

AFRICA INNOVATION 2016

Creativity, Innovation, and Legal Reform in Africa

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University of California, Irvine Student Center

Thursday, February 4, 2016

9:30 am– Registration and Coffee

9:45 am

9:45 am– Welcome and Introductions

10:00 am

10:00 am– Roundtable

11:45 am Discussion

Innovation and Africa's

**Digital Worlds: Case Studies
and Comparative
Perspectives**

Moderator: Olufunmilayo Arewa, Professor of Law at UC Irvine

Participants:

David Kaye, Clinical Professor of Law at UC Irvine and UN Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression

Global Threats to Freedom of Expression Online

Jeffrey Wasserstrom, Chancellor's Professor of History at UC Irvine

China & the Internet: Digital Dissent, Digital Divides, and Digital Distractions

Victoria Bernal, Professor of Anthropology at UC Irvine

Digital Dissent, Innovation, and Eritrean Politics

Dr. Egbe Osifo-Dawodu, Founding Partner, Andach Group

The Ebola Outbreak in Nigeria: The Role of the Digital Response

**11:45 am–
12:00 pm**

Welcoming Remarks:

Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, UC Irvine School of Law

**12:00 pm–
1:30 pm**

Lunch

(for conference speakers and Nollywood participants only)

**1:30 pm–
3:15 pm**

**Roundtable
Discussion**

**Innovation and Africa's
Cultural Industries: Case
Studies from the Nigerian
Film Industry**

Moderator: Justin Hughes, William H. Hannon Professor of Law at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

Participants:

Michelle Bello, CEO, Blu Star Entertainment Limited

Fidelis Duker, Festival Director, Abuja International Film Festival

Charles Igwe, CEO, Nollywood Global Media Group

Charles Novia, Director, Producer, Actor, Writer

Dayo Ogunyemi, CEO, 234 Media Ltd.

**3:15 pm–
3:30 pm**

Coffee Break

3:30 pm–
5:00 pm

**Roundtable
Discussion**

**Legal Reform and Africa's
Cultural Industries:
Copyright Reform in Nigeria**

Moderator: Jack Lerner, Clinical Professor of Law at UC Irvine

Participants:

Ruth Okediji, William L. Prosser Professor at the University of Minnesota Law School

Michael Akpan, Head of Regulatory Department at the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC)

Adebambo Adewopo, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

5:15 pm–
6:30 pm

Conference Dinner
Crescent Bay AB, UCI Student Center
(for conference speakers and Nollywood
participants only)

7:00 pm –
9:00 pm

Film Showing: ***Tango with Me*** (2010)
McCormack Screening Room
Humanities Gateway 1070, UC Irvine

To be followed by Q&A with producer/director
Mahmood Ali-Balogun

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