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1. Protecting intellectual assets: A decade of IP transactions

Tshimangadzo Munyai and Ntanganedzeni Muanalo

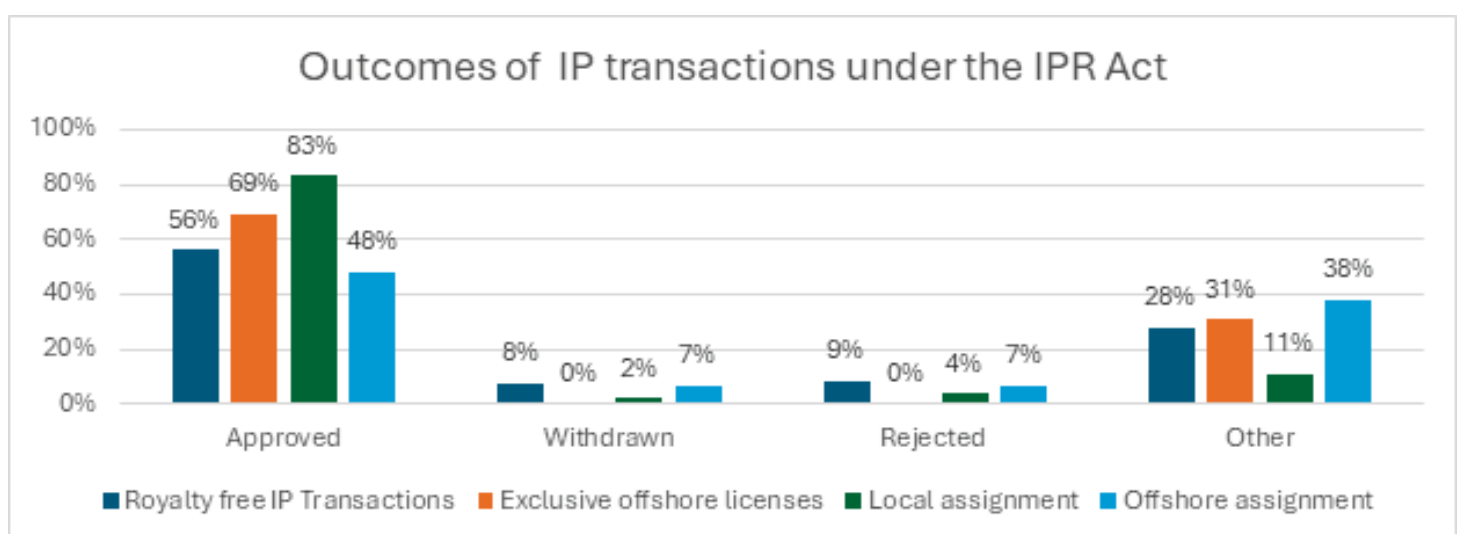
Since its enactment on 2 August 2010, the Intellectual Property Rights from Publicly Financed Research and Development Act (IPR Act) has been one of the key legislative interventions that aims to safeguard intellectual property (IP) emanating from publicly financed research and development (R&D) for the benefit of South Africans.

Under the IPR Act, approval requirements were introduced for specific IP transactions. These encompass non-exclusive royalty-free licenses for commercialisation, local and offshore IP assignments, and offshore exclusive licences. Each application for approval requires a detailed motivation that addresses crucial facets such as public interest, South African commercialisation capacity, preference for exclusive licensing over a request for an assignment, and the

intended socioeconomic benefits for South Africans. Over the past 13 years, NIPMO has processed more than 200 IP transaction applications for approval. Notably, 63% of these transactions were approved, while 6% were rejected or not approved. Additionally, 5% were withdrawn by the applicants, and 25% fell into a category labelled "other", where a transaction was submitted but, upon further inspection, no formal approval from NIPMO was required.

