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## WEBINAR

# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WORKSHOP

**DATE:** 27 November 2020

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**Program Director:** Prof Keolebogile Shirley Motaung, Director: Technology Transfer and Innovation

TIME	Presentation	PRESENTER
09:00-9:15	Welcome and Introduction	Prof. Sibusiso Moyo DVC: RIE
09:15- 9:45	Introduction to IP	Ms Omphile Modibela
09:45-10:15	Intangibles to Tangibles	Dr Anathi Njokweni
10:15-11.00	Management of IP in Research	Ms Omphile Modibela
11:0-12:00	Commercialisation of IP	Mr Trod Lehong
12:00-12:15	Closing Remarks	Dr Linda Linganiso Director: Research and Postgraduate Support



**Ms Omphile Modibela** is Head of Legal, Compliance & Technology Commercialization at NTP Radioisotopes SOC Ltd and is responsible for overall management of the Legal & Compliance Function of NTP, as well as that of the Technology Commercialization Function, ensuring that NTP is able to pro-actively drive the development of new products and technologies through its research partners and to implement them at a commercial scale.

Ms Modibela is a registered Patent Attorney, and an Admitted Attorney of the High Court of South Africa. She has a BSc (Chemical Engineering) from the University of the Witwatersrand and an LLB from the University of South Africa (UNISA). Her experience spans the areas of IP protection, commercialization and management, as well as corporate and commercial legal practice.

She has also established the Technology Commercialization unit within NTP, which has resulted in closer collaboration with Necsa R&D, South African Academic Hospitals and a few international potential partnerships. These collaborations have started to build an impressive pipeline of radiopharmaceutical products and radiochemicals that are aimed at both the local and international markets.



**Dr Anathi Njokweni** is an Intellectual Property specialist. Her area of focus is on Patent examination at the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC), South Africa. She holds a Master's Degree in Microbiology from Stellenbosch University. She completed her PhD in Biotechnology from the University of the Western Cape and held a postdoctoral fellowship at the Agricultural Research Council. She is currently completing her LLB degree with the University of South Africa. Anathi has rich expertise in Biotechnology, with over 5 years' experience as an Intellectual Property regulator. She is currently serving as one of the innovation experts for Africa under the InnovACTION Fellowship Program.



**Mr Trod Lehong** is qualified patent attorney with over fifteen years' experience in IP matters including *inter alia* the prosecution, management and commercialization of intellectual property rights. Trod holds a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from the Tshwane University of Technology, and a Bachelor of Laws Degree (LLB) from the University of South Africa, while also being admitted as an attorney of the High Court of South Africa.

Trod worked for a number of years for the leading intellectual property firm in South Africa, Spoor & Fisher where he qualified as a patent attorney. He then joined the Technology Innovation Agency (TIA) as an intellectual property manager and I was later promoted to head the intellectual property office within TIA, conducting IP due diligence on proposals for funding from universities and science councils and SMEs.