



Practical intellectual property support programme for SMMEs

Pretoria, South Africa
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09:00 - 09:10	Opening remarks Ambassador Sandra Kramer - Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of South Africa Rory Voller, Commissioner, Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC)
09:10 – 09:15	Purpose of the day “IP and Entrepreneurship”
09:15 – 09:45	Compliance burden mitigated: Formalisation to become an SMME (registration of companies) Corporate Education, CIPC
09:45 – 10:30	Commercialising IP: lessons from green tech Thomas Schmidt, Senior Associate, Kisch IP
10:30 – 11:00	Innovation Bridge and its offerings to Entrepreneurs Michelle Harding, Programme Manager, CSIR
11:00 – 11:10	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:10 – 11:40	Patent prosecution in South Africa and assistance provided to SMMEs and individual inventors with limited financial resources
11:40 – 12:10	Launch of the upcycling project for counterfeit goods
12:10 – 13:10	<i>Lunch</i>
13:10 – 13:40	DTIC Industrialization programme and sustainable development goals Ilse Karg, Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) chief director
13:40 – 14:40	Round table discussion to support coordination of Government offerings in the SMME space DSBD/SEDA /SEFA/ NIMPO DST/ UNIVERSITIES/TISKS
14:40-15:00	Supporting the internationalisation of SMEs to Africa Aida Galindo, Project Leader, AfrIPI