

Adam Kyomuhendo

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Adam Kyomuhendo is a Musongora from the Basongora Indigenous People of Southwestern and other parts of Uganda.

Adam is a graduate of Makerere University, Kampala where he obtained the degrees of Master of Philosophy in Social Studies (2024), Master of Laws (2018) and Bachelor of Laws (2013). He also holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice (2015) from Law Development Centre, Kampala. In addition, he has been trained in various aspects of intellectual property law by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) through the WIPO Academy. He has also taught IP law at the Uganda Management Institute, Uganda's tertiary school of public administration and has also been a Guest Scholar at the Environmental Law Centre in the Faculty of Law, University of Cologne, Germany.



For more than 10 years, Adam has been involved at the grassroots level in the Indigenous Peoples' movement in Uganda and across Eastern Africa particularly through the Indigenous Peoples Strategy Forum – Africa, a not-for-profit organization that campaigns for the rights and justice of Indigenous Peoples in Africa and across the globe. He has been part of several South-to-South initiatives aimed at improving the condition of Indigenous Peoples.

Adam is a member of several professional organizations, including the Uganda Law Society, the East Africa Law Society, the International Society of Public Law (ICON.S), the Global Network of Human Rights and the Environment (GNHRE), and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Commission on Environmental Law. Within the IUCN he is assigned to the Forests and Climate Change thematic committees. Furthermore, Adam has litigated widely on Indigenous Peoples' and other human rights issues in Ugandan courts and at the East African Court of Justice, the supranational judicial organ of the East African Community which comprises the partner states of Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo and Federal Republic of Somalia. In recognition of his work, he has received fellowships from the Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University, New York (2021), the European Union Cyber Diplomacy Initiative (2022-2023) and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (2024).