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Regulatory Updates

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Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Investment

i. AfCFTA Holds Virtual Consultation on Patent and Industrial Design Protocol in Collaboration with Patents and Designs Registry

In July 2025, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) held a virtual consultation on the Patent and Industrial Design Protocol, collaborating with the Patents and Designs Registry to engage key stakeholders. The meeting focused on the Industrial Design Annex, examining substantive and procedural provisions, alignment with national laws, and practical implementation challenges. Discussions

addressed issues such as examination procedures, surrender and invalidity provisions, deferment of publication, and dispute resolution mechanisms. Participants highlighted the need for capacity building, system upgrades, and realistic timelines. The consultation aimed to ensure the protocol supports harmonized IP protection while remaining practically enforceable across African member states.

ii. Exclusive Feedback Session with the Trademarks and Patents Registries

On 18th August 2025, Stren & Blan Partners' IP Team hosted an exclusive feedback session with the Trademarks and Patents Registries. The session brought together the Registrar of Trademarks, the Registrar of Patents, and other principal officers to engage directly with our team. The discussions focused on key operational challenges at the Registries, including delays in application processing, limitations in digital filing, persistent backlogs, and gaps

in post-registration services. Participants also explored opportunities for improving automation, transparency, and stakeholder engagement. The interactive session provided a valuable platform to exchange perspectives on strengthening the delivery of trademark and patent services. It reinforced the importance of collaboration between regulators and practitioners in shaping a more efficient IP landscape.

iii. Manual Processing Protocol for Online Trademark Applications

On 25th August 2025, the Trademarks Registry announced the commencement of a manual processing system to tackle persistent technical challenges on the online filing platform. The new protocol applies to applications originally filed online but requiring further action such as withdrawal, acceptance, refusal, appeal, or editing, which cannot be processed due to defects or absent modules in the portal. To implement

this, the Registrar has established a special team and a dedicated register for manual entries. Applications will only be processed following a written request and will undergo strict verification to confirm eligibility. This temporary intervention is expected to minimize delays and sustain access to trademark services until the online platform is fully functional again



World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

i. WIPO Hosts Virtual Workshop on Copyright Mediation in Nigeria

On August 29, 2025, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) convened a virtual workshop titled “Copyright Mediation in Nigeria: Introduction to the ADR Co-administration Project”. The session introduced stakeholders to WIPO’s

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Co-administration framework tailored for Nigeria’s copyright ecosystem. The initiative aims to strengthen non-litigious pathways for resolving copyright disputes, particularly in the creative and digital sectors.

ii. Strengthening IP Awareness Among Nigerian Youth: WIPO Concludes IP SALAYE 2.0 Program

In June 2025, WIPO Nigeria wrapped up the IP SALAYE 2.0 programme with Demo Exhibition Days in Abuja and Kano, empowering nearly 200 NYSC members to leverage intellectual property for business growth. The program guided participants through problem identification, tech-based solution development, and one-on-one IP mentorship, equipping them to protect and

commercialize their innovations. Top teams presented solutions addressing housing, agriculture, education, and renewable energy, showcasing the role of IP in driving scalable, locally relevant enterprises. WIPO Nigeria emphasized the initiative’s impact on youth capacity-building, innovation, and fostering sustainable entrepreneurship rooted in intellectual property.



Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC)

i. Seals Printing Houses and Seizes Pirated Books in Ibadan

In August 2025, the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) raided printing houses and bookshops in Ibadan, seizing pirated books in areas such as Apata, Mokola, and Dugbe. Led by Oyo State Coordinator Mrs. Oluropo Oke under the directive of DG Dr. John Asein, the exercise enforced Section 48 of the Copyright Act, which mandates printers and booksellers to keep accurate records. The DG urged creators to know their rights and support anti-piracy efforts to protect creativity and investment.

ii. NCC Emphasizes Protection of Nigeria's Digital Infrastructure

At the 2nd Edition of the Strategic

Stakeholders Meeting of the Association of Telecommunications Companies of Nigeria (ATCON) held in Lagos on August 15, 2025, NCC's Executive Vice-Chairman, Dr. Aminu Maida, highlighted the essential role of telecommunications as a national security and economic priority. He emphasized the growing risks facing Nigeria's digital networks, including cyberattacks and climate-related threats, calling for urgent measures to safeguard the sector which supports key services like financial transactions, healthcare, education, and governance.

