

**Call for application**

**Training on ‘Introduction to Intellectual Property’**

Course Code: EPRN22/PT/21

**DATES:** 13th -15th August 2021 (9AM – 4PM)

Online through ZOOM *(the link and training materials will be sent to paid trainees before training date)*

1. **Introduction**

Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) are legal rights that protect creations and/or inventions resulting from intellectual activity in the industrial, scientific, literary or artistic fields. The most common IPRs include patents, copyrights, marks and trade secrets. Protecting your intellectual property (IP) can be a key aspect in further developing your startup. Whether it's increasing your market value, strengthening your position in the market or facilitating the search for suitable investors, having your IP secured can be a great asset.

This training on Intellectual Property Rights will give you the opportunity better prepare you personally or your company for IP-related questions. The concepts presented during the training session will be illustrated through case studies from several domains. After completing this hands-on training, you will have the necessary framework to craft integrated intellectual property strategies tailored to an organization’s core business goals.

EPRN provides IPRs’ training at three levels: basic, intermediate and advanced levels. This time it is a training at basic level.

1. **Course content**
* Trademark protection
	+ Generalities on trade marks
	+ Registration of trademarks in Rwanda
* Patents and utility models
	+ Understanding patents and utility models
	+ Registration of patent on Invention and utility model
* Industrial Designs
	+ General views and registration procedures
* Trade Secrets
* Copyrights and related rights
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1. **Training methods**

The training course will be run in a workshop style with a high degree of participants’ involvement. Adult learning methodologies will be employed, and participants will not be passive. Debate and open discussions will be encouraged. The trainer will use a mix of presentations to define and explain key concepts and practical exercises (including real case studies). The training is online and we will share a Link and Course Materials, ahead of training date to paid-up trainees.

1. **Certificate**

EPRN will issue completion certificates to participants who will successfully attend the course and pass the course test.

**Note:** At the end of the course, the trainer will deliver a test, and ONLY participants who will get at least 60% will get the certificates. Others will be advised to wait until another training opportunity for the same course and will attend it free of charge (this chance is provided only once).

1. **Training Fees**
* **Members:** 60,000 Rwf
* **Non-members:** 100,000 Rwf

1. **Payment process**

Interested applicants are encouraged to pay the registration fees through the following bank details:

* Bank Account: **00040 06945750 07** RWF (Bank of Kigali)
* Title of the Account: Economic Policy Research Network

Scan the bank slip and send it to: info@eprnrwanda.org and copy to: ed@eprnrwanda.org.

You can also pay through MTN MOMO PAY **(\*182\*8\*1\*030683#)** or through PayPal on our website ([www.eprnrwanda.org](http://www.eprnrwanda.org)) and notify us through info@eprnrwanda.org

**NB: Tailor-Made Course**

We can also do this as tailor-made course to meet organization-wide needs.

**If you need further clarifications, call us through: 0788357648/0788305142 or write to us:** **info@eprnrwanda.org**

Done at Kigali, 25/07/2021



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References:

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3. https://org.rdb.rw/
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