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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SOUTH AFRICA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ON

CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter referred to as “South Africa”) and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as “Nigeria”) (jointly referred to as the “Parties” and in the singular as a “Party”);

DESIROUS of expanding and enhancing bilateral co-operation between the two countries and determined to develop and facilitate tourism based on the principle of equality, mutual benefit and full respect for the sovereignty of each other on a lasting and long term basis;

GUIDED by the desire to strengthen the existing friendly relations between the two countries,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 1

Scope of Co-operation

The Parties shall encourage co-operation in the field of tourism between their two countries through -

- (a) interactions between tourism and travel trade officials and tourism related organisations, associations, youths and students;
- (b) exchange of tourism research and statistics;
- (c) study visits of researchers and experts in tourism; and
- (d) human resource development.

Article 2

Entry Formalities and Procedures

In order to further develop tourist traffic between their respective countries, the Parties shall endeavour to simplify their travel procedures in accordance with their respective laws.

Article 3

Exchange Programmes

- (1) The Parties shall encourage and facilitate their respective peoples to mutually recognise each other's cultures and to organise regular exchange programmes in all areas of tourism.
- (2) The Parties shall co-operate in exchange programmes by way of tourism training and technical assistance, study visits and exchange of tourism experts. These exchanges shall be within the framework to be determined by both Parties.

Article 4

Investment

Subject to the domestic law in force in their respective countries, the Parties shall encourage mutual investment in each other's tourism industry in the following areas:

- (a) tourism infrastructure development;
- (b) development of beach and cruise tourism;
- (c) exchange of information and experiences in privatisation of hotels and tourism enterprises; and
- (d) any other form of tourism investment agreed upon by the Parties.

Article 5
Environmental Matters

The Parties shall co-operate in the development of eco-tourism and promote tourism without compromising the environment, indigenous culture and value systems.

Article 6
Joint Marketing

The Parties shall encourage and co-operate in joint marketing and promotion of domestic and international tourism.

Article 7
Existing Obligations

This Agreement shall not affect the validity of the execution of any existing obligations arising from other international tourism agreements, conventions and treaties concluded by either of the Parties prior to this Agreement.

Article 8
Competent Authority

- (1) South Africa hereby designates the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, and Nigeria hereby designates the Federal Ministry of Culture and Tourism, as the competent authorities for purpose of implementing this Agreement and other matters relating thereto.
- (2) Each Party shall have the right to designate in writing, at any time, any other appropriate body, organisation, Ministry or Department in place of the competent authorities designated in sub-Article (1).