# Practical intellectual property support programme for SMMEs

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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 | Coffee break |
| 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 | Lunch |
| 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 |