

# Training of Patent examiners - Programme

Pretoria, South Africa 29-30 October 2018  
DTI Campus



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	Content	Facilitator
9:00-9:30	Registration of participants	
9:30-10:00	Opening Session	Prof. Carlos Correa (Executive Director, South Centre) & Ms. Nomonde Maimela (Executive Manager: Innovation Creativity & Promotion Group, South Africa Patent Office)
10:00-10:15	Introduction of participants	
10:15-10:30	Presentation of workshop objectives	Prof. Carlos Correa (South Centre)
10:30-11:15	Evolution of the South African patent system	Prof. Yousuf Vawda (University of Kwa-Zulu Natal)
11:15-11:30	Tea/Coffee	
11:30-12:30	Examination of Patents: procedural and substantive aspects	Prof. Carlos Correa (South Centre)
12:30-13:30	Lunch	

13:30-14:15	General overview: Patents and access to medicines	German Velasquez (Special Advisor, Policy and Health, South Centre)
14:15- 14:45	South African patent law: extent to which TRIPS flexibilities for public health are incorporated	Prof. Yousuf Vawda (University of Kwa-Zulu Natal)
14:45-15:00	Tea/Coffee	
15:00-16:00	Historical perspective and analysis of access to medicines situation in South Africa	Mr. Vinayak Bhardwaj (Deputy Head Of Mission, Médécins Sans Frontières South Africa) & Ms. Catherine Tomlinson (Fix the Patent Laws)
16:00-17:00	Reading: Guidelines for the Examination of Patent Applications relating to Pharmaceuticals	

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09:30-10:45	Typical claims relating to pharmaceutical inventions (1): Formulations and compositions; Combinations; Dosage/dose; Salts, ethers and esters; Polymorphs	Prof. Carlos Correa (South Centre)
10:45-11:30	Case study - Film	
11:30-11:45	Tea/Coffee	
11:45-13:00	Typical claims relating to pharmaceutical inventions (2): Markush claims; Selection patents; Analogy processes; Enantiomers; Active metabolites and pro-drugs; Method of treatment; Use claims, including second indications	Prof. Carlos Correa (South Centre)
13:00-14:30	Lunch	
14:30-15:00	Group photo and evaluation	Mr. Vitor Ido (South Centre)
15:00-16:00	Closing of session	