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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS IN TANZANIA: REGULATING AND PROTECTING TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

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Abstract

Traditional knowledge and Cultural Expressions of a community are essential elements not only in heritage and identity of that community but also a valuable asset to the community and nation as a whole. When carefully tapped, such traditional knowledge and cultural expressions can further the economy of a given society. Therefore, when these knowledge and expressions are not promoted a society loses a great deal. Similarly, if such knowledge and expressions are not protected, a society is robbed of a great wealth and value. The use of such knowledge and expressions by an individual, a group or a country without acknowledgement and approved appropriation, tend to harm the owner of the valued Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Expressions. This amounts to misappropriation and infringement of the same. Protection of such infringements necessitates proper measures and laws to be put in place for safeguarding the said knowledge and expressions. To achieve safeguarded knowledge and expressions of a society, there needs to be appropriate legal framework that is comprehensive and functioning as protection and promotion tools for Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Expressions.

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