

Intellectual Property and **ACCESS TO MEDICINES**



In an era of increasingly globalized trade, pharmaceutical patents play a key role in the availability and affordability of medicines, as shown by the conflict over access to anti-retroviral medicines for people living with HIV/AIDS in resource-limited countries. Patent protection can also be a contentious issue in high-income countries, when high medicine prices impede access to effective treatment.

The School of Law at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, in conjunction with The Foundation Open Society Initiative, is offering a two-week certificate course in **Intellectual Property and Access to Medicines**. This dynamic programme presented by international expert Professor Brook Baker from the Northeastern University (Massachusetts, USA) and local experts Professor Yousuf Vawda and Mr Tebello Thabane, amongst others, is designed to equip participants with knowledge and skills required to understand international, regional and national intellectual property regimes and flexibilities, and to advocate effectively to enhance access to medicines.

Course Starts:
5th November 2012
(Registration now open)

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How You Will Benefit. You will learn to:

- Increased knowledge of the legal and regulatory framework governing medicines
- Improved understanding of the use of the flexibilities to increase access
- Enhanced awareness of social justice and public interest issues
- Ability to plan and devise appropriate campaigns

Key Focus Areas:

- Regulation of marketing approval or registration of medicines
- The impact of intellectual property rights and their flexibilities
- Regional and bilateral trade agreements
- Global health ethics, and the implications for access to medicines policy
- Innovations in research and development in medicines and the impact on neglected diseases.

Who Should Attend?

This programme is open to East and Southern African residents working in the area of health, access to medicines, trade and development, human rights (including NGOs and Government agencies), health professionals, legal practitioners and academics.

Programme Fee:

The subsidised fee of R8 000 (excluding VAT) covers tuition, instruction material, lunches and refreshments. Special rates including fully sponsored bursaries may be applied for.

Duration:

Two weeks (attendance is compulsory)

Contact us:

For more information on this programme and a registration form, please go to <http://ipatm.ukzn.ac.za> or contact Rishana Balkissoon on 031 260 4913 or email balkissoon@ukzn.ac.za



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Appointment Designation:
Associate Professor

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BA (UDW) BProc (Unisa) LLM (UDW) LLD (UKZN)

Professional Qualifications:
Attorney of the High Court of South Africa



PROFESSOR BROOK K. BAKER

Appointment Designation:
Northeastern U. School of Law – Professor

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Professional Qualifications:
Admitted: Massachusetts Bar



MS MALEBAKENG FORERE

Appointment Designation:
Lecturer

Academic Qualifications:
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MR TEBELLO THABANE

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