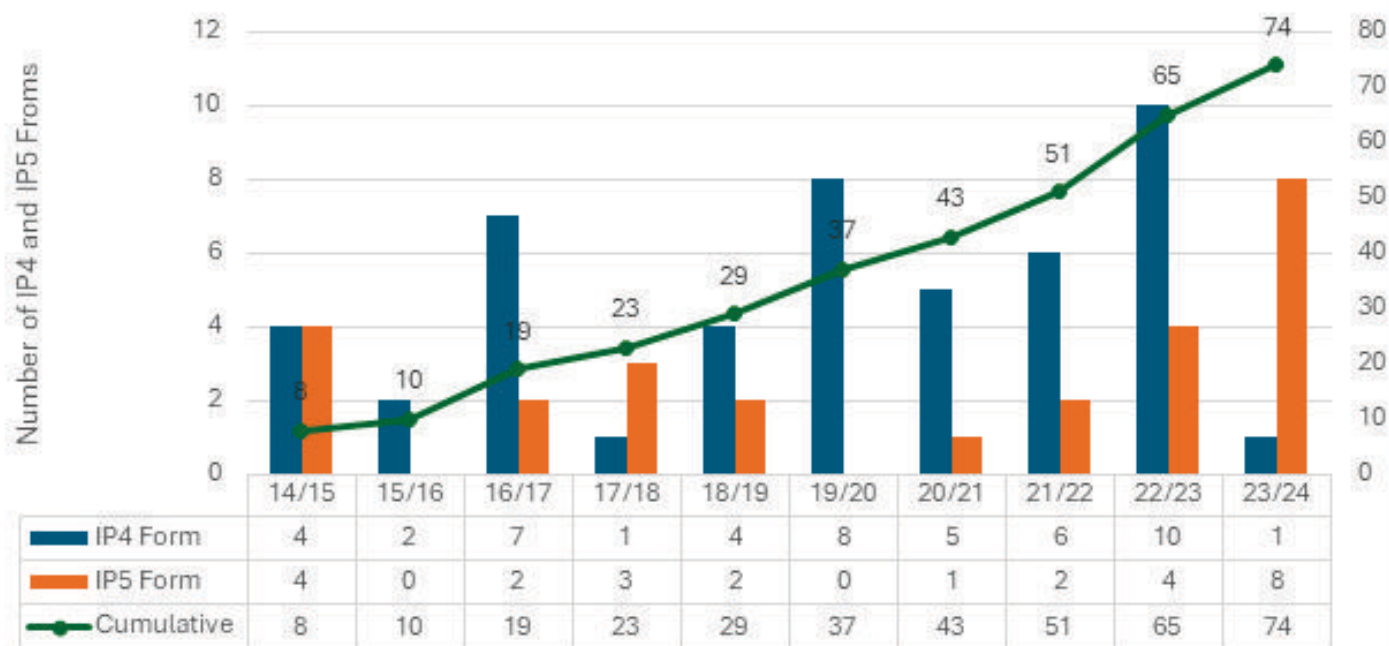
Most approved IP transactions met the requirements stipulated by the IPR Act. Withdrawn transactions often failed to meet these requirements or were outside the scope of the Act, while rejections stemmed from non-compliance with the Act or improper form submissions.

The graph below illustrates various decisions taken for different IP forms submitted to NIPMO:



Of particular interest are assignment IP transactions, which entail the transfer of IP rights from one party to another. Over the past 10 years, there were 74 assignment applications, comprising 48 local and 26 offshore assignments.

Number of Local and Offshore Assignments (IP4 and IP5 Forms) applications submitted to NIPMO



Local assignments approved by NIPMO resulted in approximately 48% of the IP being transferred to university spin-out companies, 14% to the IP creators, 9% transferred inter-institutional (between universities or science councils) and 9% to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). On the other hand, most assignments approved involved the transfer of IP to international philanthropic entities

such as UNICEF and the Wellcome Trust.

The diligent application of the IPR Act has not only safeguarded intellectual capital but has also facilitated the responsible transfer and utilisation of IP assets emanating from publicly financed R&D activities, contributing to both national and global benefit.

2. Reasons for non-approval of IP transactions

Elmary Buis

This discussion is a continuation of the article entitled "Safeguarding intellectual assets: a decade of IP transactions" and our reflection on IP transactions. Over the past 13 years, about 6% of the submitted IP transactions applications were rejected or not approved, while about 31% of applications were withdrawn or fell into a category labelled "other," where no formal approval from NIPMO was deemed necessary.

The IPR Act provides that, for certain IP transactions, NIPMO approval is required to ensure that such transactions are in the public interest and/or for the benefit of the people of the country. The concept of "benefit" means addressing the socio-economic needs of South Africans, including capacity development, technology transfer, job creation, enterprise development, social upliftment, and the use of the IP in products, processes or services.

Applications for approval are made on legislatively prescribed forms, namely the IP8 Form for royalty-free IP transactions, IP6 Form for exclusive offshore licenses, IP5 Form for offshore assignment of IP, and IP4 Form for local assignment of IP.

NIPMO Interpretation Note 2: Intellectual Property Transaction Approvals (updated in 2022) provides clarity on which IP transactions require NIPMO's approval and indicates the associated sections and/or regulations in the IPR Act mandating such approval requirements.

