



Intellectual Property Law and Technology Transfer Dynamics in Nigerian Universities

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Abstract

Intellectual Property (IP) law in African universities is evolving to address challenges posed by rapid technological advancements and global IP trends. The research employs semi-structured interviews with university officials, industry partners, and academics to understand the dynamics of IP protection and technology diffusion in academic settings. A key finding is that universities predominantly engage with local industries for technology transfer, reflecting a preference for regional economic integration over international collaborations. The study underscores the need for tailored IP policies at Nigerian universities to enhance effectiveness and compliance with national and global standards. Universities should foster more collaborative research with multinational companies while strengthening collaboration networks within Nigeria's technology sector. Intellectual Property, Technology Transfer, Universities, Legal Frameworks, Stakeholder Engagement

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