

AGREED MINUTES

**THIRD JOINT COMMISSION
FOR CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS**

**CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME
FOR THE YEARS 2007, 2008 AND 2009**

Brussels, 25 April 2007

In keeping with the provisions of the Co-operation Treaty between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Flemish Government, signed in Pretoria on 27 November 2000, the third Joint Commission for Co-operation between South Africa and Flanders was held in Brussels on 23, 24 and 25 April 2007.

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OPENING

The Head of the Flemish delegation, Diane Verstraeten, Secretary-General of the Flemish Department of Foreign Affairs, welcomed the South African delegation and introduced the members of the Flemish delegation. She expressed her appreciation for the excellent co-operation between Flanders and South Africa in various areas during the past years and stressed once again the great importance Flanders attached to the close relations with South Africa.

The Head of the South African delegation, Gert Grobler, Acting Deputy Director General of the South African Department of Foreign Affairs thanked the Flemish delegation for the warm welcome and in turn introduced the South African delegation. Ambassador Grobler welcomed the constructive approach of Flanders towards co-operation with South Africa based on the principles of partnership, ownership, mutual commitment, trust and understanding. Much progress had been made towards addressing the issue of poverty and service delivery in South Africa but important challenges remain such as education and skills development.

Flanders and South Africa agreed on the importance of addressing the duality in the South African economy. The agreed co-operation is therefore closely aligned to the aims of South African Government programmes, notably ASGISA and JIPSA

The Parties adopted the following programme for 2007, 2008 and 2009:

1. DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION

Both Parties expressed their satisfaction with the constructive outcome of the Annual Flemish/South African Consultations which took place in Brussels on 23 April 2007.

The conclusions of the Annual Consultations are contained in Annexure A.

2. ECONOMY

Both Parties underlined the importance of co-operating in developing the SMME-sector in South Africa.

2.1. Results of the working programme 2005-2006

In the Co-operation Programme Flanders – South Africa 2005-2006, Mrs Fientje Moerman, Vice-Minister-President of the Flemish Government and Flemish Minister for Economy, Enterprise, Science, Innovation and Foreign Trade, expressed her willingness to support a number of co-operation projects between Flanders and the Republic of South Africa focused on the following three priorities:

- promoting entrepreneurship;
- creating an enabling environment for business and entrepreneurs;
- enhancing the competitiveness and capacity of all vital economic actors.

In December 2005 a call for the submission of co-operation proposals was launched. The call was directed at all relevant and competent public and private actors (e.g.

intermediary business organisations like the Chambers of Commerce and professional associations) in these fields.

In total five proposals were submitted. After a joint evaluation of the proposals by the Flemish and the South African parties in January-February 2006, all five co-operation proposals were conditionally approved. All project promoters revised their individual proposals accordingly which led to final approval in May 2006. The approved projects are listed below.

The goal to have all projects up and running starting from 2006 was completely realised. All projects received a first part of their grant and are running smoothly. Before receiving a second part of their grant, the projects will be subjected to an interim evaluation. An overall mid-term evaluation of the projects is foreseen after 18 months of activities.

2.2. Overview of the five operational projects

- ZA/001/06 SAPLATO: Sharing SMME Development Experience (Promotor: Voka – Kamer van Koophandel Antwerpen-Waasland)
- ZA/002/06 Waste minimisation in SMEs (Promotor: Ecolas NV)
- ZA/003/06 Ntataise Project- hand holding of SMME's in South Africa (Promotor: Unizo International)
- ZA/004/06 Entrepreneurship Training for prospective entrepreneurs in KwaZulu-Natal (Promotor: Syntra Midden-Vlaanderen)
- ZA/005/06 Plato South Africa (Promotor: Voka – Kamer van Koophandel Oost-Vlaanderen)

Both Parties agreed that the aforesaid projects should be reviewed for the purpose of evaluating the feasibility of continuing similar interventions in the future.

As regards the co-operation programme for the years 2007, 2008, 2009, Mrs Fientje Moerman, the Vice-Minister-President of the Flemish Government and Flemish Minister for Economy, Enterprise, Science, Innovation and Foreign Trade, expressed her intention of looking into the possibility of providing training and scholarships directed at facilitating the setting up of SMME's in South Africa.

South Africa welcomed this initiative in principle.

2.3. Specific actions concerning the exchange of information and knowledge

The Flemish Party, i.e. the Agency for Economy of the Flemish Government, proposed the following fields of expertise as topics for which it can guarantee a highly qualitative transfer and exchange of knowledge and information:

▪ General economic and regional policies concerning SMMEs

Particular attention shall be given to:

- efficient instruments and means of financial support for companies;
- entrepreneurship (a.o. parenthood or mentorship projects, promotion campaigns on entrepreneurship, strengthening business associations and networks);

– efficient institutional support network for start-ups.

▪ **Regional development policy and the European Fund for Regional Development (ERDF)**

Particular attention will be paid to the system of Flemish regional and spatial economic policy (sub-regional economic policy aimed at sub-regions).

Attention will also be given to the structure and role of the European Fund for Regional Development and specific Territorial Co-operation Programmes (e.g. Interreg IV-C), as well as their impact on regional development policies and projects in Flanders.

