

# Gauteng Climate Innovation Centre (CIC)

Supporting Green Jobs for a Green Economy

## Designing a Climate Innovation Center (CIC) in Gauteng

*Accelerating clean technology innovation and entrepreneurship in South Africa*

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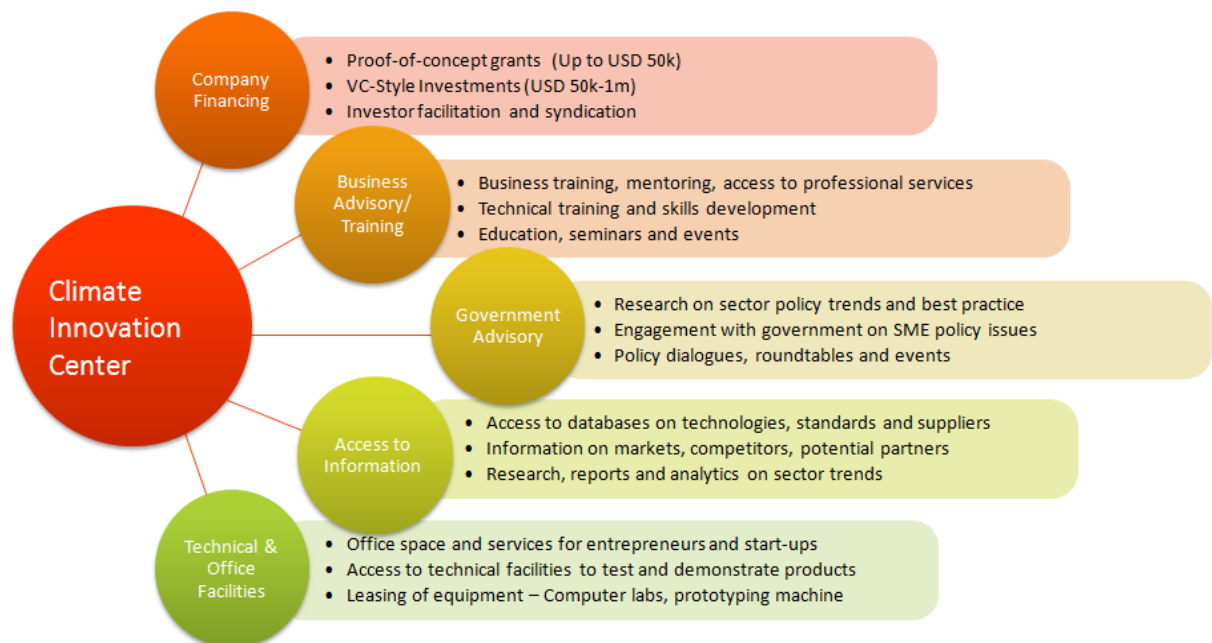
The Innovation Hub, 1 Mark Shuttleworth Street, Pretoria

### ORGANISATION OF CONFERENCE WORKING GROUPS

#### Overview

Upon Registration at arrival at the conference, delegates will select a breakout Working Group to participate in during the afternoon of the conference. Each breakout group will relate to a specific set of activities the CIC could offer. Participants are asked to select a Group that corresponds most closely to their experience and needs.

The conference Working Groups comprise **four break-out sessions**, to allow conference delegates to provide specific advice of which types of financing and services the Gauteng CIC should offer. The standard “menu” of options the CIC model developed by the World bank infoDev could provide is shown below.



## Objectives

With a view to developing a deeper understanding and analysis of how these potential CIC activities could apply to the particular circumstances in the South African clean-tech and climate smart innovation sector, the conference working groups have been structured to brainstorm, discuss and identify specific gaps and barriers to climate technology and business model innovation in South Africa.

Break-out participants will particularly discuss the specific solutions the CIC can offer to overcome those barriers to spur increased innovation and job and industrial development in that sector. Care will be taken to recognize existing activities in each sector and how to leverage and complement rather than replicate them.

## Thematic Organisation of Working Groups

The four Working Groups will be structured along the following thematic topics.

- Working Group #1: Company Financing / access to finance*
- Working Group #2: Business advisory, SME training and access to information*
- Working Group #3: Government advisory*
- Working Group #4: Technical and office facilities*

The following questions will be analyzed in each Working Group:

- 1. What is the need in each respective area (e.g., financing or business advisory etc) to support greater South African participation in emerging, innovative climate technologies?***
- 2. What services (public, private or otherwise) are already being offered to meet this need?***
- 3. Of the remaining unmet needs to spur SME and industry success in climate-related sectors, what services can the CIC provide? Are these on “the menu” of activities the CIC could potentially provide?***
- 4. In each respective area, what current or planned activities can be linked to the CIC’s activities?***

## Working Group Process and Outcome

Each working group will have a moderator and a rapporteur. The moderator will pose the questions and lead the discussion, to ensure that all questions are asked and all voices are heard from. The rapporteur will make note of the consensus of the group, summarize the major points and report back to the larger plenary. Rapporteurs are asked to report all opinions but also summary conclusions to the key question: what can the CIC offer to address the barriers and gaps in each respective area?