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**Accord de coopération scientifique et technologique entre le Gouvernement de la République sud-africaine et le Gouvernement de la République du Rwanda. Le Cap, 25 mars 2009**

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**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

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

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**

**ON**

**SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL  
COOPERATION**

## **PREAMBLE**

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

**RECOGNISING** the importance of Science and technology in the development of their national economies;

**WISHING** to establish dynamic and effective international cooperation between the scientific communities in the two countries and in Africa;

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **PURPOSE**

The Parties shall support and develop cooperation in science and technology according to the provisions of this Agreement and subject to the domestic laws in force in their countries.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **MODALITIES OF COOPERATION**

Cooperation under this Agreement shall be based on shared responsibilities and equitable contributions and benefits between the Parties. Cooperation contemplated in this Agreement shall be effected by the –

- (a) exchange of scientists, researchers, experts, bursary-holders and course participants;
- (b) exchange of scientific and technological information and documentation;
- (c) organisation of bilateral scientific and technological seminars and courses in the fields of common interest; and

- (d) identification of scientific and technological problems, drawing up and implementation of joint research programmes and the implementation of the results thereof in industry, agriculture and other identified fields of activity, as well as the exchange of experience and know-how acquired in these sectors.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **COMPETENT AUTHORITIES**

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be—

- (a) in the case of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Science and Technology; and
- (b) in the case of the Government of the Republic of Rwanda, the Ministry in the President's Office in charge of Science and Technology.

### **ARTICLE 4**

#### **IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS AND PROTOCOLS**

- (1) The Parties shall, subject to the domestic laws in force in their respective countries, sign the implementation agreements or protocols necessary for the implementation of this Agreement.
- (2) The Parties undertake to promote, within the framework of this Agreement, scientific and technological cooperation between their respective government institutions, firms, research institutions, universities and other establishments for research and development, including the signing of implementation agreements in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- (3) The agreements and protocols referred to in Articles (1) and (2) shall—
  - (a) be signed by the Parties in accordance with the domestic laws and international obligations in force in their respective countries;

- (b) include provisions relating to intellectual property rights, in particular on the acquisition, protection, sharing, transfer, authorisation and licensing thereof and relevant financial settlements; and
- (c) include cooperation programmes in respect of which a report shall be drawn up every two (2) years or within such a period as may be agreed upon between the Parties, setting out the details of cooperative activities.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS**

- (1) Conditions relating to the supply and delivery of equipment and apparatus required for joint research and pilot project studies in terms of this Agreement shall be agreed upon, in writing, either between the Parties or between the various cooperating bodies, government institutions, firms, research institutions, universities and other establishments for research and development, as may be applicable in each case.
- (2) Where relevant, the delivery of equipment and apparatus from one country to the other in the course of the implementation of this Agreement shall be done in accordance with the terms and conditions agreed upon between the Parties.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

The Parties shall promote cooperation amongst scientific libraries, scientific and technological information centres and scientific institutions for the exchange of books, publications, periodicals and bibliographies, in particular the exchange of information and documents by means of electronic communication and information networks.