioned to the National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP), where he was appointed Director-General/CEO in July 2015.

He has attended international training programs in India and China, focusing on sustainable agricultural development and horticultural crop breeding. A prolific researcher with numerous publications, he has served as a consultant to UNIDO and contributed to the development of ECOWAS Policy on Science and Technology (ECOPOST).



Engr. Umar B. Bindir, PHD. Secretary to the State Government (SSG) Adamawa State, Nigeria

Engr. Dr. Umar Buba Bindir, born on 11th August 1961 in Yola, Adamawa State, holds a B.Sc. in Agricultural Technology (First Class Honours) from the University of Maiduguri (1983) and an M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Agricultural Machinery Engineering and Design from Cranfield University, UK (1987 and 1991).

Dr. Bindir served in various national capacities, including Director-General of NOTAP (2009–2015) and Director roles in NAPEP, FEAP, and the Federal Ministry of Sports. A COREN-registered engineer and Fellow of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, Dr. Bindir's accolades include professional excellence awards from COREN, NIAE, and the Nigerian Computer Society. Recently appointed as the Secretary to the State Government (SSG) of Adamawa State, Dr. Bindir remains committed to technological and community advancement.

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Professor Ruth Okediji, Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and Co-Director of the Berkman Klein Center

Ruth L. Okediji is the Jeremiah Smith Jr. Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and Co-Director of the Berkman Klein Center. An internationally recognized authority on intellectual property (IP) law, her work focuses on the intersection of IP, technology, and development. She has advised inter-governmental organizations, regional economic communities, and governments on innovation policy and the implementation of the WTO's TRIPS Agreement. Her scholarship has shaped IP policies across sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean, with a focus on access to knowledge, essential medicines, and indigenous innovation systems.

A member of the U.S. National Academies' Committee on Copyright Policy and former Chief Technical Expert for Nigeria's delegation at the Marrakesh VIP Treaty negotiations, Okediji was also appointed to the U.N. High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines. She is a recipient of numerous awards and editor of the Journal of World Intellectual Property Law.



Madam Stella Ezenduka, Former Chief Registrar of the Patents and Designs Registry, Commercial Law Department of the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment in Nigeria

Stella Ezenduka is a lawyer. She graduated from the University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus in 1992 and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1993. She was a career Civil Servant in the Federal Civil Service of Nigeria. She attended several certificate courses in Industrial Property (Trademarks, Patents and Industrial Designs) organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the United States Patents and Trademarks Office (USPTO). Her experience in the field of Intellectual Property spans over three decades.

She became the Chief Registrar of Patents and Industrial Designs in 2018. Her efforts in building respect for Intellectual Property and strengthening the operational procedures of the office made her obtain approval from the then Honourable Minister to establish; Administrative Panel - a first level Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), published maiden edition of Patents and Designs journal for transparency, inclusion of Utility Model and Business Method patents.

She was a member of the Presidential Advisory Group on Technology and Creativity of the Nigeria Industrial Policy and Competitiveness. She was also a member of the Governing Board of National Biosafety Management Agency (NBMA). She retired meritoriously in April, 2024.

IP Awards Selection Process



The IP Awards is committed to recognizing excellence through a rigorous and transparent selection process. This process ensures that every awardee exemplifies exceptional contributions to their respective fields.

1. Public Nominations:

The journey began with an open call for nominations from the public. Individuals and organizations were invited to nominate deserving candidates across various categories, ensuring inclusivity and representation. This stage captures a wide array of talent and innovation, reflecting the diversity within the intellectual property ecosystem.

2. Shortlisting by the Nominations Committee:

Once the nominations were collected, the nominations committee, comprising professionals and experts in the field, diligently reviewed each submission. Using predefined criteria such as impact, innovation, and relevance to intellectual property development, the committee shortlisted the top five candidates in each category. This stage emphasized fairness and adherence to the awards' purpose.

3. Final Selection by the Judges:

The shortlisted candidates were then presented to our esteemed panel of judges, who represent some of the most respected voices in the IP community. The judges engaged in thorough evaluations, leveraging their expertise and insights to select the final winners for each category. This phase was marked by constructive discussions and the utmost objectivity to ensure credibility.

This process highlights our dedication to honoring only the most deserving individuals and organizations, fostering a culture of recognition and inspiring others to pursue excellence in innovation and creativity.

