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MEMORANDUM OF CO-OPERATION

BETWEEN

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

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
NAMIBIA**

**FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND
EMPOWERMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN
NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA**

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Namibia (herein referred to jointly as "Parties" and separately as "Party");

GUIDED by the provisions of the African Youth Charter, to which both Parties are signatories;

RECOGNISING their mutual interest in achieving better knowledge of each other in order to develop and promote joint initiatives in the field of youth development;

RECOGNISING the need to develop young people, particularly those in rural areas;

DESIROUS of strengthening co-operation between the two Parties in the field of youth development;

DESIRING to enter into a Memorandum of Co-operation for development and empowerment of young people, transformation of youth development services and exchange of programmes;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1 COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum of Co-operation shall be-

- 1) in the case of the Republic of Namibia, the Minister of Youth, National Service, Sport and Culture; and
- 2) in the case of the Republic of South Africa, the Minister of Performance, Monitoring and Evaluation.

ARTICLE 2
SCOPE OF CO-OPERATION

The Parties shall encourage mutual co-operation between the institutions and organisations working on youth development within their respective countries and to act at all times in good faith.

ARTICLE 3
AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

The Parties shall promote co-operation in the following areas:

- a) exchange of information on youth development research;
- b) skills development including capacity building concerning the National Youth Service Programme;
- c) leadership development of the youth;
- d) the promotion of access to finance for business development and support of youth owned enterprises;
- e) the facilitation of market linkages for youth owned and youth serving businesses;
- f) the promotion of the development of marginalised and vulnerable young people, particularly those in rural areas;
- g) the sharing of experience in areas that enhance social cohesion such as sports, arts, culture and heritage;
- h) the promotion of exchange of visits for the purposes of learning and skills transfer;
- i) the sharing of perspectives or positions prior to participating in multilateral forum on youth development;
- j) the sharing of best practices in the area of youth development; and
- k) any other areas agreed to by the Parties in writing.

ARTICLE 4
MEANS OF CO-OPERATION

The Parties agree to cooperate by means of:

- a) hosting joint workshops and seminars on the areas as mentioned in Article 2;
- b) exchanging visits and jointly organising meetings as well as conferences held alternately in both countries;

- c) exchanging training curricula for managers and staff of institutions or organisations responsible for youth development;
- d) exchanging documentation and information on youth development;
- e) undertaking joint projects for the benefit of youth in both countries; and
- f) monitoring, evaluating and reporting on implementation of this Memorandum of Co-operation.

ARTICLE 5

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF CO-OPERATION

This Memorandum of Co-operation shall be implemented by the Parties in accordance with the domestic laws of their respective countries.

ARTICLE 6

DUTIES OF PARTIES

The Parties undertake to facilitate in country travel arrangements for in accordance with the policies and laws of their respective countries.

ARTICLE 7

REASONABLE MEASURES TO ENSURE SAFETY

The Parties shall undertake reasonable measures to ensure the safety of all staff and programme beneficiaries.

ARTICLE 8

APPOINTMENT OF JOINT COMMITTEE

For purposes of monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the provisions of this Memorandum of Co-operation, a 'Joint Committee' comprising of representatives from both countries shall be appointed, on such terms as may be agreed upon in writing by the Parties.