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Harnessing Science, Technology and Innovation for Inclusive and Sustainable Development – Role of Intellectual Property

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Structure of the Presentation

- 1. Science, Technology & Innovation and Sustainable Development Goals
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- 3. Role of Intellectual Property





Current Global Challenges







Climate change

Economic development and employment

Finite natural resources





Innovation is the key









Innovation and Sustainable Development

SUSTAINABLE GALS









































Inclusive & Grassroots Innovations



Wind power based water pump



Solar dryer



Bean separator

Examples from India, China, Brazil and South Africa







Invention, Technology & Innovation

New scientific discoveries/new technologies may lead to patents.

Innovation only takes place when this novelty is used and became a new product/process in the market place. Then the benefits for the economy will emerge

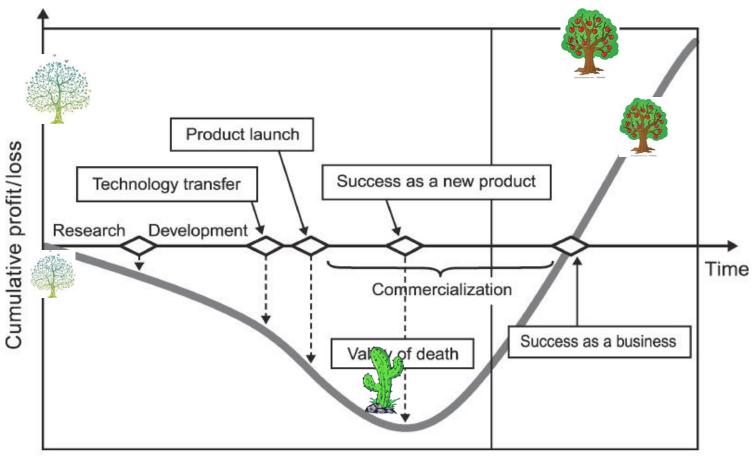
IP can be a useful tool to facilitate and protect innovations.





Financing of Commercialization of Technologies - Valley of Death

Source: Osawa and Miyazaki (2006)







Conclusion

- 1. Technology and innovations are different. New technologies and innovations are the keys to advance Sustainable Development Goals but they must be converted into viable commercial innovations.
- 2. Inclusive and grassroots innovations offer solutions for local problems, reduce inequality, and create employment opportunities for excluded/marginalized populations
- 3. Innovative technologies stand a better chance of successfully reaching the marketplace if IP is used strategically. IP helps companies to access financing and other supports. IP also provides a strong negotiating power when it comes to entering into and maintaining business partnerships.





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