Chairperson, IP Awards Committee



Award Categories

Literary Artist Award
Creative Animator Award
Creative Designer Award
Fashion Creative Director Award
Indigenous Heritage Award
IP Capacity Development Award
IP Club Award
IP Educator Award
IP Podcast Award
Script Writer Award
Sound Engineer Award
Special Effects Makeup Artist Award
Spoken Word Artist Award
Sports Broadcasting Award
Upcycling Artist Award
Voice Over Artist Award
Fintech Award
Health Tech Award
Legal Tech Award
Smart Tech Award
Social Impact Award
Agritech Award
Ed Tech Award
Sustainability Award
Young Innovator Award
Innovative Award
Sports Innovation Award

A W A R D C A T E G O R I E S

Nominees and Winners spotlight

Literary Artist Award



Ben
Okri

Creative Animator Award



Omiebam
Brown

Creative Designer Award



Rex
Posters

Fashion Creative Director Award



Ugo
Monye

Nominees and Winners spotlight

Indigenous Heritage Award



Nike Art Gallery

IP Capacity Development Award



Tobi Moody

IP Club Award



IPLC AAUA

IP EDUCATOR AWARD



Dr. Ifeoluwa Olubiyi



Nominees and Winners spotlight

IP Podcast Award



IP Series with
Esmeralda

Script Writer Award



Buchi
Writes

Sound Engineer Award



Vtek

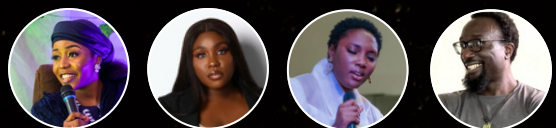
Special Effects Makeup Artist Award



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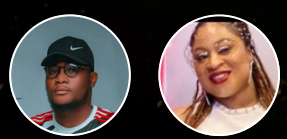
Nominees and Winners spotlight

Spoken Word Artist Award



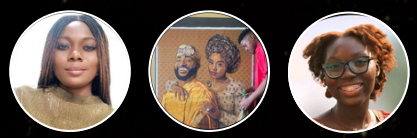
IB Quake

Sports Broadcasting Award



Super Sports

Upcycling Artist Award



Gbenga Adeku

Voice Over Artist Award



Stephanie Nicholas



Nominees and Winners spotlight

Fintech Award



Moniepoint

Health Tech Award



Dynalimb
Technologies

Legal Tech Award



Law
Pavilion

Smart Tech Award



Kagan
Tech



Nominees and Winners spotlight

Social Impact Award



Chess In
Slums

Agritech Award



Crop 2 Cash

Ed Tech Award



Alt
School

Sustainability Award



Wecyclers



Nominees and Winners spotlight

Young Innovator Award



Abiodun Jacob
Oluwayanmife

Innovative Award



Chowdeck

Sports Innovation Award



Afa
Sports



The Intellectual Property Law Advocacy Network (IPLAN) is Nigeria's foremost association championing intellectual property rights. Comprising over 80 leading law firms, IP rights owners, and stakeholders, IPLAN is dedicated to advancing Nigeria's IP legal and regulatory framework. For years, IPLAN has been at the forefront of legislative reforms, public awareness, and capacity-building initiatives in the IP sector. Now, we are opening our doors to new collaborators and members who share our vision for a stronger, more innovative IP ecosystem in Nigeria.

WHY JOIN IPLAN?

Advocacy at Its Core: Be part of a network that actively shapes Nigeria's IP laws by engaging with the National Assembly, regulatory bodies, and other stakeholders. Your voice matters in our mission to build a robust IP framework.

Capacity Building: Access expert-led training programs tailored for professionals, businesses, and innovators to deepen their knowledge of IP rights and practices.

Awareness and Sensitization: Collaborate with us in creating impactful awareness campaigns, seminars, and workshops that highlight the importance of intellectual property protection.

Networking Opportunities: Connect with like-minded professionals, brand owners, and organizations in the legal, creative, and business sectors.



- ▶ Brand owners seeking to safeguard their intellectual property.
- ▶ Legal professionals passionate about IP advocacy and education.
- ▶ Professionals, organizations, and institutions interested in advancing IP in Nigeria.
- ▶ Innovators and stakeholders looking to influence legislative and regulatory IP reforms.

The Intellectual Property Law Advocacy Network (IPLAN) is Nigeria's foremost association championing intellectual property rights. Comprising over 80 leading law firms, IP rights owners, and stakeholders, IPLAN is dedicated to advancing Nigeria's IP legal and regulatory framework.

For years, IPLAN has been at the forefront of legislative reforms, public awareness, and capacity-building initiatives in the IP sector. Now, we are opening our doors to new collaborators and members who share our vision for a stronger, more innovative IP ecosystem in Nigeria.

OUR OBJECTIVES:

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Let's build the future of intellectual property together. Partner with us or become a member of IPLAN today!

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