



**NBAC National workshop on the impact of the policy environment on biotechnology
in South Africa over the next five years**

**Thursday 23 July 2009, 09:00 – 17:00
Innovation Hub**

DRAFT AGENDA

08:00 – 09:00 Arrival & registration
Tea, Coffee

09:00 – 10:00 Session 1 – Welcome and opening address

09:00 – 09:10 **Welcome and introduction of the Minister of Science and
Technology**
Chair: Prof Jennifer Thomson

09:10 – 09:30 **Key note address**
Ms Naledi Pandor, Minister of Science and Technology

09:30 – 10:00 **Guest speaker on: International best practice in the biotechnology
policy environment – a perspective for South Africa (20 minutes)**
Dr Sagadevan G. Mundree, General Manager, Department of Primary
Industries and Fisheries, Australia
Discussion: 10 minutes

**10:00 – 14:30 Session 2 – IPR policy, Technology Innovation Agency (TIA)
and feedback from NBAC studies**

10:00 – 10:30 **Feedback on NBAC Study 1: 20 minutes**
**The impact of the South African public understanding of
biotechnology**
Mr Robert J Mulder, IsambuloAMI
Discussion: 10 minutes

10:30 – 11:00 Tea Break

11:00 – 11:30 **Feedback on NBAC Study 2: 20 minutes**
The funding environment of South African biotechnology
Prof Anastassios Pouris, Business Enterprises, University of Pretoria
Discussion: 10 minutes

11:30 – 12:00 **Feedback on NBAC Study 3: 20 minutes**
Biotechnology capacity: comparative case studies

	Dr Mzi Madikizela, High Impact Innovation Discussion: 10 minutes
12:00 – 12:30	Potential impact of TIA Dr Phil Mjwara, DG, Department of Science and Technology Discussion: 10 minutes
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH
13:30 – 14:00	IPR Act in relation to Biotechnology Dr Joanne van Harmelen, Spoor & Fisher Discussion: 10 minutes
14:00 – 14:30	Panel Discussion Facilitator: Dr Sagadevan G. Mundree, General Manager, Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, Australia Discussants: Prof Jocelyn Webster, NBAC member; Dr Dave Walwyn and Dr Charles Marais, CEO Wits Enterprise (Pty) Ltd; Open Discussion
14:30 – 16:00	Session 3 – GMO and stem cell regulations
14:30 – 15:15	Policy contradictions in GMO Speaker: Prof Jocelyn Webster, NBAC member Discussants: Dr Gatsha Mazithulela, NBAC Member; Dr Shadrack Ralekeno Moephuli, CEO, ARC; Prof Brenda Wingfield, UP; and Ms Kelebogile Lekoape, CSIR Biosciences Open Discussion
15:15 - 16:00	Stem cell regulations Speaker: Prof Michael Pepper, NBAC member Discussants: Prof Iqbal Parker, NBAC Member; Dr Blessed Okole, CEO, LifeLab; Dr Carola Niesler, UKZN; and Prof Ames Dhai, WITS Open Discussion
16:00 – 16:30	Tea Break
16:30 – 17:00	Session 4 – Way forward and closing Remarks
16:30 – 16:55	Way forward and recommendations Dr Ivan May
16:55 – 17:00	Closing remarks
17:00 – 18:00	COCKTAILS