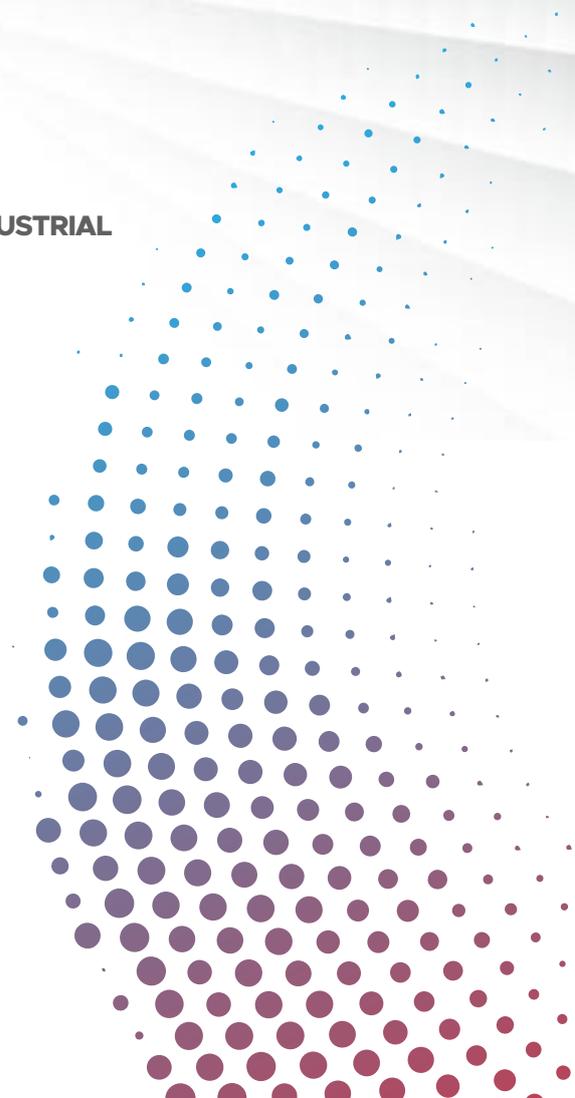


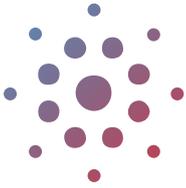
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Theme

**HARNESSING INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY IN THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL
REVOLUTION**



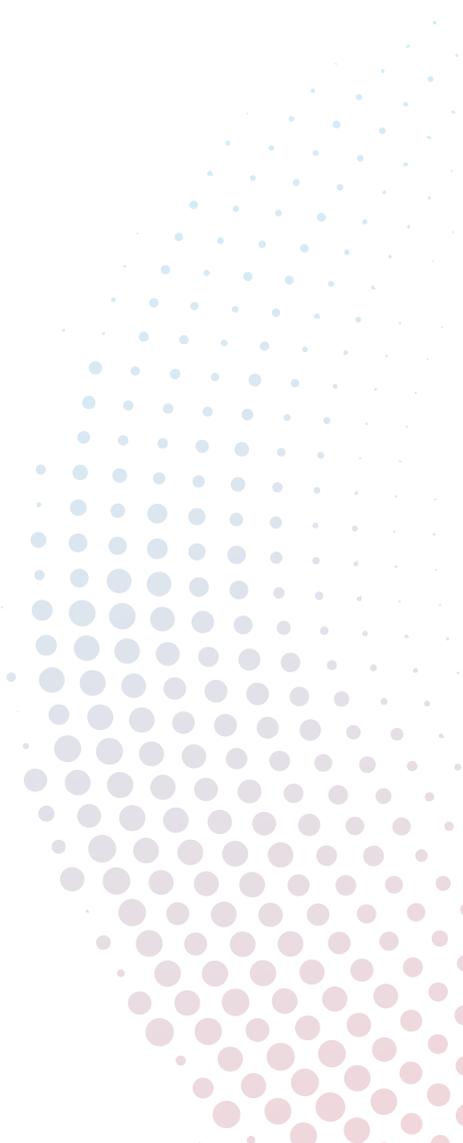


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Convener Profile

KTA Advocates (Formerly Karuhanga Tabaro & Associates) is a specialized law firm with a niche in technology, media, telecommunications and intellectual property. We advise clients on the financing, exploitation, and protection of their creative and commercial assets in these sectors. Alongside its bespoke service offering, the firm's team of 15 specialized attorneys provides full legal service across various sectors like oil and gas, corporate governance, project finance, international trade, dispute resolution & arbitration, tax finance, civil & commercial litigation, employment, construction law, real estate & property.

