



Inhlanyelo Hub

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PROGRAMME

Roundtable on Technology Transfer and Start-up Incubation

**IN COLABORATION 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: Aisuluu 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