National Agency for Food Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC)

i. NAFDAC Counterfeit & Illegal Products Alerts

As part of the ongoing commitment to IP protection and consumer safety, NAFDAC issued certain public alerts on the following:

Falsified POSTINOR 2 Emergency Contraceptive Pills

Falsified A-tocin injection, Extocin Injection, Gold Vision Oxytocin injection 10IU and Claxitodin injection

Falsified CIPROFIT 500 (Ciprofloxacin Tablet USP 500mg)

Recall of Substandard Amoxivue (Amoxicillin 500mg) Capsules



ii. Africa's Top Regulators Launch ML3 Reliance Mechanism to Strengthen Medicines Oversight

Africa's highest-rated drug regulatory authorities have inaugurated a Steering Committee to operationalise the ML3 Reliance Mechanism, designed to fast-track access to quality medicines and vaccines. Hosted by Nigeria's NAFDAC in Abuja, the initiative brings together eight WHO-certified regulators to share data, conduct

joint inspections, and harmonise standards under frameworks like the African Medicines Agency. Beyond improving public health, the mechanism reinforces intellectual property considerations in pharmaceutical regulation by ensuring that patented products and proprietary data are evaluated within a trusted, collaborative framework.

Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON)

i. SON Champions Quality Standards for Nigerian Products under AfCFTA

SON held a stakeholder workshop in Asaba in May 2025 emphasizing quality standards as crucial for enabling Nigerian products to compete under the AfCFTA. CEO Ifeanyi Okeke underscored that adherence to

international quality standards is integral to expanding regional and global market access.



Case Law Update

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Consolidated Opposition: Fosroc International Limited v. Purechem Manufacturing International Limited – Opposition to Trademark Applications Nos. F/TM/O/2021/13210, F/TM/O/2021/13221, F/TM/O/2021/13072, F/TM/O/2021/13072, F/TM/O/2021/13077 and F/TM/O/2021/13086 for FOSROC (Word Mark) and FOSROC & Device in Class 1, 2 & 19

The dispute arose when the Applicant, Purechem Manufacturing International Limited, applied to register multiple versions of the mark FOSROC (Word and Device) in Classes 1, 2, and 19. On behalf of the Opponent, Fosroc International Limited, Stren & Blan Partners filed a consolidated Notice of Opposition, challenging the applications on the grounds of prior registration, lack of proprietorship, and unlawful registration under Sections 5, 11, 13, 18, and 22 of the Trade Marks Act 1967. The Opponent argued that the marks sought were identical or confusingly similar to its earlier registrations, likely to deceive or cause confusion, and would unlawfully erode its goodwill.

The Tribunal consolidated the proceedings and identified two key issues for determination:

(a) whether the Applicant's marks in Classes 1, 2, and 19 were identical or confusingly similar to the Opponent's existing registrations and therefore unregistrable;

(b) whether the Applicant is the true proprietor of the FOSROC trademark and entitled to registration.

On the first issue, the Tribunal ruled in favour of the Opponent, finding that the Applicant's marks across all three classes were exact replicas of the Opponent's prior registered marks. In reaching this conclusion, the Tribunal applied Sections 5(1) and (2), 11(1)(a), and 13(1) of the Trade Marks Act, which prohibit the registration of marks that are identical or nearly resemble an existing registered mark in respect of the same or similar goods, where such resemblance is likely to deceive or cause confusion. The Tribunal accepted the Opponent's submissions, supported by case law, and held that the FOSROC applications satisfied the statutory grounds for refusal.

Applying the "two senses test," it confirmed that the marks were identical in both sight and sound, rendering them unregistrable. Accordingly, the Opponent, as the prior registered proprietor, retained the exclusive right to use the FOSROC mark in Classes 1, 2, and 19.

On the second issue, the Tribunal examined the question of proprietorship. While the Act does not expressly define the proprietor of an unregistered mark, the Tribunal adopted the common law principle that proprietorship lies with the first user. The Opponent successfully demonstrated prior use and ownership of the FOSROC mark through evidence of registration and longstanding commercial activity across the relevant classes. Conversely, the Applicant failed to establish independent use of the mark and was found to have acted in bad faith. The Tribunal noted that the Applicant, being a former distributor of the Opponent, could not feign ignorance of the Opponent's ownership. Relying on Section 18 of the Act and judicial authority, the Tribunal confirmed that proprietorship is determined by first use, not mere application. It further invoked Section 22, affirming the Registrar's power to correct errors in acceptance where marks have been wrongly admitted to the register.

