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WORLD IP DAY CELEBRATIONS 2023: ACTIVITIES BY THE CIPC – South Africa

The CIPC declared the month of April to Intellectual Property in the run up to the celebrations of the World IP Day (26 April 2023). Various events, programs and activities were held. The links to the articles are as follows:

1. FROM COMMISSIONER ADV RORY VOLLER (current chair of the IP BRICS forum)

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=613308994163787&set=a.337713138390042>
https://www.linkedin.com/posts/the-cipc_wipd2023-womeninip-empowerment-activity-7056554569182380032-pGBs?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop
<https://twitter.com/theCIPC/status/1650789903041458176>

2. WOMEN REPRESENTATION IN CIPC

World IP Day, 26 April 2023
Celebrating Women in IP!

The CIPC, Innovation and Creativity Group has a Patents, Designs and Innovation Division, which boasts a staff of 63 employees, 25 in the Patents and Designs Formalities Unit and 38 in the Patent Substantive Search and Examination (SSE) Unit – 13 of which are permanent employees and 25 are Interns.

The Formalities Unit boasts of 18 Women in its staff component.
This works out to 72% of women in the Formalities Unit!

The SSE Unit has a staff component of 16 women.
This equates to 42% of women in the SSE Unit!

In total the Patents, Designs and Innovation Division has 34 women out of a staff component of 63, this equates to 54% of Women in IP within the Division!!

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3. ARTICLE ON COPYRIGHT

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=610633261098027&set=a.337713138390042>

4. WOMEN IN IP EVENTS: The following events specifically focused on Women in IP were held

16 February 2023: Women in IP Offices

7 – 9 March 2023: Report on Global Diversity Conference on mentoring and Related Topics

25 April 2023: Women in the IP Space

5. RADIO INTERVIEWS

On the main day: 26 April (World IP Day), several events including radio interviews and discussions were held. The IP staff and CIPC leadership (including the Commissioner) were at various institutions in the country addressing a wide range of audiences.