

Editorial

The Journal of Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (JIPIT) Law is an academic journal founded by the Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (CIPIT). CIPIT undertook this endeavour to offer and provide a platform for academic research on Intellectual Property and Technology Law in jurisdictions within the Global South.

Increasingly, both sectors in Africa and the greater Global South are enjoying growth and significance. This has prompted a need for legal responses by governments. Indeed, recent years have witnessed a raft of legislative measures on issues such as cybercrime, digital taxation, copyright, startup regulation, digital identity, and more. Academic research plays a vital role not only in documenting these developments, but also in identifying gaps, providing solutions, and foreshadowing further development.

In this inaugural edition, the featured contributions address topics such as digital political micro-targeting, taxation, software copyright, online freedom of speech, and anti-counterfeit measures. Each paper is innovative, timely and alive to the context. We thank and applaud the authors for this enormous feat. The observations made, gaps identified and recommendations are a great resource for anyone interested in these areas. We hope that the articles will add to the body of work coming from the region, offering unique insight as well as elevating research from the region.

Our sincere thanks go to the team behind this edition. Much of the work was done in the midst of an uncertain year marred by the COVID-19 pandemic and its attendant challenges. Nevertheless, we are proud to have made it to the finish line. We

would like to thank Dr Eric Goldman and Dr Marisella Ouma for their invaluable input as the expert reviewers for this edition. Thank you for your invaluable input.

The journal emerges as the first of its kind in the region, covering a special niche. Our mission is to foster a consistent source of excellent peer reviewed scholarship on how the law interacts with innovation in jurisdictions of the Global South. We look forward to seeing this goal fulfilled over the years to come.

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