An analysis of previous cases highlights typical reasons for IP transactions being denied, rejected or withdrawn:

- R&D activities had not commenced at the time of application. As the IP had not been created, it was not clear what impact (if any) the requested IP transaction would have. The application would be returned to the applicant to withdraw and submit at a later stage when the IP has been created; alternatively, NIPMO would reject such an application.
- Requests for licences (non-exclusive, royalty-free) intended solely for further R&D and educational purposes. These types of requests are often referred to as non-commercial licences and are exempted from requiring NIPMO approval.
- Submitting an incorrect form. For example, the applicant would submit an offshore assignment (IP5 Form), however, apply for approval of a local assignment (IP4 Form) or exclusive offshore licence (IP6 Form). NIPMO will typically return the submission to the applicant and request that the correct form be submitted since each form relates to different aspects of the IPR Act.
- A failure to submit supporting documentation. NIPMO would request further information, resulting either in an

application being withdrawn or further reviewed.

- A failure to provide a motivation that clearly demonstrates why the IP transaction is in the public interest; or the motivation lacks sufficient information; or does not fully explain why the assignee does not have sufficient capacity to further develop or commercialise the IP locally (and internationally). Additional information would be required to be submitted for NIPMO to reconsider its position.
- The IP that was the subject matter of the requests was not a result of an R&D activity. In order to determine whether the IP falls within the ambit of the IPR Act, the submission would be returned to the applicant and referred to NIPMO Guideline 4 and the Frascati Manual in order to ascertain whether the subject matter could be regarded as R&D or not.
- The R&D that resulted in the IP was undertaken prior to 2 August 2010, which is the date of commencement of the IPR Act. The IP fell outside the scope of the IPR Act and thus no NIPMO approval was required.
- Typically, IP assignments from a current employee/inventor to the institution do not require NIPMO approval. The IPR Act provides that the recipient (in this case the institution) will be the owner of IP emanating from publicly funded R&D (Section 4). The provision established a legislative presumption that creators or inventors automatically assign any IP developed within the course and scope of their employment to their institution. This is further supported by institutional IP policies and employment contracts.
- Voluntary withdrawal of submissions by the applicants for various reasons of their own.

3. How the Department of Higher Education and Training fosters creative research outputs and innovation

Lindiwe Mashimbye and Paballo Masite

In an effort to foster innovation and creativity within South African public higher education institutions, the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) introduced the Policy on the Evaluation of Creative Outputs and Innovations Produced by Public Higher Education Institutions in 2017. This policy came into operation in 2019 and aims to recognise and subsidise diverse research outputs from the creative arts discipline and innovation outputs emanating from research activities, thereby encouraging scholarly contributions beyond traditional academic outputs.

This article focuses on DHET subsidies specifically related to innovation outputs. Under this policy, subsidies for innovation outputs are allocated to institutions rather than individual creators. Institutions must provide evidence of qualifying patents and/or plant breeders' rights (PBRs) to the DHET for evaluation. Allowable submissions for innovation outputs must meet the following requirements: (i) IP rights are granted (ii) in an examining jurisdiction (iii) within the three years prior to submission. For instance, for a 2023 submission, the allowable date range starts from 2020.

NIPMO collaborates with the DHET to identify and verify qualifying patents and plant breeders' rights for subsidy purposes. Institutional submissions are thoroughly reviewed to determine eligibility for subsidy allocation.

Regarding innovation outputs, various documents are verified, including, (i) a copy of the granted patent

including the allowed claims together with any drawings; (ii) a certificate of issuance; (iii) a copy of the granted PBR including the technical questionnaire and illustrations and/or; (iv) a copy of the certificate of registration. Approved individual submissions are awarded 2 units. In the case where inventors/breeders are affiliated with two or more institutions, the subsidy will be shared between the claiming institutions. Failure to submit correct or incomplete documentation often results in disqualification.

Significant progress has been made in recognising and supporting innovation outputs within the higher education sector from 2019 to 2022. During this period, 14 (or 54%) higher education institutions have submitted innovation outputs applications to DHET. However, in 2022, there was a decline in the number of higher education institutions submitting subsidy claims for innovations, with only 54 units accruing from nine participating institutions.

The table below, extracted from the 2023 Creative Output Evaluation Report sets out the overall units awarded for innovation for the period 2019 to 2022. With the inception of the policy in 2019, a total of 142,67 units were awarded, representing the largest number of units awarded to date. During 2020, 64 innovations were submitted, 35 (or 55%) of which were approved and 29 (45%) were declined. During 2022, 42 innovations were submitted, 27 (of 64%) of which were approved and 15 (or 36%) were declined. Applications are often declined due to a lack of supporting documentation or for falling outside the allowable submission period.

