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**South Africa  
and  
Zambia**

**Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Zambia on cooperation in the field of agriculture and livestock farming. Lusaka, 8 December 2009**

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**Mémorandum d'accord entre le Gouvernement de la République sud-africaine et le Gouvernement de la République de Zambie relatif à la coopération en matière d'agriculture et d'élevage. Lusaka, 8 décembre 2009**

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

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

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
ZAMBIA**

**ON COOPERATION**

**IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE AND  
LIVESTOCK FARMING**

## **PREAMBLE**

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Zambia, (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 through successful diversified cooperation in the field of agriculture;

**RECOGNISING** the importance of drawing up a joint agricultural development programme for the effective utilization of resources of both countries in the field of agriculture and livestock farming, considering especially the potential of the two countries and the Southern Africa region;

**RECOGNISING** the necessity of developing the human resources of the two countries, with a view to supporting the joint effort in the development of agriculture and livestock;

**CONSCIOUS** that the support of agricultural development in the two countries could further the process of institutional cooperation between public sector entities that embrace and foster the agriculture and livestock sectors; and

**RECOGNISING** the mutual benefits arising from this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU");

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this MoU is 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.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **Competent Authorities**

For the purpose of implementation of this MoU the Competent Authorities shall be—

- (a) on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Zambia, the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries; and
- (b) on behalf of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the National Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **Scope of application**

- (1) For the purpose of commercial co-operation, the Parties shall endeavour to encourage *Zambian and South African companies to intensify commercial exchanges between the two countries.*
- (2) The commercial exchanges shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant domestic law and customs regulations in force in both countries.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **Areas of co-operation**

- (1) The objective of this MoU is to establish joint developmental agrarian programmes (hereinafter referred to as "the joint programmes"), without prejudicing other fields of co-operation that may be considered in the future, including—
  - (a) agriculture research development and technology transfer/extension;
  - (b) livestock production and health;

- (c) crop production and health;
  - (d) water management and Irrigation;
  - (e) agricultural mechanization;
  - (f) fresh water fisheries and aquaculture;
  - (g) exchange of Information and harmonization of policy and strategies;
  - (h) exchange of Information on agricultural information services;
  - (i) human resource development;
  - (j) value addition in agriculture products;
  - (k) agricultural products marketing and trade;
  - (l) exchange of information and capacity building in the implementation of multilateral commitments (i.e. Southern African Development Community (SADC), New Partnership for Africa's Development Programme (CAADP), African Union (AU), World Trade Organisation (WTO) etc.);
  - (m) seed production and quality control; and
  - (n) facilitating partnership and investment in the agricultural sector.
- (2) The Competent Authorities shall facilitate the necessary support and facilities to implement the joint programmes.
- (3) Identified fields of cooperation shall be detailed in the work programme of the Joint Working Group referred to in Article 8.

## ARTICLE 5

### **Institutional support**

The joint programmes between the Parties shall be developed in general in the form of technical assistance, laboratory support, information sharing, and training especially through—

- (a) exchange of technicians and researchers;
- (b) exchange of scientific and technical information in the field of agricultural research conducted in the two countries;
- (c) training involving courses, seminars, study tours and other necessary professional training;
- (d) development of common positions on regional and international issues affecting agriculture;
- (e) development of implementation plans through biennial work plans on joint operations to be drawn up by mutual agreement; and