▪ **Sustainable infrastructure and sustainable management of business premises**

Particular attention will be paid to the results and outputs of a Flemish “Innovative Actions” project, supported by the European Union, related to this issue.

▪ **Enterprise coaching programme: parenthood or mentorship projects (PLATO)**

Particular attention will be given to PLATO or parenthood projects. These projects are aimed at professionalizing the management of small enterprises and enhancing networking between enterprises. The strategy consists in setting up fixed groups of small enterprise managers with one or two counsellors to exchange experiences on a monthly basis during one or two years. The counsellors are executives from large companies or experienced self-employed persons who are willing to put their experience at the disposal of other entrepreneurs.

2.4 Exchange of delegations.

Both Parties are interested in the possibility of exchanging a limited group of experts and officials in the economic fields mentioned under 1.2.

This exchange will be aimed at transferring experiences, knowledge, documentation, work models and information in these fields, as well as providing specific training.

2.5. Diamond Sector

2.5.1. In the spirit of co-operation between South Africa and Flanders, South African participants are benefiting from training programmes at the Antwerp Diamond and Jewellery Management Institute, of which South Africa is a founding partner.

2.5.2. Within the context of the “Agreement on Gemology and Mineral Beneficiation” signed between South Africa and Flanders in November 2004, both parties welcomed partnerships between South African and autonomous Flemish R&D institutions for joint research projects.

The South African Department of Minerals and Energy will formulate a strategic approach on how best to maximize co-operation, based on the priorities and challenges of the development within the South African sector.

2.5.3. Further potential co-operation may include:

- Promotion of joint ventures and partnerships that would bring valuable skills, technology and capacity building to the sector. Through the "Fund Flanders International" of the Flemish financial holding company "Participatie Maatschappij Vlaanderen (PMV)" private businesses may apply for a financial participation of PMV for an amount of up to 1 million Euro as a full partner in a foreign business undertaking of a Flemish company abroad in the framework of a joint venture or outward investment. This participation may last for a period of 5 to 8 years. The autonomous decision of PMV will be based on the evaluation of a businessplan and will take account of the investment of the Flemish business partner and their (foreign) partner(s).
- Co-operation through the mentorship project carried out by the respective Chambers of Commerce in the context of the project already selected (see 2.1) to implement the Declaration of Intent on Co-operation in the field of SMME Development signed between South Africa and Flanders in November 2004 and in so far as the project partners could direct a part of their co-operation specifically to the diamond sector.

2.5.4. To promote opportunities for value-added investment and business-to-business linkages in the sector and to launch opportunities for bilateral co-operation, the South African side proposed that H.E. Deputy President Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka lead a Diamond Investment Roadshow to Antwerp in October 2007.

The seminar will be organized by the South African side during this period to address critical issues such as fast tracking priority areas under ASGI-SA and to market investment opportunities in South Africa. It is envisaged that the Seminar would include the following key topics:

- Regulatory environment – clarification of legislative amendments, role of the SDT, taxation, BEE
- Production and supply of diamonds
- Financing diamond industry activities
- Technology developments in the sector
- Opportunities for co-operation e.g. cutting and polishing; dredging
- Priority skills development and training
- Jewelry and fashion design
- Diamond branding
- Kimberly Process Certification Scheme - Footprinting
- Study on small scale mining

This promotional campaign will coincide with the Antwerp World Diamond Conference.

The South African Embassy will constitute a working group to prepare the Diamond Investment Roadshow and Seminar and will co-ordinate with all interested parties.

2.6. Foreign Trade

The Flemish Agency for Investment and Trade (FIT) has planned the following missions and trade activities in South(ern) Africa:

- a multisectoral business mission to South Africa and Mozambique (19-25 November 2007)
- a multisectoral business mission to South Africa and Namibia/Botswana (2008)
- a collective/group stand at the Hostex-Fair (Horeca-related business) Johannesburg (2009)
- a multisectoral business mission South Africa and Mauritius (2009)
- PSB-stand on Africa Rail / Transafrica (logistics & transport) in Johannesburg / Durban (2008)

The South African side welcomed these proposed economic activities in the region.

3. SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

3.1. Results of the working programme 2005-2006

- Since 2001 Flemish experts had been working with South Africa to develop a new sustainable water management policy consistent with the South African National Water Act (NWA). Flanders contributed to the Framework Programme for Education on structured consultations and improved networking between the local research institutions that are required to implement sustainable water management policy. As part of a specific initiative, 7 South Africans followed basic training between 2001 and 2005 and have since passed on the knowledge they acquired to 414 professionals and students in South Africa. In addition 3 networks have been certified as operating in accordance with the principles of the NWA, and two audits have been produced, together with associated software.
- The 26 bilateral projects selected in December 2004 have been executed as planned during the working programme 2005-2006 as agreed between the South African National Research Foundation (NRF) and the Flemish Administration Wetenschap en Innovatie (AWI). These projects were concluded in 2006.
- South Africa and Flanders organised a workshop in Cape Town in March 2006 to celebrate "ten years of scientific and technological co-operation" and to discuss the technical aspects of future co-operation. This workshop was jointly organised by the NRF, the South African Ministry for Science and Technology (DST) and AWI. Both Ministers attended this workshop.
- The South African and Flemish Ministers of Science and Technology met twice. The Flemish Minister visited South Africa in March 2006 for a working visit whereas the South African Minister paid a return visit to Flanders in October 2006.

