



Inhlanyelo Hub

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# PROGRAMME

## Roundtable on Technology Transfer and Start-up Incubation

**IN COLLABORATION WITH THE U.S. EMBASSY, PRETORIA  
PUBLIC DIPLOMACY SECTION**

**This roundtable aims to foster dialogue that supports institutional collaboration, knowledge exchange on technology transfer and commercialization, and the sharing of best practices for inclusive innovation ecosystems.**

**Date:** February 17, 2026

**Time:** 12:45 – 15:00

Inhlanyelo Hub, University of South Africa

**Program Director: Dr Tapiwa Muzata**  
12:45 -13:00

**Arrival and registration**  
13:00 – 13:15

**Introduction and welcome remarks - Prof Raphael Mpofu, CEO Inhlanyelo Hub, UNISA**  
13:15 – 13:45

**Light lunch and networking**  
13:45 – 14:00

**Opening Remarks and introduction of American delegates – John “Jake” Goshert, Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy.**  
14:00 – 15:00

**Speaker: Jill Finlayson, Managing Director of the CITRIS Innovation Hub. (20min)**

**Best Practices in Strategy, Entrepreneurship, and Mentorship. Localization and the Impact of TechWomen in South Africa.**  
Discussion: 10 min

**Speaker: Aisuloo Kozhomkulova, Social Innovations Consultant, UN Women. (20min)**

**Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for Startups: Emerging Trends, Gender Inclusion, and Global Pathways to the GCC.**  
Discussion: 10 min  
15:00

**Wrap-up and networking**  
15:15 End

**Media opportunity (Social Media and UNISA Radio interview)**  
15:15-15:45