Innovations								
	2019		2020		2021		2022	
Institution	Units awarded	% of sector units	Units awarded	% of sector units	Units awarded	% of sector units	Units awarded	% of sector units
CPUT	1	0,70	0		0		2	3,70
NMU	6	4,21	4	7,26	6	13,98	2	3,70
NWU	0		14	25,41	0		2	3,70
RU	2,67	1,87	1,6	2,90	0		0	
SU	47	32,94	5,6466	10,25	2,5	5,82	0	
UCT	39	27,34	4,334	7,87	10	23,29	26	48,15
UJ	2	1,40	0		0		2	3,70
UKZN	7	4,91	0		0		8	14,81
UP	15	10,51	21,11	38,32	14,0332	32,69	10	18,52
UNISA	2	1,40	2	3,63	4,4	10,25	2	3,70
UFS	0		0,4	0,73	0		0	
UWC	5	3,50	0		4	9,32	0	
WITS	16	11,21	2	3,63	2	4,66	0	
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Supporting documentation is crucial to meet policy requirements and ensure the integrity of the evaluation process. Institutions are encouraged to provide comprehensive supporting documentation to enhance the success rate of their submissions. For

more information on the policy, institutions are encouraged to refer to the DHET guidelines.

<https://www.dhet.gov.za/SitePages/University%20Research%20Support%20and%20Policy%20Development.aspx>

4. The 90% spending rule and the Office of Technology Transfer Support Fund

Mantwa Tshabalala and Paballo Masite

The Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) provides crucial financial support to various projects and programmes within the national system of innovation. Traditionally, funding was disbursed annually in line with the funding agreements. Over time, however, a challenge emerged in which surplus funds often accumulated in institutional bank accounts due to unforeseen delays in disbursements.

To address this issue and ensure more efficient use of allocated funds, the Department introduced a "90% spending rule". All project funding agreements are now subject to this principle. Multiple tranche payments, disbursed in accordance with the agreement, are dependent upon the recipient (or institution) spending at least 90% of the previous tranche.

Upon signing a new funding agreement, the first tranche is released, allowing the institutions to initiate the project activities and deliverables. The 90% spending rule applies to the remaining tranches where the surplus in the institutions' project account may not be more than 10% before the next tranche payment will be released.

This rule serves as a control measure to ensure that the project funds are utilised in accordance with timelines and deliverables as agreed. While the rule serves its intended purpose, poses some challenges, particularly for the Offices of Technology Transfer (OTT) Support Fund managed by NIPMO and the Institutional OTTs.

The OTT Support Fund aims to support institutions in establishing or maintaining OTTs, funding salaries, operational costs, capacity development and technology transfer activities. An analysis of the OTT Support Fund agreements since 2011 found that about 20% of agreements had been extended due to

delayed spending. The delay in spending is often because of challenges experienced in appointing suitable OTT personnel and unexpected resignations. Furthermore, limited travel and in-person training due to the pandemic have impacted on operational and capacity development costs in recent years.

These delays have resulted in an increased administrative burden for both OTT personnel and NIPMO, as additional motivation for delayed spending and/or amended agreements is/are required before next tranche payments can be released.

To lessen the administrative impact of potential delays, OTTs are encouraged to adopt a practical approach to project timelines and budgets. Both NIPMO and OTTs must continue to play a proactive role in managing agreements, ensuring timely submission of annual or biannual reports, including the financial statements signed off by a delegated official.

5. South Africa's Technology and Innovation Support Centre journey

Jetane Charsley and Thabang Jase

Access to IP and technology resources plays a key role in fostering creativity and economic growth. Recognising this need, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) initiated the Technology and Innovation Support Centre (TISC) Program in April 2009.

The DSI, through NIPMO and the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC), embraced this initiative in 2014, realising benefits and driving

transformative change within its innovation ecosystem.

At its core, the programme aims to ensure easier and more equitable access to technological information for innovators in all countries, specifically developing and least developed countries. The programme seeks to "level the playing field" by providing these innovators with the tools and resources needed to succeed on the global innovation landscape.

These TISCs serve as hubs for accessing vast repositories of patent, design and trademark information as well as numerous scientific and technical publications. Furthermore, TISCs offer a suite of WIPO services, ranging from access to distance learning courses (subsidised by WIPO) to specialised databases like WIPO Inspire.

Since the inception of the TISC initiative in 2014, South Africa has made meaningful strides in establishing TISC host institutions across various sectors. Seventeen institutions, including SMEs, technical and vocational education and training (TVET) colleges, higher education institutions and science councils, have partnered with DSI/NIPMO and WIPO to become TISC host institutions. They offer a range of services, ranging from online IP resources, to access to technology commercialisation support, and cater to diverse innovation needs within their entities and communities.

Over the past decade of the implementation of the TISC Program, more than 600 trainees have registered for WIPO's distance learning courses and more than 500 individuals have attended the various TISC national workshops. These statistics not only showcase South Africans' enthusiastic participation to learn more about IP but also emphasise the country's dedication to fostering innovation through capacity building as set out in the 2019 White Paper on Science, Technology and Innovation.