3.2. Working programme 2007-2009

Both parties agree :

- To continue the collaboration on sustainable water management policy programme (Framework for "Empowerment and Training in the field of Water),

which will run until 2010. Flanders raised the investment to 794.000 Euro. This partner contribution equals 41% of the total FETWater II budget of 1.941.000 Euro. FETWater was set up by Flanders as part of UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme (IHP)

- To continue the promotion of co-operation in the fields of science and innovation between the two sides. Science and innovation should be understood in the sense that all fields of science research and innovation, whether fundamental or applied, are eligible. Similarly, all fields of technological research, whether basic or applied, can be the domain of eligible co-operation initiatives.
- To exchange information on science, technology and innovation and to inform one another on co-operation opportunities.
- To jointly investigate the development of the most appropriate mechanisms to stimulate the co-operation between researchers and for the selection and financing of co-operative initiatives.

4. PUBLIC GOVERNANCE

4.1. Results of the working programme 2005-2006

- The Flemish support to the South African Management Development Institute (SAMDI) in the 2005-2006 programme of activities was realised in co-operation with the International Labour Organization (ILO) (see 5.2.).
- The Flemish Minister for Public Governance, Foreign Policy, Media and Tourism approved a subsidy of 46.000 Euro in 2006 to the Constitutional Court Trust as a contribution towards the costs for the placement with the Constitutional Court of clerks from Southern African countries in 2007 and 2008.
- The activities of AWEPA (Association of Western European Parliamentarians for Africa) have been supported since 2002 by the Flemish Department of Foreign Affairs. These activities are concentrated in the provinces of Free State, Limpopo and KwaZulu Natal. Between 2003 and 2006 the South African Provincial Legislatures Support Programme: Speaker's Forum Human Resource Development" was supported. In 2006 the execution of the "South African Provincial Legislatures Support Programme for Free State, Limpopo and KwaZulu Natal 2005-2006" was started with co-financing from Flanders. This project will end by the middle of 2008.

4.2. Working programme 2007-2009

- Flanders is investigating how it can continue to contribute to the project "South African Provincial Legislatures Support Programme for Free State, Limpopo, and KwaZulu Natal provinces 2007-2009", for the period of the working programme 2007-2009.

- The Flemish Department of Administrative Affairs, SAMDI and the South African Department of Public Service and Administration agreed to jointly examine opportunities for co-operation in the field of experts regarding human resources management, recruitment policy, integrity policy and its application, ICT, e-government, urban policy and relations with local governments, facility management, research and knowledge management, regulatory management, monitoring and evaluation including policy evaluation.
In particular co-operation with SAMDI (including funding support) should focus inter alia on developing a model for monitoring and evaluation which will apply to:
 - community development programmes
 - accelerated development programmes
 - massification of SAMDI programmes
 - the technical co-operation through the ILO with respect to capacity building by means of trilateral agreements with the ILO; and the two gender projects.
- Both Parties wish to give substance to this new co-operation through the exchange of information, expertise, know-how and best practices between the administrations.
- Both Parties agreed to examine whether working visits by experts (civil servants, academics) can also be organised in the field of public governance. These working visits would be linked, as much as possible, to the participation in workshops, seminars, symposia and placements, including joint presentations.
- Both Parties would seek to organise mutual working visits in the second half of 2007. As a result of these working visits concrete co-operation initiatives could be identified, after joint consultation, for implementation in 2008 and 2009.

5. TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Both Parties referred to Article 15 of the Treaty regarding the co-operation within the framework of international organisations and their respective programmes.

5.1. Results of the working programme 2005-2006

During the period 2005-2006, the following projects were implemented or started:

5.1.1. International Labour Organization (ILO)

- The Flemish side informed the South African side of the fact that an ILO project entitled **SAY-JUMP!** has been initiated. This ILO programme focuses on:
 - skills training in cooperative entrepreneurship for young women and men and SMME development;
 - poverty alleviation through community-based job creation in rural and urban areas;
 - to guarantee a long-term livelihood for young women and men.

The funding from the Flemish Government to the ILO for this project amounts to 300.000 Euro. The project, started in January 2006 and ending in December 2008, is running on schedule according to the progress reports.

- Within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of South Africa and the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITC-ILO) as well as the Co-operation Agreement between the ILO and the Flemish Government, the latter has approved a contribution of 200.000 Euro to ITC-ILO to implement the project **“Capacity-building for Gender-sensitive Delivery of Government Services”** in close co-operation with the South African Management Development Institute (SAMDI).

The project started in November 2006 and is due to end in April 2008. The programme consists of two online courses: **“The Gender Mainstreaming Programme (GMP)”** and the **“Gender, Poverty and Employment (GPE)”** programme. For both courses SAMDI selected 14 key facilitators/assessors for national and provincial level.

5.1.2. New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)

On 15 December 2006, the Flemish Government approved support for the “Stakeholder Engagement in the NEPAD implementation” programme for an amount of 225.000 Euro. This contribution will assist NEPAD to bring the NEPAD activities to the attention of civil society throughout Southern Africa via an awareness workshop. This workshop will take place in Lesotho in 2007.

The South African side welcomed this support and stressed the critical importance of NEPAD for the continent.

