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**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

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

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
NIGER**

**ON**

**A FRAMEWORK FOR CO-OPERATION**

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## **PREAMBLE**

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

**CONSIDERING** the need for the promotion of collaboration between sister countries within the African Union;

**DESIRING** to reinforce friendship and co-operation between the Parties in different fields;

**RECOGNIZING** the need for adopting measures to increase co-operation between the Parties; and

**PURSUANT** to the domestic law in force in their respective countries and with respect for the independence and sovereignty of the Parties;

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

### Article 1

## **OBJECTIVE**

The Parties agree to continue with their efforts to strengthen their relationship in all areas of common interest including in the political, social, cultural, scientific and technical sectors within a spirit of brotherly solidarity.

### Article 2

## **AREAS OF CO-OPERATION**

Co-operation shall focus, among others, on the following sectors of development:

- (a) Trade and industry;
- (b) agriculture and livestock;
- (c) transport;
- (d) minerals and energy;
- (e) education;
- (f) research; and
- (g) arts, craft and culture.

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Article 3

**COMPETENT AUTHORITY**

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 Foreign Affairs; and
- (b) in the case of the Republic of Niger, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Co-operation and African Integration.

Article 4

**MODALITIES OF CO-OPERATION**

The Parties agree to exchange information about the domestic law in force in their countries that pertain to co-operation within all the common areas of interest.

Article 5

**MOVEMENT OF EXPERTS**

The Parties undertake to facilitate the movement of their experts working in the areas and sectors provided for in Articles 1 and 2.

Article 6

**PARTNERSHIPS**

The Parties agree to encourage partnerships between public or private institutions in their respective countries involved in the areas and sectors provided for in Articles 1 and 2.

Article 7

**MEETINGS**

- 1) The Parties agree to have meetings focusing on co-operation in the areas and sectors provided for in Articles 1 and 2.
- 2) The Parties shall meet once a year.
- 3) The meetings shall be composed of representatives designated by the Parties.
- 4) The travel expenses of the meeting shall be borne by the sending Party, while other expenses shall be borne according to the terms agreed upon, in writing between the Parties.

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Article 8

**PARTICIPATION**

The Parties agree to participate in exhibitions, fairs and festivals in their respective countries, when possible and in terms of budgetary allocations.

Article 9

**PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN PRIVATE SECTORS**

The Parties shall promote partnerships between their private sectors in accordance with the domestic law in force in their respective countries and in consideration of their commitments to sub-regional, regional and international organisations of which they are members.

Article 10

**IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS**

Each Party shall facilitate the entry into its country of nationals from the other Party for purposes of the implementation of projects set up under this Agreement, in accordance with the domestic law in force in their respective countries.

Article 11

**TECHNICAL AGREEMENTS OR ARRANGEMENTS**

- 1) Pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, the Parties shall conclude specific technical agreements or arrangements, with regard to the sectors referred to in Article 2.
- 2) The technical agreements or arrangements referred to in sub-Article 1) shall inter alia specify -
  - (a) the objectives to be reached;
  - (b) the work schedules;
  - (c) the obligations of the Parties;
  - (d) the financing requirements; and
  - (e) the organisation and structures necessary for implementation.

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