Most recently, a national TISC training workshop took place from 6 to 8 March 2024 in Gauteng. Designed to foster skills development, the workshop explored various aspects such as leveraging IP as a commercial asset, navigating IP rights' licensing, engaging in IP negotiations, and demystifying IP due diligence and marketing strategies. Attended by 34 trainees from diverse backgrounds, including SMEs, universities, public entities, and government departments, the workshop served as a platform for knowledge-sharing.



Looking ahead, South Africa continues to expand its TISC network, with a further 12 SMEs, public entities and institutions having expressed interest in becoming TISC host institutions.

Highlighting the growing enthusiasm and appetite for IP education and training, a record number of 172 TISC trainees enrolled for IP-related distance learning courses offered by the WIPO Academy (through the TISC programme). The TISC initiative is not just about accessing resources but about nurturing a culture of innovation, which South Africa is embracing.

6. Analysis of Disclosures and Institutional Contributions

Jetane Charsley and Naomi Ngoasheng

Since the inception of the IPR Act, NIPMO has received over 3000 new disclosures from institutions. Amongst these, 11% have been referred to NIPMO for approval to abandon, following joint assessments by the institutions and NIPMO which often required the institution to advertise the disclosures on the Innovation Bridge Portal for at least 45 days. This indicates proactive portfolio assessments by institutions.

It is noteworthy that 91% of the 37 institutions have reported at least one technology or invention disclosure to NIPMO. Upon analysing the institutional contribution of total disclosures reported to NIPMO, Science Councils, comprising 30% of total number of institutions have made a proportional contribution of 29% towards total

disclosures. Both Universities of Technology and Comprehensive Universities each represent 19% of the total institutions, with contributions of 15% and 11% to the total disclosures, respectively. Traditional Universities constitute 32% of the total institutions and have contributed to 45% of the total disclosures reported to NIPMO. These disclosure highlights the collective effort across various types of institutions in fostering innovation and knowledge transfer.

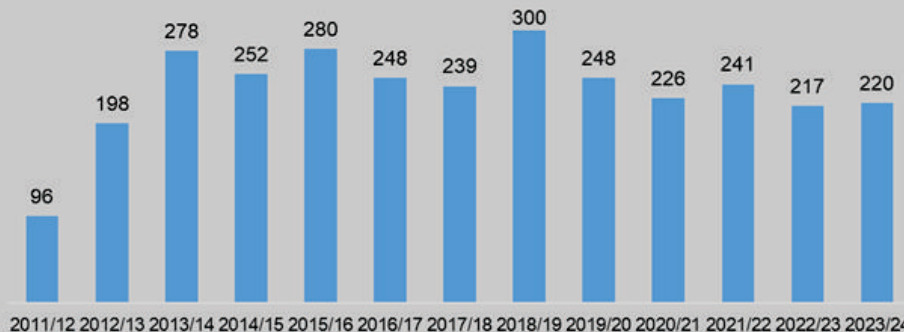
Furthermore, in a snapshot of the stages of development for the 2022/23 financial year, 13% of the total reported disclosures have been either licensed (pre-revenue) or commercialised (post-revenue). This indicates a significant progress towards translating inventions into product, processes and service and that contribute towards economic and

91% of Institutions reported disclosures

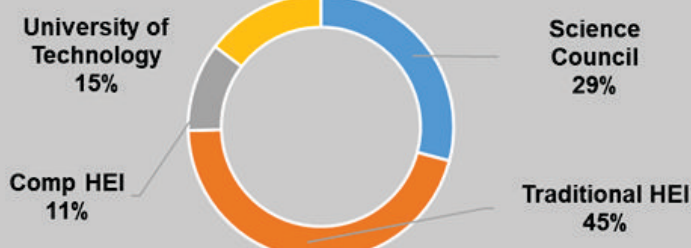
3000+ Innovation disclosures Received

11% of Disclosures abandoned

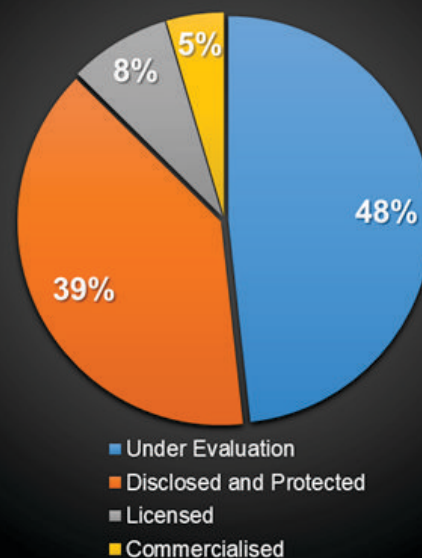
New disclosures reported to NIPMO (2011/12 to 2023/24)



Institutional contribution to total disclosures reported



Stages of Development: SnapShot (22/23)



7. Reflections on 2023-24 intellectual property training and outreach activities

Sphesihle Thusini, Hlamalani Khoza and Thabang Jase

World Intellectual Property Day 2024

On 26 April 2023, NIPMO joined the global celebration of World Intellectual Property Day, championing the theme "Women and IP: Accelerating innovation and creativity". Collaborating with partners such as the CIPC and Nelson Mandela University, NIPMO had a series of events in Gqeberha, Eastern Cape. The festivities included a media launch, roadshow and an IP talk/workshop aimed at engaging the public and underscoring the pivotal role of IP protection in driving technological progress.