5.1.3. Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Flanders made a voluntary contribution of 30.000 Euro for the evaluation of the South African education system in 2006. This project has been co-financed by the Flemish Department of Education.

5.2. Working Programme 2007-2009

Agreement was reached on the following initiatives for the period 2007-2009:

5.2.1. International Labour Organization (ILO)

Flanders will continue to fund projects in South Africa and Southern Africa through the ILO/Flanders Trust Fund. An ILO project on youth employment and enterprise development is to be defined through further consultations with the ILO and relevant departments in South Africa. Two ITC-ILO projects have been identified for implementation in the period 2007-2009. The projects are the following:

- **Strengthening Social Dialogue in the Southern African Development Community (SADC): A capacity development programme (300.000 Euro)**

- This capacity development project aims at strengthening social dialogue regarding the policy processes managed at regional level in the southern African region and to support the SADC Secretariat in this respect.
- The project is composed of a preparatory mission involving the Flemish Social Economic Council (SERV), the preparation of background papers and a course package involving both the Dutch and the Flemish Social Economic Councils and co-ordinated by ITC-ILO. Thematic workshops will be held for employment administrations, the employers and the unions as well as a tripartite workshop, complemented with specific technical support to the SADC Secretariat regarding social dialogue and for social and economic policy formulation.
- **Regional Integration, Economic Partnership Agreements and their impact on employment and labour market policies: An awareness and capacity development project (225.000 Euro)**
 - This capacity development project aims to raise awareness and strengthen capacity among the social partners and Ministries of Employment regarding regional economic integration and its impact on employment and labour market policies.
 - The ITC-ILO proposes to improve understanding of the impact of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with the EU on regional integration in SADC. The purpose is to develop, “decent work indicators” to measure the effects of trade liberalisation on employment and social policies. The final objective is to increase ownership of the social partners and the concerned labour administrations of the tools of analysis and impact assessment for the purpose of making their requisite policy choices for regional integration.
 - Given South Africa’s commitment to SADC and regional integration this project was welcomed by the South African side.

5.2.2. Southern African Development Community (SADC)

- A workshop on the African Maritime Institute (AMI) Initiative was convened in Durban in February 2007 to bring stakeholders together from a national, provincial and local level to consolidate the existing initiatives towards the establishment of the AMI. In particular, the meeting sought to achieve support at all levels for the significant efforts undertaken at local and provincial levels, and to move the initiative forward in terms of defining a process for putting in place the essential partnerships and the appropriate organisational structures to ensure its sustainability, as well as an operational strategy and proposed timelines.

South Africa and Flanders and in particular the Antwerp Port, have established a sound record of co-operation in the maritime sector. So far, over 150 South Africans have benefited from port training scholarships at APEC-Antwerp/Flanders Port Training Centre.

Flanders is supportive of South Africa’s desire to establish a complementary training facility in South Africa which could ultimately serve the needs of the SADC region.

Given South Africa's commitment to the SADC region this project was welcomed by the South African side.

- Both sides agreed to explore further opportunities for joint support of the SADC Secretariat.

5.2.3. New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)

Both sides agreed to examine new joint initiatives in support of NEPAD as well as trilateral co-operation in Africa with emphasis on post-conflict/election reconstruction.

6. MEDIA

6.1. Results of the working programme 2005-2006

Flanders organised and financed a training course in "video-journalism" in February and March 2006 in Johannesburg for five journalists of the public broadcaster "South African Broadcasting Corporation" (SABC). This course was organised by the Flemish Media-Corporation Concentra in co-operation with the Rosenblum Institute of Brussels. The Flemish Minister for Public Governance, Foreign Policy, Media and Tourism approved an amount of 57.000 Euro for this project.

6.2. Working programme 2007-2009

The Flemish Party wishes to set up co-operation with South Africa in the audiovisual sector and in particular with regard to regional and community television. In this respect both Parties acknowledge that future decisions on joint projects will be based on technical excellence criteria.

The Flemish Minister for Public Governance, Foreign Policy, Media and Tourism approved an amount of 20.000 Euro in 2006 to support a working visit of the South African media sector to Flanders in the second half of 2007.

Flanders expressed the wish that the South African delegation should be representative of the South African media-sector. Participants from different organisations will be invited such as GCIS (Government Communication and Information Services), ICASA (Independent Communications Authority of South Africa), MDDA (Media Development and Diversity Agency), Oryxmedia (a multi-media agency), South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) and policymakers.

After the working visit both Parties will jointly explore potential opportunities for future co-operation.

The South African side will liaise with the relevant authorities regarding the implementation of the project.

7. EDUCATION

7.1. Values in Education (ViE)

The project entitled 'A Whole School Development for Values in Education' started in 2005 and will end in October 2007. Both Parties agree to jointly evaluate the project after completion of the activities. Based on the outcome of the evaluation of the programme, a further project will be considered to build on the successes of the current project. It is envisaged that lessons learnt could be mutually beneficial to both Parties.

7.2. The Culture of Learning Association

At the end of 2006 two projects were initiated through the Culture of Learning Association. These are the "Support for Foundation Phase Educators to manage the First Additional Language and the Language of Learning and Teaching effectively"-project in the Free State and the "Support for Educator Development Programmes in Language, Mathematics and Science"- project in the Utukela District in KwaZulu Natal.

