Technology Transfer Network in Oman

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Technology Transfer Essential services

**IP Awareness & training**
- IP awareness workshops and training
- Patent Database search service
- Patent search training

**IP Management**
- Invention disclosure
- Invention evaluation (prior art search)
- Patentability report
- IP drafting
- IP filling

**Commercialization**
- Feasibility study (Negotiation with industry, Licensing IP to industry, drafting license agreement, post-license follow-up)
- Business consultation
- Create new startup (pre-incubation, seed fund support)
- Prototyping facilitation

**Academia – Industry – Government (AIG) Linkage**
- Technology exhibitions
- Scouting for projects from industry & government
- Market innovations to industry & government
- Industry-academia competitions

**Linking Oman**
- Collaborative innovation platform
- International linkage through SKTO MFA

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**Local TTO services**
Offered to students, researchers, innovators

**National TTO services**
Offered to TRC/IPM research & innovation projects and to community

Offered to Local TTOs
Strategic, national vision, policy making, nation-wide activities

SKTO MFA
National IP Office - MoC

Executive, front desk services

Local office
Academia

Local office

Government

Local office

Local office

Industry

Local office

Local office

Local office
The Role of The National Technology Transfer Office (NTTO) at TRC:

- Helps establish local TTOs
- Supports IP awareness and training activities done at local TTOs
- Supports in setting local TTO policies
- Provides AIG linkage and Linking Oman services
- Provides IP management and commercialization services to TRC/IPM research & innovation projects
- Provides IP management and commercialization services to requests coming from the community
- Facilitates international linkage through SKTO in Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Interaction Between NTTO and Local TTOs

Tier 1 Local office

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NTTO

**IP Awareness support**
- Linkage to WIPO
- Invite international speakers
- Host conferences and national training programs
- IP policy support

**AIG Linkage support**
- National Technology exhibitions
- Support linkage between local offices and industry
- Organize national AIG competitions
- Set national TTO policies
- Scouting for projects from industry & government
- Market innovations to industry & government

Tier 2 Local office

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- **Linking Oman**
- **AIG Linkage**

**TRC/IPM**

- **Research programs: Block Funding, Research Chairs, Strategic Research Programs, etc...**
- **Research & Innovation programs**
  - R&D centers
  - Fabrication workshop
  - Incubation services

- **iHUB**
  - EIAP
  - IIAP
  - CIAP
Achievements

14 Colleges signed agreement to join the Network
- 7 Applied Science Colleges
- 7 Technical Colleges

2 Colleges funded by TRC (20,000 OMR each)
- Musana Tech College
- Sohar Applied Science

Second Call to support Private Colleges and Universities (Announcement on 15 Dec, 2019)

Workshops and training on TT, IP, Patent and IP Policy
Pillars Needed for Enabling and Sustaining a Productive Regional Network of NNTO’s

• Capacity Building (Academia, Industry, and Government)
• Knowledge Transfer from well-established organizations (e.g., WIPO)
• Having a common platform to share best practices
• A Champion (e.g., ESCWA)
• **Political Will**
Thank You