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**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

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

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR**

**ON**

**SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL  
COOPERATION**

## **PREAMBLE**

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

**CONSIDERING** that the expansion of scientific and technological relations would be of mutual benefit to the Parties;

**DESIROUS** of strengthening cooperation between the Parties in science, technology and innovation;

**RECOGNISING** the importance of science, technology and innovation for national, regional and continental economic development; and

**RECOGNISING** that this cooperation would further the development of the friendly relations already existing between the Parties,

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **PURPOSE**

The Parties shall cooperate to develop and deepen their scientific, technological and innovation relations in equal partnership and to the mutual benefit of their respective scientific, technological and innovation systems.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **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 Madagascar, the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this Agreement shall be to—

- (a) promote information and knowledge sharing about the Parties' policies relating to research, technological development and innovation;
- (b) promote the development of joint scientific and technological solutions in support of the Parties' developmental agendas; and
- (c) promote the emergence of scientific, technological and innovation research involving the Parties' industrial communities in support of creating knowledge economies for mutual benefit.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **MODALITIES OF COOPERATION**

- (1) In order to implement the objectives set out in Article 3, the Parties shall—

- (a) organise bilateral events bringing together experts from the Parties' academic, scientific, industrial and institutional circles to promote scientific, technological and innovation cooperation;
  - (b) initiate exploratory missions by designated authorities, researchers and experts to develop joint programmes, projects and initiatives;
  - (c) undertake joint scientific and technological research programmes with emphasis on bilateral, trilateral regional and multilateral networking in areas of mutual interest;
  - (d) promote the exchange of scientists, including doctoral and post-doctoral students, technical personnel and experts as part of programmes and projects; and
  - (e) cooperate in respect of all other agreed programmes or actions and implement any other agreed cooperation modality.
- (2) As a rule, joint projects and programmes shall give rise to joint calls for proposals.
- (3) Cooperation actions referred to in this Article are subject to the availability of funds of each Party.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

- (1) For the implementation of the activities contemplated in Articles 3 and 4, the Parties may—
- (a) share information about their policies and priorities with regard to research, scientific and technological development and innovation;
  - (b) promote the exchange of information, documents, books, journals and bibliographies between scientific libraries, scientific and technological information centres, and scientific institutions, especially through electronic information and communication networks; and