

SANSOR is planning a IP workshop which can also be of benefit to your organisation. Please see more information in this regard below and distribute it as needed.

This is just a call for interest only. Once a date has been decided on, the formal invitations will be forwarded.

### **CALL FOR INTEREST**

#### **SOUTH AFRICAN SEED LEGISLATION - INFORMATION DAY AND WORKSHOP**

The South African National Seed Organisation (SANSOR) intends on hosting a workshop and presentations to those interested in, and affected by South African Seed Legislation. This would be of benefit to farmers, producers and cleaners of seed, anyone who applies chemicals to seed, sellers and marketers of seed, chemical companies that either directly or indirectly supply seed treatments or coatings, agricultural businesses licensing or dealing with seed, seed companies and plant breeders.

**PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL BEFORE THE 4<sup>th</sup> OF OCTOBER 2017 BY INDICATING:**

- 1. INTEREST IN ATTENDING SUCH A WORKSHOP**
- 2. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS**
- 3. PREFERRED LOCATION**
  - a. Pretoria**
  - b. Cape Town**
- 4. PREFERRED DATE FOR ONE DAY WORKSHOP**
  - a. First week in December (4-6 Dec)**
  - b. Mid-February (12-16 Feb)**
- 5. SPECIFIC TOPICS TO BE COVERED (if not already covered in draft program below).**

#### **Background**

Climatic & biodiversity changes, declining soil fertility and population growth has strengthened the need for increased food and agricultural productivity. Plant breeding is a cornerstone to agriculture and the ongoing development of varieties that are better adapted to increasing biotic and abiotic stresses associated with changing climate and the increasing needs of society.

The South African Seed Industry is committed to breeding and producing the highest quality seed to improve farmers' productivity. Plant breeding programs are generally long term investments that require significant financial resources. This means that in order to sustain investments and continued beneficial research for farmers and society, private sector plant breeders must be able to get a return on their investment.

Strong and effective Intellectual Property (IP) protection encourages breeding and research. In South Africa, both Plant Breeder's Rights (PBR), also referred to as Plant Variety Protection (PVP), and patents are used to stimulate the full scope of innovation in agricultural sciences by affording the plant breeders (IP Owners) certain rights.

**In many circumstances, the rights afforded South African plant breeders are misunderstood. There also appears to be confusion and uncertainty relating to South African IP Legislation and the obligations that they impart. This includes registration of premises and associated activities, who has the right to produce seed, clean seed, sell seed, apply chemicals, and the planting of farm saved seed.**

Below is the provisional program (subject to change based on feedback)

Time	Program
8:30-09:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Registration</li></ul>
09:00- 10:00	An Introduction into the Value of Intellectual Property <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Value for IP in Breeding</li><li>Why IP</li><li>IP in SA</li></ul>
10:00-10:30	Discussion
10:30-11:00	Tea Break
11:00- 12:30	South African Legislation Affecting IP <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plant Breeders Rights and Plant Breeder Act</li><li>Plant Improvement Act</li><li>Patents</li><li>Conditioning for Purpose of Propagation</li></ul>
12:30-13:00	Discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Licence Agreements <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commercial Licencing</li><li>Material Transfer Agreements</li><li>End Point Royalty</li></ul>
15:30-16:00	Discussion

Kind Regards,

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