

Foreword

The Second Edition of the Journal of Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (JIPIT) comes forth on the tenth anniversary of the Center for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (CIPIT). It also comes forth in a year of many firsts for CIPIT. The first year of CIPIT as an independent research center and the first year navigating back to work during a pandemic. We have also included a contribution from our first cohort of Cyber Policy Research Fellows. With this in mind, this edition of JIPIT is truly a labour of pride.

The editorial team and contributors have shown true determination and excellence in producing this edition in the face of challenges and changes that shift perspectives and attitudes. I am extremely proud of the editorial team led by Mr. Collins Okoh (while also serving his first term as the Student President of Strathmore University) for bringing this edition to completion. The articles in this edition of JIPIT have a truly African lens as was promised in the inaugural edition of JIPIT, we are interrogating themes in IP and IT from a ‘Global South’ perspective. This edition traverses research questions from IP, AI, cyber policy and international trade. It truly demonstrates that the future of solutions for the ‘Global South’ and the different regions of Africa require multidisciplinary approaches.

This edition is a testament to the mission JIPIT set out a year or so ago and we shall continue to pursue the mission with excellence.

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