

# TECHNOLOGY MATCHMAKING PROGRAMME



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Department:  
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### The TMP aims:

- To bridge the gap between innovators, industry, traditional and alternative funding options as a means of accelerating the commercialisation of existing and, where appropriate, new knowledge.
- It provide an easy and structured platform through which potential partners, collaborators and supporters are introduced to each other
  - This platform will be both physical and virtual.
  - Physical will take the form of a showcase event
  - Virtual will take the form of an online platform that allows for ongoing and real time engagement.



### Goals and Objectives

- To provide:
  - researchers, innovators, technology developers and manufacturers a platform to present their ideas
  - researchers, innovators, technology developers and manufacturers the opportunity to meet potential funders and financiers
  - a platform for networking between stakeholders including, but not limited to , techno-entrepreneurs, innovators, researchers, technology developers, policy makers, government officials and manufacturers
  - a platform for industry to be exposed to potential technology solutions and to expose their problems to researchers, innovators and technology developers with the hope of sourcing potential solutions
  - An opportunity for collaboration between similar organisations and across organisational barriers
  - a platform to showcase DST initiatives to a wide range of stakeholders
  - Serve as a source of market information and business intelligence that would strengthen government initiatives



### Stakeholders and partners

- Partners
  - NIPMO, TIA, SARIMA
- Stakeholders
  - Finance, Funding and banking sector
    - DBSA, SAVCA, IDC, **the dti**, SPII, Commercial and Merchant banks
  - S&T institutions
    - Offices of Technology Transfer, Science Councils, Higher Education Institutions
  - Incubators and Network Agencies
    - SAINE/RIIS, Regional Development Agencies, Da Vinci Institute/TT100
  - Private sector
    - Business Organisations (SACOB, BUSA, Black Business Caucus)
    - Industry organisations



## Benefits to the National system of Innovation

- Closing the gap between R&D and the market
- Contributing to the enhancement of the competitiveness of the economy
- Contributing to stimulating increased investment in R&D through the creation of an enabling environment for technology commercialisation and entrepreneurial partnerships



## Logistics

- Venue : CSIR International Convention Centre, Pretoria
- Dates: 25 – 26 August 2014

