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“Break Through”

Wednesday 12 April 2006  
The Innovation Hub Conference Venue, Tshwane  
16:00-20:00

## BACKGROUND ON SPEAKERS

Keynote speaker: Prof Nick Binedell

Prof Nick Binedell is the Founding Director of the Gordon Institute of Business Science. He was previously the Director of the Wits Business School. His area of expertise is in business strategy formulation and general management and for the past 14 years he has lectured and consulted in South Africa, the United States and Australia. In 1997, 1998 and 2000, Professor Binedell was voted the most admired individual at a South African business school by the Professional Management Review. Contact details: Tel (011) 771 4000 or email at [info@gibs.co.za](mailto:info@gibs.co.za)

Mentor 's perspective : Dr Rudi Van Der Walt

Dr Rudi van der Walt has been a **maxum** business mentor since 2002 and was instrumental in assisting with the progressive development of the business incubation programme. Dr van der Walt is the Director of Innovation at North-West University. In this capacity he is responsible for the commercialization of inventions and support of the inventors. He was previously the Managing Director of Technovent (Pty) Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the CSIR, created to spin out technologies developed by the CSIR. Dr van der Walt spent his first 10 career years in the chemical and petrochemical industries as a process engineer and manager.

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## Programme

	Master of Ceremonies: Mr Martin Manmohan, Operations Manager, <b>maxum</b> Business Incubator
16:00	Refreshments
16:30	Welcome and Introduction Ms Jill Sawers, Manager, <b>maxum</b> Business Incubator at The Innovation Hub
16:40	Keynote address: Entrepreneurship in a global economy Prof Nick Binedell, Director, GIBS
17:00	Profiling the graduates
17:50	Mentor's perspective Dr. Rudi Van Der Walt: Director of Innovation, University of the North West
17:55	Vote of Thanks Dr. Neville Comins: CEO, The Innovation Hub Management Company (Pty) Ltd
18:00	Cocktails and company exhibits

