



PATENTS AND COMPANIES REGISTRATION AGENCY

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT

REGISTRAR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



MR. BENSON MPALO

The Board of the Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Benson Mpalo as Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Agency, effective 1st August 2023. Mr. Mpalo's appointment follows an extensive selection process that considered both internal and external candidates.

Mr. Mpalo is a Legal Practitioner and Advocate of the Superior Courts of Zambia with fifteen (15) years at the Bar. He is an intellectual property expert with more than eight (8) years of experience in intellectual property policy, granting of rights and adjudication of IP disputes. Mr. Mpalo has served as Deputy Registrar – Intellectual Property within the Patents and Companies Registration Agency, the position he has held for the last eight (8) years. Prior to joining the Patents and Companies Registration Agency Mr. Mpalo worked as Senior State Advocate in the National Prosecutions Authority and in various departments in the Ministry of Justice.

Mr. Mpalo holds a Master's Degree in Intellectual Property and Competition Law from the Munich Intellectual Property Law Centre Germany and Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of Zambia. He is currently a candidate for a Master's Degree in Business Administration offered by Unicaf University in partnership with the University of East London.

The Board, Management and Staff wish Mr. Mpalo success in his new role and look forward to working with him to ensure the Agency continues with its mandate of delivering business and intellectual property registration services in order to foster entrepreneurship, innovation and creativity in the country.

Allan Chungu Mwaba
**CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF THE PATENTS AND COMPANIES
REGISTRATION AGENCY**