KTA has received acknowledgement and won several accolades for its pragmatic and global leaning legal practice. KTA was recognized as the Intellectual Property Firm of the Year at the 2019 Africa Legal Awards, is recognized by IFLR as a notable firm and is ranked by WTR1000 as a leading Intellectual Property firm. Our Partners, Edgar Tabaro, Edwin Tabaro and Kenneth Muhangi are recognized by WTR1000 as leading Intellectual Property Practitioners. Kenneth Muhangi was recognized at the Africa Legal Awards as Africa's Male Partner of the Year, 2020. The firm is actively engaged in policy and in particular has advised the Government of Uganda on the National IP Policy and the National Innovation Policy. The firm has also co-convened working groups on Artificial Intelligence through WIPO and our Managing Partner Kenneth Muhangi represents Uganda at the 4IR Portfolio Committees of the World Economic Forum.





Background and Justification

Intellectual property refers to creations of the mind, such as inventions, literary and artistic works, designs and symbols, names and images used in commerce.

Harnessing of intellectual property in Uganda is not a novel area. Since post-independence in 1962, Intellectual property has played a key role in commerce and society in Uganda. Songs from legends such as Elly Wamala and Philly Bongole Lutaaya have regaled celebratory fireplaces during the Christmas season and are played on nearly each radio station. Our coffee and tea is revered world over for its signature taste and texture and our Ankole long horned cow is treasured for its resilience to disease and durable artifacts molded from its horns.

In the 4IR, intellectual property protection has advanced significantly most recently with the promulgation of the Security in Moveable Property Act, 2019 and the supporting National Intellectual Property Policy. The policy's three major goals all speak to the facilitation of the commercialization of intellectual property through establishment of appropriate infrastructure to support innovation and creativity, development of human capital for the intellectual property value chain and enhancement of the utilization of the intellectual property system.

The move by government through the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology & National Guidance and the National Taskforce Committees set up to spearhead Uganda's 4IR journey have lent credence to IP and will propel and enhance value chain in intellectual property.

The Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) is characterized by the fusion of the digital, biological, and physical worlds, as well as the growing utilization of new technologies such as artificial intelligence, cloud computing, robotics, 3D printing, the Internet of Things, and advanced wireless technologies (landrysigne.com).

There has been and will continue to be a significant boom in innovation and technology in the 4IR, from the disruption of payment systems through fintech, mobility and accessibility of music and films through streaming services, creation and design through 3D and AI, all of which involve intellectual property.

Harnessing 4IR opportunities for economic growth, competitiveness and human development requires a concerted effort, not only amongst government departments, but also private sector and civil society. This is why KTA Advocates seeks strategic partners in fostering conversations that will enable Uganda get to its aspiration of enhancing a safer and sustainable digital economy as stated in Uganda Vision, 2040.



Uganda's development aspirations require that its national science, technology and innovation plans make an effective contribution to its social and economic development and for many years, Uganda has been experiencing robust real GDP growth with an average growth of 6.5 % and harnessing intellectual property and technology is expected to transform Uganda to a middle-income status before 2030.

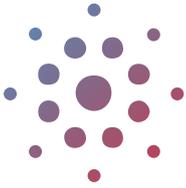
In 2014, Uganda was classified as an "innovation achiever" for the second time by Global Innovation Index. Uganda was ranked 106th in 2011, 117th in 2012, 89th in 2013 and 91st in 2014, consistently outperforming a number of low-income countries. Innovation increases the value of intellectual property assets and makes conversations on artificial intelligence, data protection and privacy, machine liability and valuation of Intellectual property assets more relevant than ever.

This symposium seeks to create a platform for dialogue on how best the rights arising from intellectual property can be harnessed in this 4IR. A convergence of thought leaders from different industry spheres, public and private will provide insight to policy makers and the general populous alike who will be sensitized on the value of their creations and the protection in law for the same.

Whereas it may have seemed that the world 'stopped' due to the Covid19 pandemic, the new normal propelled and created a demand for services that were made possible by the 4IR. During the government-imposed lockdown, E-commerce became the preferred mode of trade as Ugandans who stayed home and consumed television programmes, music for all moods, books, podcasts all required essential services that could be accessed through the internet and social media. COVID-19 also showed policy makers that intellectual property and technology are vital precipitators for research and development and access to medicines.