Both these projects will continue until 2008 in consultation with the national Department of Education on its implementation plans and envisaged outcomes.

7.3. Co-operation with the Free State

The Flemish Department of Education has the intention to work with the Free State Education Department on good governance and management. Representatives of the Free State Department of Education will consider possible areas of collaboration with Flanders. during their working visit in April 2007

The Flemish Department of Education also wishes to continue to cooperate with the same partner in the Free State around the issue of **Early Childhood Development**.

This project was started three years ago under the heading of Development Co-operation. Given the fact that both Parties are satisfied with the achieved results and the progress of the project, a follow-up project will be adopted within the framework of bilateral co-operation. The project manager of this new project to be started will pay a working visit to Flanders in June 2007.

The Free State Department of Education will submit the proposals for these projects via the National Department of Education for consideration by Flanders.

7.4. Institutional co-operation

Both Parties agree on the importance of an institutional co-operation between South African and Flemish universities, if possible through the European "Erasmus-Mundi" programme.

Therefore both Parties welcome the interest of the Flemish Department of Education to foster an institutional co-operation between the University of Antwerp, the Technical University of Tshwane and other South African universities. It will be examined how this inter-university

co-operation can be supported by both Flanders and South Africa, and will include the exchange of professors, teachers, experts and policy makers on a reciprocal basis.

7.5. Promotion of Science, Technology and Engineering studies

Both parties exchanged information on working towards the promotion of science education and outreach. In particular to allow greater opportunities for students in science and mathematics, especially girls, to access science related fields of study, which includes engineering and space technology. Both Parties encouraged universities and science practitioners in the respective countries to participate in each others science fairs.

8. ENVIRONMENT

Working Programme 2007-2009

8.1. Kyoto Protocol

Flanders expressed the wish to co-operate with South Africa within the objectives of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol, in particular to facilitate co-operation in the field of Clean Development Mechanism under Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol.

To this end the Flemish side proposed to draft a Memorandum of Understanding which the South African side will further pursue with the relevant South African authorities.

8.2. New proposals

Flanders is willing to examine new proposals from South Africa within the boundaries of their financial possibilities.

9. CULTURE, YOUTH

9.1. Results of the working programme 2005-2006

- Social cultural work and local culture policy: A local cultural policy project started up in 2003 for three years with a focus on the development of a local cultural policy in South Africa. The project was included as one of the priorities in the co-operation programme that was signed in February 2003.
- Youthwork : Youth (Youth in South Africa includes young people from 14 up to 35 years.) sector: development of a local youth policy. Multi-annual project based on CAR (Capacity Building, Advocacy and Research) in co-operation with the National Youth Commission. This was aimed at facilitating increased access of youth leisure and recreational activities through the establishment of multi-purpose youth centres. Established facilities to host arts and cultural activities in communities. Encouraged use of sport and recreation activities in fostering community development and alleviation of poverty and unemployment. (p. 14 of

the National Youth development policy framework (2002-2007) towards integrated national youth development initiatives and programmes) and 2006 was the last year of the project. In particular, it was the intention to assess the capacity building component and study the possibilities of further use and improvement of this format.

20 South African youth policy workers were invited annually for a capacity building course in Flanders. In May 2006 the 3rd National Conference on Youth Development Policy in Cape Town was organised with more than 380 participants from the whole country. For this conference a joint research project was launched between NYC and the Flemish Youth division and also with the University of Pretoria and the University of Antwerp. A DVD and a television programme on the co-operation were also produced.

A project on the development of local youth policy ran for several years in co-operation with the National Youth Commission. The project ended in 2006.

- Arts: A few exchange projects especially for music and dance groups have been realised. There have also been participation in festivals and other similar activities.
- Patrimonium: There has been an exchange between the Vlaams Centrum voor Volkscultuur and the Centre of Popular Memory in Cape Town.

9.2. Working Programme 2007-2009.

A memorandum of understanding between the National Youth Commission and the Flemish Community, the Ministry for Culture, Youth, Sport and Media has been agreed upon. A Project on Youth, Arts, Culture, Heritage and Sports co-operation focused on four local community centres between both partners. The text is attached as annexure B. This MOU was concluded for a period of three years.

9.2.1 Background

On the occasion of the visit of Minister Anciaux to South Africa in November 2005, a number of local community centres were visited and after meeting with Minister Pahad (Youth) and Minister Jordan (Culture) the idea emerged to give new direction to the future co-operation initiatives with South Africa.

Unlike previous co-operation initiatives, the future co-operation between Flanders and South Africa must be more co-ordinated, i.e. it must be co-ordinated across the policy areas of youth policy, socio-cultural work, the arts, heritage and sports. Moreover, special attention should be paid to sports as it also belongs to the competencies of the Flemish Minister of Culture. The essence of the new vision is the 'adoption' of local community centres spread over South Africa, for the 2007-2009 period, with emphasis on youth, culture and sports.

The coordination in South Africa is entrusted to the National Youth Commission. The aim is to support the operation of these centres in a realistic and sustainable way, focusing on sports as well as on various cultural aspects: the arts, heritage, socio-

cultural work and youth work. The target group consists of young people coming from deprived backgrounds, with special attention being given to gender and disability issues.

