

**South Africa
and
Uganda**

Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Uganda on co-operation in the fields of the environment and natural resources. Pretoria, 9 November 2012

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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

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

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
UGANDA**

ON CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF

**THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER
RESOURCES**

PREAMBLE

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

WILLING to strengthen the friendly relations and the strategic partnership between the two countries;

DETERMINED to strengthen and deepen technical co-operation relations under the Agreement on Technical Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Uganda;

CONVINCED that the environment and water resources on a national and global level must be managed efficiently in the interest of present and future generations of humankind, and that the policies and decisions must be geared to the guiding principle of sustainable development along the lines of Agenda 21 as agreed to at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development ("UNCED"), held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation as agreed to at the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg in 2002;

RECOGNIZING the importance of co-operative efforts to promote environmental protection and sustainable development of water resources;

EMPHASIZING that economic and social development, eradication of poverty and provision of sustainable livelihood, as well as environmentally compatible management of natural resources are integral and mutually supportive parts of sustainable development of water resources;

WILLING to promote closer and long term co-operation in the field of the environment and water resources;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1
COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

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

- (a) in the case of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Environmental Affairs and the Department of Water Affairs; and
- (b) in the case of the Republic of Uganda, the Ministry of Water and Environment.

ARTICLE 2
CO-OPERATION

- (1) The Parties shall co-operate in the areas specified in Article 3 on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit, taking into consideration their national environmental and water policies.
- (2) Co-operation undertaken pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement shall be subject to the domestic law in force in the territories of the Parties.

ARTICLE 3
AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

- (1) Co-operation between the Parties with regard to environmental issues shall include the following areas:
 - (a) Joint efforts to pursue the goals set by the UNCED and the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD);

- (b) the exchange of views and experiences on instruments for environmental policy and management, as well as on the strengthening of environmental awareness by means of environmental education and participation therein of their citizens; and
 - (c) exchange of information and technical support related to environmental legislation, policies, environmentally sound technologies and their applications in the areas of—
 - (i) biodiversity (wetlands, alien invasive species management, anti-poaching);
 - (ii) land degradation and desertification; and
 - (iii) environmental management (pollution and waste management, environmental enforcement and compliance).
 - (d) management of environmental and socio-economic impacts; and
 - (e) any other related interests as may be agreed upon in writing by the Parties.
- (2) Co-operation between the Parties with regard to water issues shall include the following areas:
- (a) Water resources management, including relevant policies and regulations;
 - (b) the formulation of water strategies, policies and planning such as South Africa's National Water Resources Strategy and its approach to Water for Growth and Development;
 - (c) design, construction and maintenance of large dams;
 - (d) rainwater harvesting in support of resources for poor farmers;
 - (e) transfer or pumping of water from large river systems;
 - (f) ground water exploration and rain water ;
 - (g) flood and drought control measures; and
 - (h) any other related interests as may be agreed upon in writing by the Parties.

ARTICLE 4
MEASURES

In order to implement co-operation in the areas specified in Article 3, the Parties shall –

- (a) exchange information on environmentally sound technologies;
- (b) share information, expertise and experiences in Wetland Management through networking, joint training programs and exchange visits;
- (c) organize meetings of experts, seminars and joint training programmes; support programmes and initiatives in the area of sustainable development of water resources,
- (d) provide technical support towards environmental and water legislation, policies and planning programmes; and
- (e) promote joint research and development, as well as scientific studies in the field of biodiversity.

ARTICLE 5
IMPLEMENTATION

- (1) Each Competent Authority shall appoint a coordinator to assist with the implementation of this Agreement.
- (2) Regular meetings to review the implementation of this Agreement shall be held involving the Competent Authorities, the Ministries of Foreign Relations and other interested institutions of both countries.
- (3) The venues and dates of the meetings contemplated in sub-Article (2) shall be as agreed upon in writing by the Parties through the diplomatic channel.
- (4) Each Party shall bear its own costs and expenses arising from the implementation of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 6
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation, application or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiations between the Parties.

ARTICLE 7
AMENDMENT

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between the Parties through the diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE 8
ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION


- (1) This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature thereof.
- (2) This Agreement shall remain in force until terminated in accordance with sub-Article (3)
- (3) This Agreement may be terminated by either Party giving 6 (six) months written notice in advance through the diplomatic channel to the other Party of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed and sealed this Agreement in duplicate in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE at PRETORIA on this 9 day of NOVEMBER
2012.



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF UGANDA