The symposium will delve into the protection of our traditional knowledge and other things peculiar to Uganda which may be protected as Geographical Indications such as the Ankole cow, Malewa and Lubugo (back cloth) to mention a few from a long list. Such protection would boost our foreign exchange and curb knowledge transfer.

The panels will constitute key persons from Government of Uganda, Development partners like world Bank, World Economic Forum, innovators, lawyers, industry leaders, creatives and makers.



Objectives

- 1** Sensitizing makers, creators and entrepreneurs about intellectual property rights

- 2** Informing the legal regime and policy on relation between intellectual property and the 4IR through interaction with both the public and private sector

- 3** Promoting the commercialization of intellectual property

- 4** Setting intellectual property as the driver for innovation in the 4IR

- 5** Discussing aspects of the 4IR such as drone technology, big data, Internet of things and Artificial Intelligence.



Format of the Symposium

The symposium shall have plenary and break-out sessions, presentations and speeches by leading leaders and players in the innovation Sector in Uganda, academics, regulators and policy makers/business actors, opinion leaders and development partner organizations; comparatively applying key 4IR characteristics in emerging and existing technologies in Uganda to the existing law in an effort to adopt better practices.

The plenary sessions will allow different makers and creators, the government, academics, and other relevant sectors to discuss key issues, giving informed opinions on the distinguishing characteristics of the 4IR, the justifications and processes of enhancing innovation for social economic transformation.

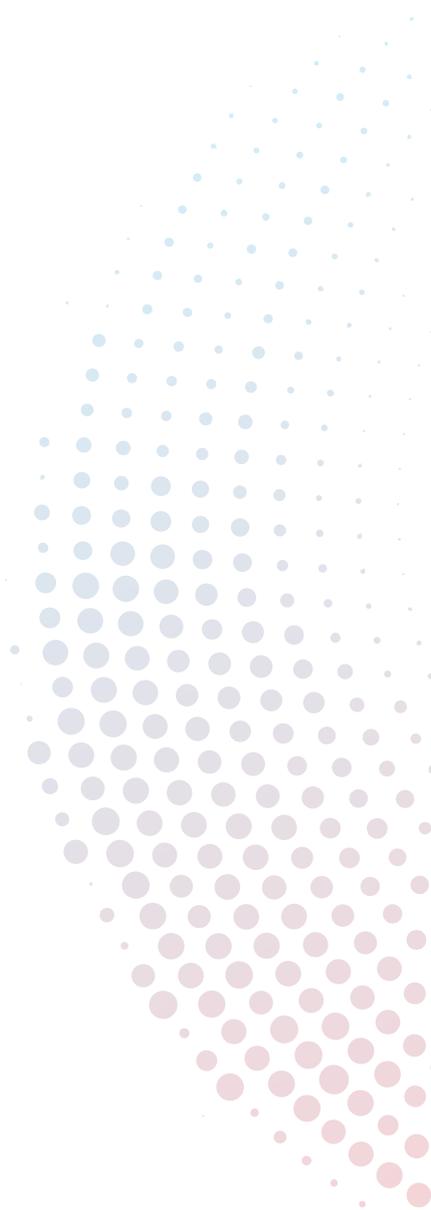
The Symposium convenor shall host an exhibition of makers and creators in arts, metal works and fabrications, music, and photography at Motiv warehouse. The exhibition shall provide an opportunity for them to market their products and create links for funding opportunities.

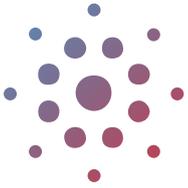
The break-out sessions will allow for more in-depth and technical analyses of salient issues arising from the thematic focus of the conference. Speeches and presentations shall be in-depth analyses into what the 4IR is, its distinctiveness from other revolutions, its application to existing and emerging technologies in different sectors like arts, metal works and fabrications, music, film, photography, fashion, and electronics, among others.

The Symposium shall establish a call Centre where participants may dial in and contribute / or ask questions.

The symposium will also be hosted physically at Motiv Plot 7, Old Portbell Road, Kampala with strict observance of Covid-19 Standard operating procedures and shall equally be hosted virtually on YouTube, Facebook and other online platforms determined by the Convener and the organization committee.