The following centres will be involved in the co-operation in the future:

- Gauteng Province: Ipelegeng Community Centre in Soweto
- Kwazulu Natal Province: BAT centre in Durban
- Free State Province: Through the Department of Sports and Recreation, Arts and Culture - Mmabana arts and cultural centre and the satellite centres: Zamdela arts and cultural centre, Thabong arts and cultural centre and Basotho cultural village
- Western Cape Province: Nyanga Arts Centre.

Minister Anciaux earmarked around 1 million Euro a year for this co-operation (under the reservation of an approved budget by the Flemish Parliament):

- 400 000 Euro: the 4 above-mentioned local community centres
- 120 000 Euro: coordination NYC
- 60 000 Euro: capacity building courses
- the balance will be spent for the 'structural actors'.

In the framework of these new co-operation initiatives, the NYC concluded a co-operation agreement with each of the community centres. Each community centre receives an annual amount for the implementation of the approved business plan. Principally, this agreement covers a period of three years. During this period, stakeholders must reflect on the possible continuation of activities and preservation of the experience gained.

Moreover, there are several Flemish structural actors (mainly support centres from different policy areas) who will receive grants for the activities they will implement on the basis of the co-operation initiatives with the centres.

Both in South Africa and in Flanders, a steering group of committed representatives from all policy areas: youth, culture and sports will be established with the task to monitor these new co-operation agreements and to serve as "ambassadors" of the project.

The results of the co-operation achieved and the exchanges of the past co-operation period must be further developed. The CAR model shall be applied when elaborating and developing these new co-operation initiatives:

- Capacity building courses: the aim is to give stakeholders, linked to the operation of the local community centres, a kind of "on the job training" in Flanders. Depending on the budget, it is the intention to schedule this initiative once or twice a year, each time providing for 20 South African participants (train the trainers);
- Advocacy: apart from the development of effective communication, lobbying, the creation of a network and the dissemination of "good practices", further reflection is needed on the benefits of these achievements for the whole of South Africa;

- **Research:** it is important to describe those "good practices", to ensure a systematic data collection as well as to specify the possible effects and progress.

It is also the intention to set up a conference in 2008 or 2009, building on the experience gained, and to ensure that this experience is embedded in policy making so as to benefit the whole of South Africa.

9.2.2. Project Objectives

- The selected centres will function as a link with the local culture and youth policies and will increase the local stakeholders' involvement and competencies.
- To integrate sports and recreation in the neighbourhood context in these projects.
- The co-operation will function as an example of an integrated and successful format for other centres (in other towns).
- To strengthen civil society organisations in South Africa.
- To develop "twinning" between the centres and the Flemish local authorities or civil society organisations.
- The centres must be considered as a natural choice to co-operate with for Flemish artists and organisations visiting South Africa.
- The centre will promote capacity building of the different actors involved in the centres in South Africa and in Flanders.
- The centres will spread and share information on a national level of the acquired experiences, building a South African network.
- To promote youth access, participation and development in the community centres and to promote partnership between the community centres and the local municipalities.
- To promote economic development of young people in the community as strongly promoted by the government programmes e.g. ASGISA and JIPSA. The South African Government has called upon all Departments, private sector and civil society to develop strategies that will form part of the programmes in accordance with their target groups, in this case the NYC's strategy on ASGISA/JIPSA will focus on how to address the skills shortages, unemployment and poverty affecting young people in the country.

9.2.3. Expected outcomes of the partnership

- To promote social cohesion amongst the youth through arts, culture, heritage, sports and youth initiatives.
- To inculcate moral regeneration within the youth through arts, culture, heritage, sports and youth initiatives.
- To encourage participation of youth in arts, culture, heritage, sports and youth initiatives.
- To develop examples of an integrated and successful format of local community centres.
- To encourage the centres to evolve in the direction of multi-purpose community centres.
- To develop a common vision for local community development.

9.2.4. Project plan for each community centre

The signing of the MoU will be followed up with business plans for each centre with clear deliverables, timelines and resources indicated to successfully execute the project.

9.2.5. Obligations of the Ministry of Culture, Youth Sports and Media in the co-operation

- To establish a reference group.
- To conduct a capacity building course.
- To second Tine Cornillie in coordinating the work of the four local community centres.
- To assist in convening the National Conference on Local Government for the community centres in 2009.
- To ensure visibility of the co-operation.
- On an annual basis, the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports will conclude with the NYC a contract on the financing of:
 - the management of the project by the NYC
 - the annual business plans of the four centres
 - the capacity building courses.

9.2.6. Obligations of the National Youth Commission in the co-operation

- To develop and enter into a programme based contract with each centre.
- To monitor on an ongoing basis the implementation of the programmes of the centres.
- To co-ordinate the Capacity Building programme.
- To sign a MoU with the Department of Arts and Culture and the Department of Sports and Recreation in South Africa and to ensure that both departments participate in the reference group.
- To encourage all relevant role players to join the project.
- To advise the centres on youth development programmes.
- To establish and chair the reference committee.
- To appoint Tine Cornillie as the Project Coordinator.
- To ensure visibility of the co-operation.
- To co-ordinate the 2009 National Conference on the co-operation.

9.2.7. Annual partnership monitoring and evaluation

The partners will prepare a joint evaluation of the partnership annually. The monitoring and evaluation will reflect the success of the partnership, lessons learned, and changes required, if necessary, to meet the goals of the partnership.

