


Preparing for Session 3 with your Mentor

# Securing IP Protection For Your Invention

 1 HOUR

## Session Objective

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The objective of this session is for you to understand how to seek protection for your invention/creation for each type of IP right that was identified as relevant to your invention and also suited for your potential business plan.

This session will cover the processes for seeking protection, strategic considerations for seeking international protection, and potential resources to use for seeking such protection.

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### Preparatory Work

- Conduct research on the websites you used previously, to make sure you understand the fundamental IP rights and to gain a basic understanding of the processes associated with procuring IP protection.
- Conduct research to understand the international treaties related to filing foreign patent and trademark applications, and copyrights. Some of these may be useful if you expect your invention to be commercialized in markets additional to your home country.
  - For patents, the key treaties are the Paris Convention and the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
  - For trademarks, look at the Paris Convention and the Madrid System, Trademark Law Treaty and the Singapore Law Treaty;
  - For Copyright, look at the Berne Convention; and
  - Trade secret protection is based on the law of the country where theft might occur/occurs.