



CO-OPERATION ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN
THE PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL
(Republic of South Africa)
AND
THE STATE OF MARYLAND
(United States of America)

The Province of KwaZulu-Natal and the State of Maryland (the parties) –

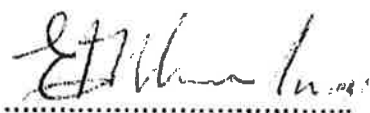
- (a) driven by the desire for the strengthening of economic, trade and investment, scientific, cultural, and human relations;
 - (b) assured in the belief that firm and friendly relations between the two regions will assist and promote mutual growth and development; and
 - (c) mindful of the desire to pursue common goals,
- therefore record their following understandings/intentions –

1. The strengthening of friendly relations and co-operation with a view to the promotion of improved knowledge and mutual understanding between the citizens of the two regions;
2. The promotion of development and co-operation and the exchange of knowledge, skills and expertise in the following fields –
 - 2.1. the enhancement of economic development through business, trade and investment;
 - 2.2. the promotion of tourism;
 - 2.3. agriculture development and agribusiness;
 - 2.4. education and training exchange programmes;
 - 2.5. social development exchange programmes;
 - 2.6. port collaboration and maritime exchange programmes;
 - 2.7. the exchange of heritage and cultural preservation exchange programmes, and
 - 2.8. sport exchange programmes;

3. No technological information or other confidential information received within the framework of this Co-operation Arrangement may be disclosed or divulged except in terms of a written arrangement to which the signatories to this Co-operation Arrangement are also signatories;
4. That within the broad frameworks set out above –
 - 4.1. The Office of the Premier of KwaZulu Natal and the Office of the Governor of the State of Maryland will be jointly responsible for co-ordinating this exploratory work and facilitating any resultant activities;
 - 4.2. the progression of such work will be at the discretion and subject to the applicable laws, regulations and policies and available resources of both Parties;
 - 4.3. the co-operation is to find expression in future projects, programmes and joint activities to be agreed upon based on mutual interest; and
 - 4.4. matters of specific implementation are to be managed by the respective technical and administrative institutions; and
5. This Co-operation Arrangement –
 - 5.1. is subject to constitutional procedures and prevailing laws of the respective states and countries;
 - 5.2. does not create a legal relationship between the parties;
 - 5.3. takes effect from the date of final execution and continues in force for a period of five (5) years;
 - 5.4. may be amended or renewed in writing by the signatures of both signatories; and
 - 5.5. may be terminated at any time by one signatory giving three (3) months written notice to the other signatory, provided that both signatories will endeavour to complete any project, programme or joint activity already undertaken prior to termination.

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation of implementation of this Cooperation Arrangement shall be settled amicably by consultation and negotiation in good faith between the Parties.

Signed in duplicate in Annapolis, Maryland on January 15, 2015, both texts being equally authentic.



Edward Senzo Mchunu
Premier of KwaZulu-Natal



Martin O'Malley
Governor of the State of Maryland