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## Directorate: Innovation, Technology Transfer and Commercialisation (DITTC)

### Special Topics Series Key issues/implications of Indigenous Knowledge (IK) for Researchers

**Date:** Thursday, 20 October 2022

**Time:** 11:00-13:00

**Platform:** MS Teams

**To RSVP:** <https://forms.office.com/r/up2gHiEAkV>

**Presenter:** Mrs Shumi Pango, Deputy Director: Advocacy & Policy Development. Department of Science and Innovation (DSI)



Mrs Shumi Pango currently works for the DSI. She has a Masters in Cultural Management from the University of Northumbria, Newcastle Upon Tyne in the UK.

She has played an important role in coordinating the Departmental position at the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) particularly on the Intergovernmental Committee (IGC). She remains instrumental in mobilising both South African and regional support on the protection of traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expression and genetic resources through the African Union. This culminated in the African Group position on Traditional Knowledge and Genetic Resources in 2013. She is one of the drafters of the IK Act for the protection, promotion, development and management of Indigenous Knowledge (IK no 6 of 2019).

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