In its consolidated ruling, the Tribunal held that the Applicant's FOSROC applications in Classes 1, 2, and 19 had been accepted in error and ordered their withdrawal and cancellation.

This decision reinforces the statutory protection afforded to prior registered proprietors against identical or confusingly similar marks across multiple classes. It further underscores the Tribunal's intolerance of dishonest conduct in trademark applications and provides important precedent, particularly in disputes involving former distributors or business partners. The ruling safeguards the Opponent's longstanding brand integrity in Nigeria and strengthens the protection of well-established marks across diverse product classes.



Updates From Other Jurisdictions

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African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

i. ARIPO and OAPI Host Strategic Ambassadors' Luncheon in Geneva

ARIPO and African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) co-hosted a luncheon for African Ambassadors and for other international organizations on 11 July 2025. The luncheon was held in Geneva on the sidelines of the 66th series of annual meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) in Geneva. The luncheon was attended by representatives of 22 ARIPO and 17 OAPI

member states, regional IP organizations, WIPO officials, and diplomatic missions. ARIPO Director General Mr. Bemanya Twebaze, in his welcoming remarks, emphasized the importance of achieving closer collaboration. Mr. Denis Bohoussou, Director General of OAPI, spoke of an increasing synergy between OAPI and ARIPO and he pointed to efforts being made to align their procedures.

ii. ARIPO Integrates with UPOV PRISMA for Plant Variety Protection

In July 2025, the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) joined the UPOV PRISMA platform, enabling streamlined Plant Variety Protection (PVP) applications across 70+ jurisdictions. The move builds on the Arusha Protocol's entry into force in November 2024, which expanded PVP frameworks in countries such as Cabo Verde, Ghana, Rwanda, and São Tomé and Príncipe.

Through a unified digital interface,

applicants can now file directly with ARIPO, track applications in real time, access automated language tools, and reuse past submissions. ARIPO's Director General hailed the step as a milestone in modernizing plant breeders' rights, while UPOV highlighted its role in boosting agricultural innovation and food security. This integration enhances accessibility, reduces delays, and supports breeders in securing timely protection of new plant varieties.

iii. ARIPO Advances Accession Talks with South Sudan

In September 2025, ARIPO Director General Bemanya Twebaze, led a high-level mission to South Sudan as the country considers moving from observer status to full membership. The delegation met with key government officials, including the Minister of Justice and the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, to highlight the benefits of accession. Discussions focused on how joining ARIPO would provide South Sudan with access to shared IP platforms, technical

expertise, and capacity-building support to strengthen its legal and economic reforms. DG Twebaze emphasized that effective IP frameworks could harness local innovation in technology, music, and agriculture to drive inclusive growth. The mission continues with engagements at the National Legislative Assembly, marking a significant step toward South Sudan's integration into the regional IP system.



iv. Harare Protocol Now Effective in Mauritius

Following its accession in May 2025, the Harare Protocol on Patents, Utility Models, and Industrial Designs has officially entered into force in the Republic of Mauritius as of 27 August 2025. This development makes Mauritius the 21st Contracting State to the Protocol. With the Protocol now effective, applicants using the ARIPO system can designate Mauritius in their filings, while nationals and residents of Mauritius may file

patent, industrial design, and utility model applications directly with the ARIPO Office. Mauritius' accession, which took place on the margins of the 4th Heads of Intellectual Property Offices Conference (HIPOC) in Freetown, Sierra Leone, further strengthens the regional IP system. With this, all ARIPO Member States except Somalia are now parties to the Harare Protocol.

Organisation Africaine De La Propriété Intellectuelle (OAPI)

i. Director General Extols Benefits of GI's and Seeks Collaboration with International Counterparts

In July, a delegation from the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), led by Director General Denis L. Bohoussou, attended the 66th WIPO Assemblies in Geneva. On the margins, Mr. Bohoussou participated in a high-level panel marking the 10th anniversary of the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement, highlighting the benefits of Geographical Indications (GIs) for OAPI

member states in improving market recognition of local products. At the inaugural Francophone IP Alliance meeting, Mr. Bohoussou reaffirmed OAPI's commitment to strengthening IP expertise through the Denis Ekani Academy, paving the way for greater cooperation among Francophone offices.

ii. Innovate and Empower: OAPI and UNFPA Launch Women's Economic Empowerment Project

On August 5, 2025, OAPI and UNFPA Cameroon launched the Women's Economic Empowerment Project through Innovation and Access to IP in Yaoundé. The CFA 1.5 billion, 18-month pilot, also extending to Burkina Faso, targets rural women, agribusiness entrepreneurs, and female engineering students. The project aims to protect innovations, improve access to financing.

