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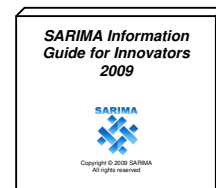
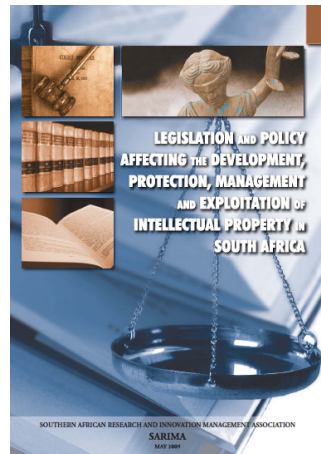
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The Southern African Research and Innovation Management Association (SARIMA) is proud to announce the development of a comprehensive information resource for innovators in South Africa comprising 2 booklets and a CD.



This publication is aimed at providing a comprehensive guide for innovators and entrepreneurs to the systems and support mechanisms available to assist with the development, protection and commercialisation of new technologies, focusing predominantly on publicly funded instruments. These include funding mechanisms, support organisations, industry and professional bodies, rapid prototype centres, and private research institutions. The guide also includes a brief overview on how to apply for intellectual property protection, the requirements for registering companies, how to apply for permits for the use of genetically modified organisms and indigenous biological resources, and how to obtain permission to conduct clinical trials in South Africa.

The purpose of this guide is to provide innovators with a basic understanding of the legal and commercial environment in which innovation and R&D are conducted, with particular reference to the South African context. The guide covers the creation of intellectual property, the various forms of IP protection, the commercial exploitation of IP, and the enforcement of IP rights, focusing on relevant legislation and policy.



The CD contains all relevant contact details in Outlook format, and copies of the different forms, templates and legislation and policy documents referred to in the guides.

The SARIMA Information Guides were developed by expert consultants and were made possible through financial support from the Department of Science and Technology and the Innovation Fund. The objectives of the Information Guides are:

- To provide practical assistance to innovators on the protection and commercialisation of IP in South Africa
- To assist innovators in South Africa to harness existing support mechanisms for innovation
- To maximise the use of available support mechanisms
- To promote and encourage technological innovation in the country and to improve the efficiency thereof
- To ensure that innovative activities are in compliance with existing legislation and policy

All publicly funded institutions in South Africa will receive 1 free copy of the Information Guides and CD. Additional copies can be purchased directly from SARIMA for R200.00 + VAT and postage. To order a copy please contact Corline Kriel at sarima@sarima.co.za or 012 841 3329.