World IP Day Team doing a Road Show in Gqeberha

Bolstering expertise:WIPO-NIPMO Advanced Workshop

In collaboration with WIPO, NIPMO organised the Advanced Workshop on Intellectual Property Innovation Policy in hybrid format from 24 July to 4 August 2023. The workshop hosted delegates, in Durban during the second week of the course, and government officials from 11 different countries,

providing them with insights and strategies to navigate the complexities of IP innovation policy.



Participants of the WIPO-NIPMO Advanced Workshop

Celebrating SMME innovation: NSTF-South32 Awards

Since 2019, NIPMO has been a proud sponsor of the "Innovation through an SMME" category in partnership with the National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF). At the 2023 NSTF-South32 awards, held on 13 July 2023, the groundbreaking achievements of LignOrganic and Pegasus Universal Aerospace were awarded. These

innovative ventures exemplify the transformative potential of SMMEs in driving economic growth through technological innovation.



Founder and CEO of LignOrganic: Mr Tshepo Mangoele



Chairman and Founder of Pegasus Universal Aerospace: Dr Reza Mia

SSAIP-NIPMO SME IP Commercialisation Workshop

Through a strategic partnership with Swiss South Africa Intellectual Property Project (SSAIP), NIPMO hosted a successful SME IP Commercialisation Workshop from 30 October 2023 to 02 November 2023. This initiative equipped innovators and small business owners with essential skills to navigate the intricacies of IP management and commercialisation,

Benefit sharing under the spotlight: SARIMA "3C" special event

In collaboration with the Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA) and WIPO, NIPMO hosted a workshop on 19 October 2023, which focused on "Incentivising Innovation & Technology Transfer" at the SARIMA "3C" special event. The workshop explored various models and best practices for incentivising researchers and technology transfer professionals (TTPs) in the innovation and technology transfer space. Discussions highlighted the importance of non-financial, financial, and career advancement

WIPO - South Africa Summer School on Intellectual Property Management and Technology Transfer

The 15th WIPO South Africa Summer School on Intellectual Property Management and Technology Transfer attracted a diverse global audience, offering valuable insights into IP law and technology transfer. This collaborative endeavour reflects a shared dedication to advancing knowledge, innovation, and global cooperation in the IP domain.

Hosted by the University of Limpopo Office of Technology Transfer and held from the end of November 2023, the event, themed "IP Uniting Africa", was organised by WIPO, CIPC, the Japan Patent Office and NIPMO. Professionals, entrepreneurs, students, IP creators, grassroots innovators, and academics from 15 countries participated in this hybrid initiative.

fostering a conducive environment for entrepreneurship and innovation.



Participants of the SME IP Commercialisation Workshop



Mr Georges Bauer from the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property

incentives in fostering a culture of innovation within institutions.

Key recommendations included broadening the spectrum of non-financial incentives, conducting benchmarking studies for equitable revenue-sharing, exploring competitive remuneration options for TTPs, and introducing result-driven rewards tied to performance in technology transfer. The workshop underscored the significance of balancing non-financial and financial incentives to sustain a culture of innovation and technology transfer, demonstrating a collective commitment to advancing technology and innovation in South Africa.

Distinguished speakers from various IP domains, including law firms, IP offices, industry, and OTTs delivered lectures, providing diverse perspectives. The aim of the summer school is to educate young professionals and students about IP law and technology transfer, highlighting IP's role as a catalyst for economic development through innovation, commercialisation and economic empowerment.

A highlight of the event was a competition in which five high schools from different regions in the Limpopo province presented their innovative ideas. Mbilwi Secondary School from Thohoyandou emerged as the winner, receiving a prize of R20 000, further emphasising the event's commitment to nurturing innovation and empowering future generations.



Participants of the WIPO South Africa Summer School on Intellectual Property Management and Technology Transfer



Mr Tasuku Nakanishi from Embassy of Japan in South Africa and Mr Thabang Jase of DSI/NIPMO



Students and staff from Mbilwi Secondary School celebrate their win.

The links below are media coverage of the summer school.