OAPI Director General, Denis Bohoussou stressed the need to not only innovate but also protect and commercialize innovations. UNFPA highlighted the project's role in connecting women's ideas with local financing opportunities.



iii. WIPO–OAPI Conference on Creative Economy

On July 28–29, 2025, Yaoundé hosted a joint WIPO–OAPI regional conference focused on creativity and the development of Africa’s creative economy. Ministers, copyright experts, and cultural leaders discussed strategies to strengthen copyright, improve collective management, and expand access to global markets. WIPO highlighted the \$2.25 trillion global value of cultural

industries, while OAPI reaffirmed its commitment to boosting member states’ creative sectors. The meeting closed with a pledge to adopt concrete national and regional action plans to support sustainable growth of the creative economy across OAPI states.



Ghana

i. Mandatory POA Compliance Reinforced in Ghana Trademark Practice

The Registrar of Companies in Ghana has restated that the submission of a duly executed Power of Attorney (POA) is a mandatory requirement for trademark filings and related procedures. This reiteration follows recent cases where applications faced delays or objections due to incomplete or non-compliant POA documentation. The Registrar emphasized that appointing an agent without a valid POA

undermines the legal authority to act on behalf of rights holders. To avoid refusals or unnecessary costs, applicants and agents must ensure strict adherence to the prescribed format and timelines. This development highlights Ghana's commitment to procedural rigor and the protection of intellectual property rights through compliance with formalities.

ii. IP Integration into 24H+ Economy Strategy

In July 2025, Ghana announced plans to integrate intellectual property rights into its 24H+ Economy Programme, a strategy to accelerate growth through culture, arts and tourism, manufacturing expansion, value-chain financing and trade facilitation, pharmaceutical clusters, and other cross-cutting enablers. Intellectual property is

positioned as a driver of this agenda, unlocking domestic innovation, attracting investment, and boosting competitiveness through trademark protection for creatives, geographical indications for local products, and blockchain-based tracking for digital content.

The Gambia

Madrid Protocol fees renewed for The Gambia

On July 31, 2025, WIPO's Director General announced the renewal of Madrid Protocol individual fees for The Gambia, payable in Swiss francs for international applications, renewals, or subsequent designations under

the Common Regulations. This was Based on the provisions of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks.

Burkina Faso

Madrid Protocol fees renewed for The Gambia

Burkina Faso Participates in 60th Maputo International Fair, Spotlighting IP Strategies From August 25 to 31, Mozambique hosted the 60th edition of the Maputo International Fair (FACIM), the country's largest trade event, themed "promoting economic

diversification towards sustainable and competitive development." Inventa's Mozambique team took part, advising entrepreneurs, investors, and producers on effective intellectual property strategies.



Liberia

Liberia Advances IP Enforcement Partnership with National Police

On 2 September 2025, the Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO) announced progress in negotiations with the Liberia National Police (LNP) on a cooperation agreement to strengthen IP rights enforcement. The partnership will establish joint frameworks

for capacity building through specialized police training and coordinated actions against infringement, reflecting LIPO's commitment to protecting creators, businesses, and innovation while reinforcing the rule of law.

Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone Joins UNESCO 1970 Convention on Cultural Property

On 19 September 2025, the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (Paris, 14

November 1970) will enter into force with respect to Sierra Leone, following the deposit of its instrument of ratification with the Director-General on 19 June 2025.

South Africa

South Africa Updates Plant Breeders' Rights

South Africa's new Plant Breeders' Rights Act 12 of 2018, effective from 1 June 2025, repeals the 1976 Act and modernizes plant variety protection under the 1991 UPOV Convention. It extends protection to all new, distinct, uniform, and stable plant varieties,

introduces automatic provisional protection, strengthens enforcement, and addresses essentially derived varieties and compulsory licensing. The minister of agriculture now has broader powers over the farmers' privilege, with regulations expected soon.

