

# FDI AND NIGERIA'S IP LANDSCAPE



SPEAKER: PROFESSOR BANKOLE SODIPO  
7 JUNE 2017, WEDNESDAY, 6-8PM,  
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We are pleased to welcome back Professor Bankole Sodipo, one of our very distinguished alumni, for a very special edition of the Global IP Law Lecture Series. Professor Sodipo, an eminent scholar and legal practitioner, will enlighten us with updates from an evolving IP jurisdiction, Nigeria.

Nigeria is easing her framework for FDI. With Nollywood becoming one of the largest film industries in the world, a burgeoning music industry and a fast-rising software development industry that caught the attention of Mark Zuckerberg who could not resist a visit recently, securing and enforcing IP in Africa's largest market has never been more exciting. This lecture will demonstrate how ingenuity on the part of right holders and their advisers can plug the gaps in the law. The lecture will highlight imminent changes derivable from IP Bills before the National Assembly and Federal Ministers and urge the international community to join the local lobby for reforms. The lecture will suggest how to align the law on the book with the law on the street in terms of enforcing IP.

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#### Speaker Bio

Professor Bankole Sodipo teaches intellectual property, company law and international civil litigation at Babcock University where he has served as the Dean of Law. He holds a Ph.D (1995), from the University of London. He was a member of the team that drafted Nigeria's Copyright Act, 1988, the Copyright Bill 2015 and several IP Bills, regulations and policies. He is the founding President of the Intellectual Property Law Association of Nigeria, (IPLAN). He is the founder and current co-chair of the African Intellectual Property Group (AIPG) that is a voice on intellectual property for African right holders and users of intellectual property. He has been described by the WHO is WHO of Lawyers as the Dean of Intellectual Property in Nigeria. His most notable publications are Piracy and Counterfeiting: GATT TRIPS and Developing Countries published by Kluwer Law International (1997) and Copyright: Principles, Practice & Procedure 2nd ed. (2017). He is a partner in the law firm, G.O. Sodipo & Co.