10. SPORTS

10.1 Results of the working programme 2005-2006

All the planned working visits, training courses and technical assistance between Flanders and Free State have been executed.

10.2 Working programme 2007-2009

10.2.1 Co-operation with South Africa

1. BLOSO is willing to continue the support for promotion and training courses for korfball with South Africa. In this respect, two South African referees have visited Flanders between 12 and 26 March 2007 for a trainers and referee training course.
2. BLOSO will send a team of five (5) or six (6) Flemish specialists to South Africa for the months of October – November 2007 for the organisation of apprenticeship training in two (2) provinces. This has to be situated within the framework of the “teaching the teacher” Sports for All in the identified priority sports.
3. Both Parties install a contingent of fifty (50) days to offer athletes, coaches and policy makers the possibility to participate in apprenticeship training, working visits, conferences, congresses in the other country dealing with the identified priority sports.
4. Both Parties referred specifically to point 3 above to promote the co-operation between the organisers of the Flemish bike and walking tour around Brussels (the so-called “Gordel” and the South African “Argus Pick ‘n Pay Cycle Tour”) through the exchange of policy makers to support these two organisations.
5. Both Parties are willing to continue the support and development of a co-operation programme between Flanders and the Free State in the form of projects set out below.
6. Both Parties are willing to identify an expert in club management and to exchange such expertise for up to two (2) weeks.
7. Rugby:
 - a) BLOSO wishes to continue working with the South African side to develop further the “Rugby Trainer A” training course of the Flemish School for Trainers.
 - b) BLOSO wishes to make an assessment of the Rugby World Cup 2007 organised in France in September and October 2007 with a view to gaining experience and promoting the game.
 - c) The South African side will provide qualitative support for the start of a Flemish training centre at the VUB-University.
8. Both Parties expressed the wish to continue the exchange of top athletes in athletics, cycling and triathlon and to continue the apprenticeship training by the Flemish experts in Bloemfontein.

10.2.2 Co-operation with the Free State

1. Provincial Department of Sport and Recreation
Further consultation and co-operation with the provincial department and associated organisations on the promotion of sports and "Sports for All".
2. Flemish Training Academy and the Free State Sports Institute/Academy/High Performance Centre
 - Further consultation with the management of the FSSI/Academy/High Performance Centre.
 - Consult about the content and implementation of the Flemish Training School's course to "train the trainers" (sportkaderopleiding).
 - Exchange scientific knowledge about general sport pedagogy and training for athletes.
 - Exchange ideas on the development of courses for sports promoters, teachers and sports guidance after school, sports educators and sports trainers.
 - Exchange ideas and experience within the development of sport with particular emphasis on identified target groups.
 - Exchange ideas concerning identification and development of talented athletes.
 - Provide Flemish expertise within the priority sports identified by the Free State Department of Sport and Recreation.
 - Consult on the mutual use of sport infrastructure and biomechanical evaluation laboratories for top Flemish sportspersons.

10.2.3 Assessment of the programme

The Parties undertake to jointly assess progress and objectives achieved at the end of 2007 in relation to the projects undertaken in the Free State.

11. INFRASTRUCTURE

11.1. Working Programme 2007-2009

11.1.1. Transport and Infrastructure

The Flemish Party is willing to receive one (1) delegation of five (5) experts for a workshop of five (5) days in order to give, depending on the points of interest, information, training and documentation about road traffic and transport in general (including on-the spot inspections in different locations).

The Flemish Party is willing to explore a working visit of one (1) South African delegation of five (5) experts in order to give, depending on the points of interest, information, training and documentation about ports and waterways (including to be determined on-the-spot inspections in different locations).

11.1.2. Port Training and Port Management

The Flemish Party offered to receive experts at seminars in the field of port training and port management, organised by APEC (Antwerp Flanders Port Training Center vzw) in the course of 2007, 2008 and 2009.

The South African side will present its candidates for these seminars and the participants will be selected by APEC. The Flemish party will cover the costs of the participation. Travel expenses are borne by the participant.

12. WELFARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

12.1. Results of the working programme 2005-2006

The Flemish Minister for Public Governance, Foreign Policy, Media and Tourism financed the project "Establishing an Accessible ICT-Centre for Persons with Disabilities in a Developing World Context", in 2005.

The participants in this project are the Flemish organisation PHOS and the South African Meraka Institute. A working visit to Flanders has already taken place. The planning documents necessary for the start of the portal site have been delivered and both partners continue with the implementation of the project.

12.2. Working Programme 2007-2009

Both Parties expressed their interest to co-operate and exchange information, documentation and expertise with regard to welfare and public health policy, scientific research into welfare and health, quality management, and inspection and supervision. Exchanges of information on programming, accreditation and subsidisation of welfare and health facilities, policy regarding the elderly, integrated youth assistance and family care will be encouraged.

12.2.1. The Flemish Department of Welfare, Public Health and Family expressed the wish to have a better understanding of the South African policy and the co-operation opportunities in welfare and public health by paying a working visit to South Africa. The main priority is to meet with representatives of welfare and health and to explore co-operation opportunities.

12.2.2. The Flemish side will investigate a possible further support for the Meraka-project "Establishing an Accessible ICT-Centre for Persons with Disabilities in a Developing World Context".