Uganda

Uganda ratifies the Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge

The Director General of WIPO has announced that Uganda has ratified the WIPO Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge (GRATK), adopted in Geneva on 24 May 2024. The Treaty introduces a mandatory disclosure

requirement for patent applicants to identify the country of origin of genetic resources and the indigenous peoples or local community providing associated traditional knowledge where relevant to the invention.



Tanzania

i. ARIPO and BRELA hold IP asset management workshop for Tanzanian SME's

ARIPO and Tanzania's Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BRELA) recently hosted a workshop in Dar es Salaam to strengthen IP asset management among SMEs. BRELA's CEO, Mr. Godfrey Simango Nyaisa, lauded the initiative, while ARIPO

emphasized that IP is both a legal right and an economic asset, noting that SMEs with registered IP earn significantly more and contribute to wider socioeconomic development.

ii. FCC to Commence Trademark Rights Recordation from December 1, 2025

In line with Section 11A of the Merchandise Marks Act, 1963 (as amended) and the Merchandise Marks (Recordation) Regulations, 2025, the Federal Competition

Commission (FCC) has announced that the implementation of Trademark Rights Recordation will officially begin on December 1, 2025.

iii. OAPI and AGF Launch Initiative to Fund 1,000 Innovative Projects by 2030

On June 16, 2025, the OAPI and the African Guarantee Fund (AGF) unveiled a joint program to finance 1,000 innovative projects across Africa by 2030. The partnership involves OAPI's capital investment in AGF and a guarantee window covering up to 75%

of loan risks for SMEs holding patents, alongside mentoring and business modelling support. Project selection will begin in Q3 2025, targeting stronger IP-driven growth in OAPI member states.

Gabon

Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property in Focus at Gabon IPO and OAPI Conference

The Gabonese Industrial Property Office, in partnership with OAPI, held a conference on AI and intellectual property. Expert Philippe Rodhain highlighted AI's benefits in boosting creativity and supporting patent searches, infringement detection, and

portfolio analysis. He also warned of risks, including counterfeiting, and emphasized the need for proper author recognition. While Europe and America advance in AI regulation, he noted that Africa must accelerate efforts in this space.

Zambia

Online filing now effective for new trade mark applications in Zambia.

In a notice published on its website, PACRA (the Zambian Patents and Companies Registration Agency) announced that, effective 1 July 2025, it would implement online applications for all new trade mark applications.

The notice issued by Benson Mpalo, the Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of PACRA, included that PACRA will no longer accept physical submissions of new trade mark applications from agents after 1 July 2025.



Angola

Angola Hosts 40th Luanda International Fair Showcasing Business, Innovation, and Culture

The 40th Luanda International Fair (FILDA), Angola's largest trade event, was held from July 22–27 2025 at the Special Economic Zone in Luanda-Bengo. The fair combined business, innovation, and culture, featuring literature, art, and fashion showcases

alongside exhibitors from key industries. Inventa participated, advising visitors on intellectual property strategies and highlighting the importance of protecting trademarks, patents, and copyrights in Angola's expanding market.

Jordan

Changes to Agricultural Regulations: Jordan Revises IP Rules on Plant Varieties (Effective August 16, 2025)

The Ministry of Agriculture has introduced new regulations, effective August 16, 2025, that impact agricultural processes and IP protection for plant varieties. Annuity payments must now be made strictly between December and January each year,

replacing the previous January–April window. The rules also expand plant variety registration, allowing all varieties to be registered except those expressly prohibited under Jordanian law.

Zanzibar

Zanzibar Implements Revised IP Fees with Significant Increases

As of August 11, 2025, the revised official fees of the Zanzibar Industrial Property Office (ZIPO) are in effect, following their publication in the Government Gazette on July 18. The changes cover trademarks, patents, industrial designs, and geographical indications, with increases of 50–300

percent and new items such as mark association and opposition hearing fees. Applicants with pending matters filed before implementation are now subject to the updated rates if fees were unpaid.

Egypt

Egypt Introduces Major Patent Fee Increases and Shorter Timelines

The Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority (EGIPA) has enacted Decree No. 26 and Decision No. 34 of 2025, introducing major changes to patent fees and timelines. Effective June 18, 2025, examination fees doubled from EGP 25,000 to EGP 50,000,

while applicants now have only three months to pay examination and expert fees. Decision No. 34 also sets a late examination request fee of EGP 25,000, with applications suspended until payment if deadlines are missed.



