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**South Africa  
and  
Namibia**

**Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Namibia on cooperation in the field of agriculture. Pretoria, 10 July 2009**

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**Mémorandum d'accord entre le Gouvernement de la République sud-africaine et le Gouvernement de la République de Namibie relatif à la coopération dans le domaine de l'agriculture. Pretoria, 10 juillet 2009**

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
SOUTH AFRICA**

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
NAMIBIA**

**ON**

**COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE**

## **PREAMBLE**

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Namibia, (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and in the singular as a "Party");

**TAKING** into consideration that it is in the interest of the Parties to maintain and strengthen their relations in the field of agriculture and livestock;

**AWARE** of the need to cooperate and promote special bilateral co-operation plans, with the aim of strengthening and consolidating bilateral relations in the field of agriculture between the Parties;

**RECOGNISING** the necessity of developing the human resources of the two countries, with a view to supporting their cooperation in developing agriculture;

**CONCIOUS** that the support of agricultural development in the two countries could enhance institutional cooperation between public sector entities in the agricultural sector;

**RECOGNISING** the mutual benefits arising from this Memorandum of Understanding;

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to strengthen and consolidate bilateral relations in the field of agriculture between the Parties.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **COMPETENT AUTHORITIES**

For the purpose of implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Competent Authorities shall be –

- a) in the case of Namibia, the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry; and
- b) in the case of South Africa, the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **SCOPE OF APPLICATION**

The Competent Authorities shall facilitate and oversee the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

### **ARTICLE 4**

#### **AREAS OF CO-OPERATION**

The Parties shall cooperate by means of joint developmental programmes, without prejudicing other fields of co-operation that may be considered in the future, in the following areas:

- a) animal health and production;
- b) plant health and production;
- c) research collaboration, food safety and aspects of agricultural products especially the nutritional aspects of indigenous food;
- d) capacity building on animal and plant health (sanitary and phytosanitary) matters;
- e) bilateral trade in agricultural products;
- f) food security;
- g) co-operation in multilateral issues;
- h) agricultural statistics;
- i) production economics and farming enterprise budgets;
- j) coordination of production and marketing programmes;
- k) protection and production of plant and animal genetic material;
- l) conservation of indigenous plant and animal material;
- m) control of the black fly along the Orange River;
- n) cooperation (information exchange) on migrant pests;
- o) cooperation on professional training; and
- p) promotion of agricultural investment.

### **ARTICLE 5**

#### **JOINT PROGRAMMES**

The Parties shall through the relevant institutions, draw up joint programmes, the details of which shall include-

- a) the objectives and duration of the programmes;
- b) the exact nature of the research, project or programme;
- c) the personnel responsible for the implementation;

- d) the financial needs and responsibilities; and
- e) reports, as agreed upon between the Parties, by the Joint Management Committee.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT**

The cooperation activities between the Parties shall be developed in general in the form of technical assistance, laboratory support and training undertaken through-

- a) exchange of technicians and researchers;
- b) study and elaboration of projects of technical assistance;
- c) exchange of scientific and technical information in the field of agricultural research conducted in the two countries;
- d) training involving courses, seminars, study tours and other necessary professional training;
- e) utilization of laboratory facilities involving the participation of public and private institutions in the area of livestock and plant protection;
- f) exchange of programmes for the improvement of animal and plant production and soil fertility storage and processing;
- g) market development and the promotion of international trade relations;
- h) secondment of staff for in-service training on agricultural statistics, production economics and enterprise budgets; and
- i) assistance in the identification of reputable management companies of grapes and other irrigation initiatives.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

1) The implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be managed by a Joint Management Committee to which each Competent Authority shall appoint three representatives.

2) The Joint Management Committee shall –

- a) draft an annual agricultural action plan;
- b) ensure that the actions are considered, evaluated and implemented;
- c) submit a report on the developmental activities as agreed by it; and
- d) when necessary, be supported by staff from the Competent Authorities.

3) For the evaluation of the annual work plan and reports, the Joint Management Committee shall meet once every 18 months alternately in the