The event will end with a competition showcasing selected makers, creatives and entrepreneurs who will receive special recognition from our panel of experts





Topics

1 Valuation of Intellectual property assets

2 Leveraging/Securitization of Intellectual property assets.

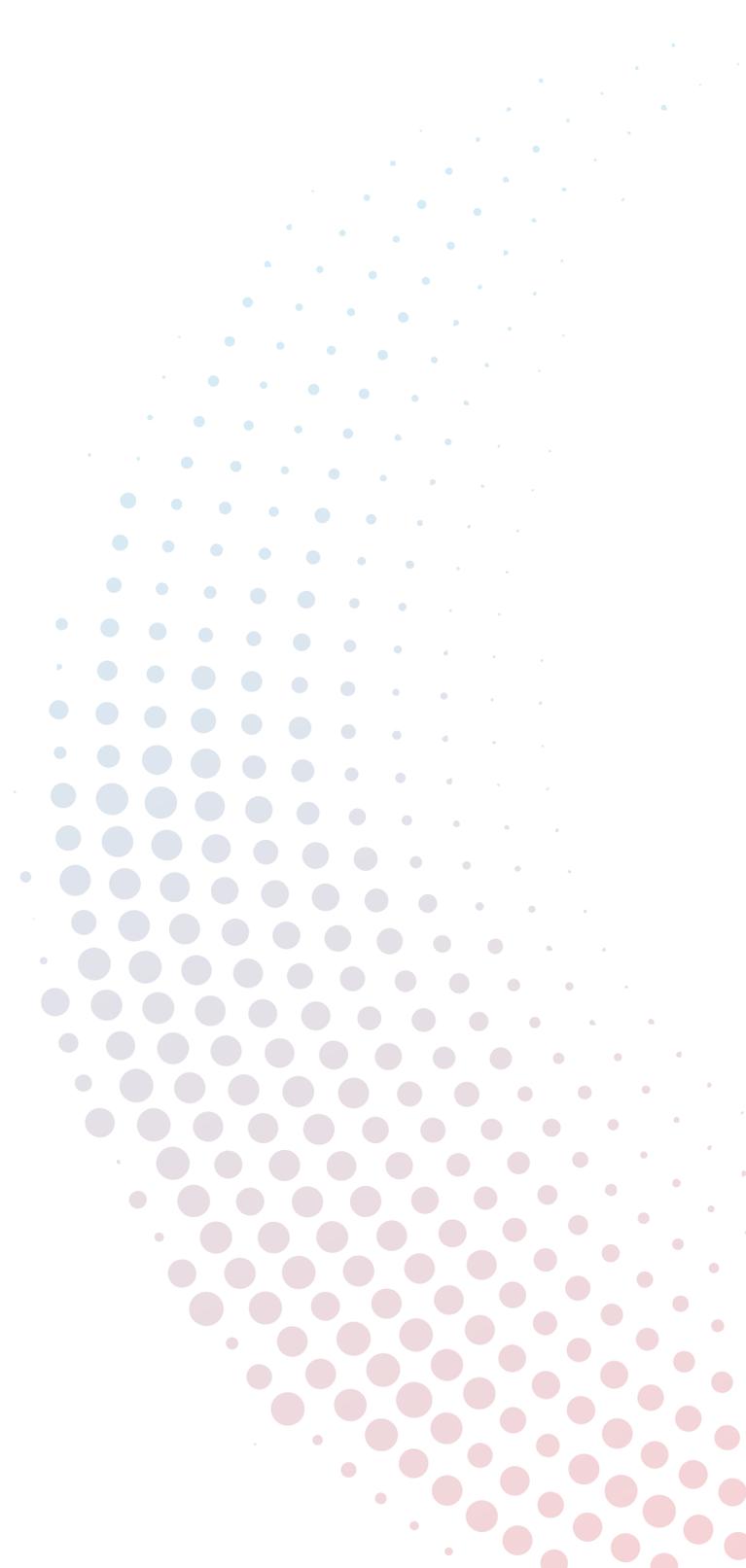
3 Liability of Artificial Intelligence in the fourth industrial revolution.

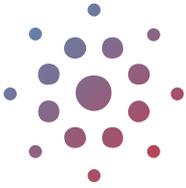
4 Intellectual property and infringement in the online environment.

5 Leveraging data in the 4IR.

6 Image rights and Social Media

7 Drones & tomorrows airspace





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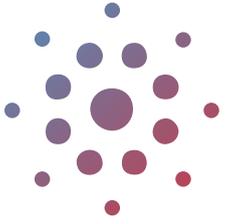
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Proposed dates

21st – 22nd October 2021



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