<https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/science-and-innovation-world-intellectual-property-office-summer-school>

<https://spacewatchafrica.com/participants-from-13-african-countries-join-wipo-summer-school-on-ip-and-technology-transfer-in-south-africa/>

The DSI's IP education initiative in TVET colleges

The Medium-Term Strategic Framework (MTSF) 2019 - 2024 outlines a responsive post-school education and training (PSET) system, with the DSI leveraging NIPMO to conduct a minimum of two IP awareness sessions annually at TVET colleges.

The primary objective of these sessions is to educate students and staff members on the significance and potential of IP, as well as the legislation governing these rights. Since 2020, the DSI has made significant strides by successfully hosting and presenting 15 IP awareness sessions at three TVET colleges: Gert

Sibande, Letaba, and Tshwane North TVET colleges. These sessions took place at eight campuses, training over 400 students and staff members.

In the latest series of IP Wise sessions held in October 2023 at Letaba TVET College, the initiative reached new heights. Five IP Wise sessions were conducted at the Modjadji, Giyani, Maake, and Tzaneen campuses in Limpopo, attracting a total of 232 delegates who engaged in the informative sessions. This continued commitment reflects the DSI's dedication to fostering IP awareness and education within the TVET college system.



The DSI's IP education initiative for School Teachers and Educators

The 2019 White Paper on Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI), emphasise the promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship to foster a more prosperous and inclusive society. The Decadal Plan states *“The role of government as an enabler of innovation will be strengthened, for example, through programmes aimed at building an innovation mindset from primary school level, by celebrating entrepreneurs and innovation role models, and by adopting innovative approaches throughout government operations”*.

In line with the Decadal Plan objectives, DSI/NIPMO, in collaboration with the South African Agency for

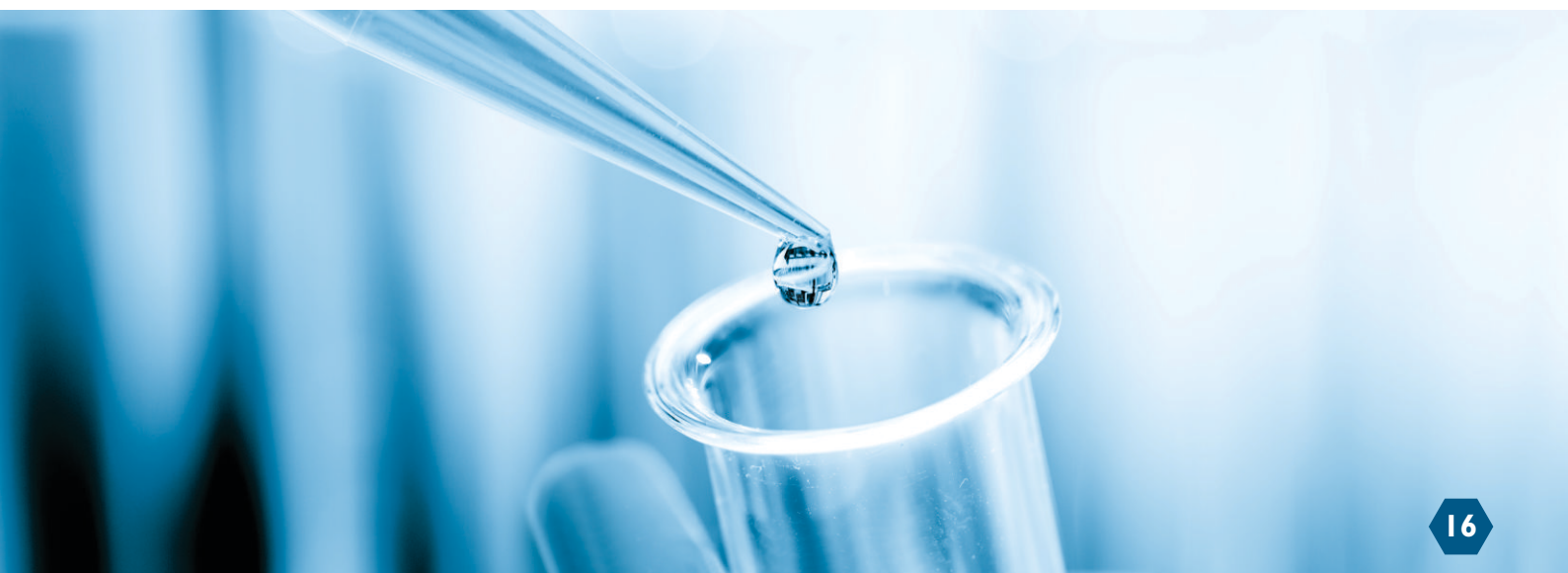
Science and Technology Advancement (NRF SAASTA), organised a virtual IPWise™ workshop on 26 January 2024, aimed at educating teachers on the fundamentals of Intellectual Property (IP) and its significance in daily life. The session introduced teachers to various World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Distance Learning (DL) courses, including the *"General Course on Intellectual Property."* Fifty-four (54) individuals representing different regions across South Africa participated in the workshop. This continued commitment reflects the DSI's dedication to fostering IP awareness and education.

