The Companies and IP Commission (CIPC) along with the National IP Management Office (NIPMO) of South Africa are delighted to announce an upcoming jointly-sponsored conference on “Creating and Leveraging Intellectual Property in Developing Countries: A Power Tool for Social and Economic Growth” (Durban, 17-20 November, 2013).

This conference follows on from the successful meeting of the BRICS Heads of Patent Offices in Durban in May 2013, and comes at an important time—not just in the progress of South Africa, but throughout all of Africa, as well as the BRICS nations, as the countries work to shape the future of IP. South Africa and other African countries consider it a priority to motivate domestic inventions to spur economic and social growth, and they welcome your participation and support.

Highlights of the conference include:
An opening Ministerial Round Table on “The Strategic Use of IP in Emerging Economies,” featuring two Ministers in the cabinet of President Jacob Zuma: Rob Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry, Republic of South Africa, and Derek Hanekom, Minister of Science and Technology

Representatives of the BRICS Head of IP Offices will discuss “The Effect of the National Patent System on the Perceived Investment Value of a Patent.”

In addition to senior officials from the South African government, the conference will be attended by international key government, organization, industrial and academic leaders from Africa and other BRICS countries, as well as the U.S. and Europe, to form a fertile environment for discussion, networking and relationships.

Co-chairs
- Astrid Ludin, Commissioner of Companies & IP Commission (an agency of the Department of Trade and Industry that includes the South African Patent Office)
- Jonathan Youngleson, Head of National IP Management Office (an agency of the Department of Science and Technology)
- Sherry Knowles, Principal, Knowles IP Strategies

Speakers from President Jacob Zuma’s Cabinet
- The Honourable Rob Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry
- The Honourable Derek Hanekom, Minister of Science and Technology

Representatives from the BRICS Head of IP Offices

Additional speakers include:
- Morne Barradas, Lead IP Legal Advisor: Risk and Compliance, Sasol Group Services (Sasolburg, South Africa)
- Dr. Jorge Bermudez, Vice President, Production and Innovation in Health, Fundação Oswaldo Cruz (Brazil)
- Jennifer Brant, Innovation Insights
- Professor Nandini Chandresekar, Executive Advisor-Indu Center, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, India
- Dr. Jennifer Dent, President, BIO Ventures for Global Health
- Q. Todd Dickinson, Executive Director, AIPLA
- Lungile Dukwana, Deputy Commissioner, C&IP Commission of South Africa
- Phil Johnson, Chief IP Counsel, Johnson & Johnson
- Professor Ruth Kiraka, Dean, Institute of Continuing Education, Strathmore University (Nairobi)
- Dr. Chris Kirubi, Chairman, Capital FM (Nairobi) (inv)
• **Professor Alexander M. Klibanov**, Firmenich Chair Professor of Chemistry and Bioengineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

• **Professor Robert S. Langer**, David H. Koch Institute Professor of Chemical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

• **Professor Dennis C. Liotta**, Samuel Chandler Dobbs Professor of Chemistry at Emory University, Founder of Emory Institute for Drug Discovery, and Founder of DRIVE (Drug Innovation Ventures at Emory)

• **Gordon Myers**, Chief Counsel, Technology and Private Equity, IFC Legal Department of the World Bank

• **Hon. Prof. Justice Joel M. Ngugi**, High Court of Kenya, Judiciary Transformation Secretariat (Nairobi)

• **Dr. Solomon Nwaka**, Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR), World Health Organization

• **Angela Nwaneri**, Vice President, Patent Law, Johnson & Johnson

• **Dr. Ellis Owusu-Dabo**, Scientific Director, Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research in Tropical Medicines at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Ghana)

• **Greg Perry**, Executive Director, Medicines Patent Pool

• **James Pooley**, Deputy Director General, Innovation and Technology Sector, WIPO

• **Michal Preminger, PhD, MBA**, Executive Director of the Office of Technology Development, Harvard Medical School

• **Steve Sammut**, Professor, Wharton School of Business and Burrill Venture Partner

• **Tatiana Saribekian**, CEO/President, Domain Russian Investments (Moscow)

• **Konji Sebati**, Director of Department of Traditional Knowledge and Global Challenges, WIPO

• **Yonah Seleti**, Acting Deputy Director General, Human Capital and Knowledge Systems, Department of Science and Technology of South Africa

• **McLean Sibanda**, CEO, Innovation Hub of Guateng Provence and President of the African Division of the International Association of Science Parks

• **Chief Judge James Smith**, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Patent Trial and Appeal Board (inv)

• **Professor Joseph Straus**, Professor of Law, Universities of Munich and Ljubljana; Chair IP and Innovation Management, University of South Africa; and Marshall B. Coyne Visiting Professor, George Washington Law School

• **Dr. Ponni Subbiah**, Global Program Leader, PATH

• **Anthony Taubman**, Director, Intellectual Property Division, WTO (inv)

• **Professor Yousuf A. Vawda**, School of Law, University of KwaZulu-Natal

• **Maaike van Velzen**, IP & Standards, General Manager, Philips Group Innovation

• **Roy Waldron**, Chief IP Counsel, Pfizer

• **Angela Wasunna**, Assistant General Counsel, Pfizer
The conference will also include an inaugural African IP Exhibition Hall with 30-50 booths with posters and exhibits by African inventors. This effort is co-ordinated by the Innovation Hub of Gauteng Province and the African branch of the International Association of Science Parks.

For more information on registrations and sponsorships, please visit the conference website at www.clipdc.co.za or contact mail@clipdc2013.com.