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Workshop on Technology Transfer

(30 – 31 July 2012)

Provisional Programme

*Venue: Mauritius Research Council,
Level 6, Ebène Heights
34, Cybercity
Ebène*

DAY 1: MONDAY, 30TH JULY 2012

Time	Agenda Item	Leading Member/Organisation
08:30 – 09:00	Registration of participants	
09.00 – 09.05	Welcome address	<i>Dr A Suddhoo Executive Director Mauritius Research Council</i>
09.05 – 09.10	Address	<i>Prof S Jugessur Chairman Mauritius Research Council</i>
09.10 – 09.25	Opening address	<i>Dr the Hon. Rajeshwar Jeetah, Minister of Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology</i>
09.25 – 09.45	BREAK	
09:45 – 10:00	Keynote address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harnessing Technology Transfer (TT) and Intellectual Property (IP) for economic growth: South Africa’s progress 	<i>Dr Michelle Mulder SARIMA</i>
10.00 – 10:15	➤ <u>Brief institutional introductions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mauritius Research Council (MRC) • National Intellectual Property Management Office (NIPMO) • Department of Science and Technology (DST) • Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA) 	<i>Dr Nitin Gopaul Dr Kerry Faul, Ms Mavis Nyatlo Ms Phumelele Higgins Dr Michelle Mulder, Ms Jaci Barnett</i>
10.15 – 12.00	➤ <u>Knowledge Management and TT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Knowledge Management • What is TT? • Why do TT? • IP as a tool for TT 	SARIMA
	➤ <u>Basic introduction to IP</u>	NIPMO
	➤ <u>Starting a Technology Transfer Office (TTO)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional support • TTO structure and models • Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – IP scouting • Overview of policies required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – IP and commercialisation – Conflict of interest – Research costing 	SARIMA

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12.00 - 13.00	LUNCH	
13.00 – 14.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>TTO requirements</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of systems and procedures for identification, disclosure, management, protection and commercialisation of IP • Information management system(s) and infrastructure • Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Invention disclosure forms – Assessment checklist/Due Diligence report – IP contributors form – Template agreements – Information for researchers • Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Operational and staff costs – IP prosecution and maintenance costs – IP commercialisation costs • Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Databases, information sources & online tools 	SARIMA
14.30 – 14.45	BREAK	
14.45 – 16.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>TTO relationships</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness raising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What inventors need to know • Important relationships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Research and students – Institutional management – Government and support services (IP Fund and Capacity Development initiatives) – Industry and other partners – External • External support for Technology Transfer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – National policy strategy and legislation – Guideline development – Support agencies – Capacity building ➤ <u>Getting started</u> 	<p>SARIMA</p> <p>NIPMO</p> <p>SARIMA</p>

DAY 2: TUESDAY, 31ST JULY 2012

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09.00 – 10.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>IP policy</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements • Policy development and approval • Benefit-sharing 	NIPMO
10.00 – 10.15	Break	
10.15 – 12.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Commercialisation processes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluating IP, including IP audits • Protecting IP • Due Diligence and commercialisation strategy • Marketing IP • Negotiating agreements • Commercialisation • Monitoring and benefit sharing • Confidentiality (non-disclosure) and material transfer agreements 	SARIMA
12.00 – 13.00	LUNCH	
13.00 – 14.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Commercialisation processes (continued)</u> 	SARIMA
14.00 – 14.15	Final remarks and way forward	DST/SARIMA/NIPMO
14.15 – 14.25	Closing Remarks	Dr Nitin Gopaul