Ethiopia

Ethiopia becomes the 181st Contracting State to the Paris Convention—Effective 15 August 2025

On May 15, 2025, Ethiopia deposited its instrument of accession to the Paris Convention with WIPO Director General Daren Tang, becoming the 181st contracting state. The accession, approved by Ethiopia's Council of Ministers in October 2024, takes

effect on August 15, 2025, marking Ethiopia's membership in the Paris Union and reinforcing its commitment to strengthening IP protection and cooperation with WIPO.

Libya

Temporary suspension of trademark applications

On 5th August, 2025, Libya's Council of Ministers issued Decision No. 366 of 2025, transferring administration of the Trade Mark Office (TMO) to the Commercial Registration Authority, while retaining oversight under the Ministry of Economy and Trade. During the transition, new filings and transactions

are suspended, but all deadlines will be automatically extended, ensuring no loss of rights. The move forms part of wider reforms to streamline trademark procedures, with owners advised to consider the suspension when managing filings and portfolios.



News About the Firm

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- A. Our Managing Partner, Christian Aniukwu, was recognized in the IAM Strategy 300 as the World's Leading IP Strategist.
- B. Our Managing Partner, Christian Aniukwu, will attend INTA's Trademark Administrators & Practitioners (TMAP) Meeting 2025 in Berlin from 28–30 September 2025. The conference will explore brand protection, European regulations, case law, and the impact of AI on trademark practice, bringing together global experts to share insights.
- C. Stren & Blan Partners is set to host Horizon 2.0. Continental Investment Drift Summit on 9th October 2025 in London, United Kingdom. The summit will spotlight Africa's evolving investment landscape, with discussions on financing models, cross-border deal-making, regulatory shifts, energy, and technology trends shaping the continent's future.
- D. Partner Ozioma Agu spoke at Africa Law @ Work 2025 in Berlin, analysing the impact of Nigeria's tax reforms on investment and regulatory certainty.
- E. Stren & Blan Partners was honoured with the Team of the Year (Environment, Energy & Natural Resources) Award at the 2025 African Legal Awards, recognizing our excellence in advisory and transactional work in the energy sector.
- F. Our Managing Partner, Christian Aniukwu and Senior Associate Omonefe Irabor-Benson represented the firm at the AIPPI World Congress in Japan, engaging with global IP professionals on trademark law and intellectual property frameworks.
- G. Our Chief Operations Officer, Ayoola Olawumi Olusunmbola, was recognized as one of Nigeria's 100 Most Outstanding and Impactful Women in Leadership 2025 by The Guardian Nigeria.
- H. Team Lead Francisca Igboanugo participated as a panellist at the BusinessDay Health Conference in Abuja, contributing to discussions on innovative healthcare financing.
- I. Our Managing Partner Christian Aniukwu and Associate Oluchukwu Nwakor attended the Enugu Gaming Conference 2025, where the firm was a sponsor; Christian Aniukwu presented on Nigeria's gaming regulatory framework.



About the Firm

Stren & Blan Partners is an innovative and dynamic law firm with a compelling blend of experienced lawyers and energetic talents. We focus on providing solutions to our client's business problems and adding value to their businesses and commercial endeavours. This underpins our ethos as everything we do flows from these underlying principles.

Stren & Blan Partners is a full-service commercial law firm providing excellent legal services to diverse local and multinational corporations. We have developed a clear vision for anticipating our client's business needs and surpassing their expectations, driven by our unwavering commitment to client service and legal excellence.

Market Recognition

Our confidence and pride lie in our clients' satisfaction, and we continually align our objectives with their evolving business needs. In 2025, Stren & Blan Partners was honoured with a nomination in the "Innovation in ESG" category at the African Legal Technology & Innovation Awards. This recognition highlights our commitment to advancing Environmental, Social, and Governance standards through innovative legal solutions, particularly in sustainability-linked transactions within the energy and

finance sectors. Additionally, our Managing Partner, Christian Aniukwu, was recognised as a Recommended Individual in the 2025 IAM Patent 1000 for his outstanding work in patent strategy, prosecution, and enforcement. Our Senior Associate, Omonefe Irabor-Benson, Emmanuel Ughanze, and Oluchukwu Nwakor also received special recognition for their dedication and consistent excellence within our Intellectual Property practice.



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