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9. Calendar of events

Month	Date/s	Events
April	8	NIPMO Webinar: Annual IP Forms Refresher session: <i>What to consider when completing various IP Forms</i>
	8 to 12	TVET IP Wise™ workshop: Maluti TVET College - 9 campuses
	16	NIPMO Webinar: Invention Disclosures (IP7s) and its interface with the NIPMO IP Fund
	16, 25 and 26	World IP Day celebrations: Potchefstroom and Mahikeng
	26	World IP Day: Theme for 2024 "IP and the SDGs: Building our common future with innovation and creativity"
May	TBC	SARIMA/NIPMO webinar: Demystifying NIPMO OTT Support Fund proposal and reporting
June		(tentative) Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Institute (IPI) NIPMO SME IP Commercialisation workshop
July	11	2023-24 NSTF Awards (Johannesburg and Cape Town)
Sept	3 to 5	2024 SARIMA Annual Conference and DSI/SARIMA Excellence Awards in Research and Innovation Management (Maputo, Mozambique)
Nov & Dec	25 Nov to 6 Dec	2024 WIPO SA Summer School on IP management and Technology Transfer - Mangosutho University of Technology, KZN -
Feb	TBC	Technology and Innovation Support Centre (TISC) Workshop
June		(tentative) Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Institute (IPI) NIPMO SME IP Commercialisation workshop



INVITATION

2024 MUT – WIPO SOUTH AFRICA SUMMER SCHOOL ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

25 November 2024 to 6 December 2024

Hybrid

The Summer School programme provides an opportunity for senior students and young professionals to acquire deeper knowledge of each domain of intellectual property (IP) and of the role and functions of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

The programme consists of lectures, case studies, simulation exercises and group discussions on selected IP topics, with an orientation towards the interface between intellectual property and other disciplines. It will be presented in a hybrid format.

The summer school is open to senior students (graduate and postgraduate) and young professionals from any field of study or discipline. The programme is designed for candidates who are already familiar with IP.

All applicants are required to have successfully completed the WIPO Distance Learning Course on Intellectual Property Management (DL 450) before being selected for the programme. Access to this online course will be made available upon registration to the summer school.

To apply:

https://welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf?page=wssCatalog.xhtml&lang=en&cc=WSSZA2024#plus_WSSZA2024

Submit a résumé together with a letter of motivation (maximum 300 words) setting out your reasons for applying and what you hope to gain from the summer school. A recent CV and identification document, such as a passport or national ID, must also be submitted.

For one time only, participation will be **free of charge**.

Registration is from 12 February 2024 to 31 May 2024. Selected applicants will be notified two weeks after the registration deadline.

A certificate of participation is awarded to participants who successfully complete the programme requirements.

For more information, kindly contact the summer school Administrator at summerschool.southafrica@wipo.int



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INVITATION

TRAINING ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FORMS

Monday, 8 April 2024

12:00 to 14:00

Microsoft Teams

This online session will give participants information on National Intellectual Property Management Office IP forms 1 to 8 – what the forms look like, how to fill them in, when each form should be submitted and what supporting documents are required.

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10. Important deadlines

Topic	Deadline dates	NIPMO document
IP7/ disclosure reporting	30 April 2024 for April 2024 reporting container and 31 October 2024 for October 2024 reporting container Please send any queries to: Naomi Ngoasheng: Naomi.Ngoasheng@nipmo.org.za and Ntanganedzeni Muanalo: Ntanganedzeni.Muanalo@nipmo.org.za	Refer to Practice Note 5.
OTT Support Fund applications	Electronic submission of all new OTT Support Fund Applications, in line with the updated Guideline 7.4 to be submitted on KIM system. Period of submission: 15 April to 15 May 2024. Please sent a confirmation of KIM submission email to: Thabang Jase: Thabang.Jase@nipmo.org.za and Nodumo Maluleke: Nodumo.maluleke@nipmo.org.za	Refer to Guideline 7.4 of 2024: OTT Support Fund (as updated)
IP Fund Applications	Electronic IP Fund application submission (including the IPF1 form, invoices, and proof of payments) will be accepted until 23:30 on Monday, 1 July 2024. Please submit applications via email and/ or WeTransfer to: Mantwa Tshabalala: mantwa.tshabalala@nipmo.org.za and Paballo Masite: Paballo.masite@nipmo.org.za. A physical (hard) copy of the electronic IP Fund application must be delivered to NIPMO and reach the office by 5 July 2024. No IP Fund submissions will be accepted after the deadline.	Refer to Guideline 2.8 of 2021: Guidelines for Operation of the IP Fund



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