13. TOURISM

Results of the working programme 2005-2006

At the request of the Flemish Minister for Administrative Affairs, Foreign Policy, Media and Tourism the vzw WES organised a course "Sustainable Tourism Destination Management" for candidates from Southern Africa.

This course was attended by candidates from South Africa, Mozambique, Malawi, Botswana and Namibia during a six-week period in October-November 2006. An amount of 113.000 Euro was appropriated for this training course. Seven participants came from South Africa.

Working Programme 2007-2009

The Flemish Party will explore the possibility of a new training programme for unemployed graduates and representatives of SMMEs in the tourism sector.

The Flemish Party will explore the possibility of a study tour for representatives of SMMEs, including a fact finding mission in Flanders.

14. GENERAL AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Unless otherwise stipulated, the following rules shall apply for exchanges under the current working programme:

14.1. Exchange of people, short missions

The exchanges of people for a short duration (up to 30 days) foreseen in the present programme shall take place under the following conditions.

The sending Party shall inform the receiving Party preferably three (3) months in advance of the curricula vitae, the mission objectives and programmes, the working address of the candidates as well as the arrival and departure dates of the people involved.

To be covered by the sending Party:

- International travel expenses to and from the first destination in the receiving country;
- The sending Party shall make sure to take out health insurance and travel insurance before departure.

To be covered by the receiving Party:

In Flanders:

- Accommodation and breakfast.
- Either all expenses are covered directly or a fixed allowance of 37 Euro (exclusive of travel expenses) or 50 Euro per day (inclusive of travel expenses) is paid.

In South Africa:

- Accommodation and breakfast.
- All reasonable expenses (by means of vouchers) and a fixed allowance of 53 Rand per day.
- Travel expenses within the country that are necessary for the programme.

14.2. Exhibitions

To be covered by the sending Party:

- 'Nail-to-nail' insurance.
- Concept, elaboration, packing and centralisation of the exhibition.
- Transport of the exhibition to its first location and from the last exhibition location back to the country of origin or another country.
- Delivery of the material destined for the production of the catalogue.
- Return travel expenses of one (1) expert who accompanies and monitors the exhibition and supervises the mounting and dismantling as well as the packing and unpacking of the works of art.

To be covered by the receiving Party:

- Providing suitable exhibition rooms with the necessary security infrastructure.
- Providing the necessary support staff for loading and unloading, packing and unpacking, mounting and dismantling the works.
- Printing and catalogues (if agreed by both Parties), posters and invitations.
- Organising publicity as well as the opening ceremony and the good accommodation of the exhibition.
- Accommodation expenses of one (1) expert who accompanies and monitors the packing and unpacking of the works of art. The duration of such accommodation shall be agreed beforehand.
- Free provision to the sending Party of 25 copies of all publications published on the occasion of the exhibition (catalogue, poster, invitation, press release, etc).
- In case of damage the receiving Party shall not proceed with the restoration of the works of art without the prior consent of the sending Party.

Both Parties agree to hold the fourth Joint Commission in South Africa in 2009.

Done in Brussels on 25th April 2007, in two originals, in English and Dutch, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Republic of South Africa,



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For Flanders,



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Flemish Department of
Foreign Affairs

Annexes

*** Annual Consultation between South Africa and Flanders 23th of April 2007-04-24**

*** Memorandum of Understanding Youth, Arts, Culture and Sports Co-operation
focused on four local community centres Project 2007-2009**

Annexure A

REPORT ON ANNUAL CONSULTATION BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND FLANDERS ON THE 23RD OF APRIL 2007

BRUSSELS, HOTEL METROPOLE

1. Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness

The South African and Flemish partners recommitted themselves to the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness. Both partners agree that they have made considerable progress on the implementation of the principles of this declaration, being harmonisation, alignment, managing for results, ownership and mutual accountability.

2. Trilateral cooperation

Flanders and South Africa agree to look into the possibilities for trilateral cooperation with the partner countries Mozambique and Malawi.

3. Review of best practices

The provincial delegates reviewed best practices on some projects, including the finalized projects in the three provinces:

- KZN: 3 agricultural projects, 1 housing project, 1 project on tourism and job creation.
- Free State: 1 early childhood development project, 1 project on domestic violence and rape
- Limpopo: Manyalethi Youth Academy, 1 project on water and sanitation

Lessons learned pertained to addressing slow disbursement and the need for improved predictability of the flow of funding.

4. Existing status of the programmes 2005-2009 (country strategy paper):

Food security Programme KZN, Agribusiness Academy in Limpopo and SMME programme in Free State started during the last six months. The programme of the Youth community wellness was formulated in 2006 and the programme agreement was signed in March 2007.

5. Financial matters

The parties had an open and frank discussion about the problems of slow disbursement and agreed to fast track procedures to expedite spending. They also confirmed arrangements on dealing with interest and exchange rates.

As regards sustainability, programme budgets will be aligned with the strategic planning of the Provincial Governments of South Africa, in order to ensure the sustainability thereof. Efforts will be undertaken to incorporate equally social and ecological sustainability (cfr. Declaration of Rome).

6. **Mid-Term Review**

National Treasury and the Flemish Department of Foreign Affairs agreed that a mid-term review of the country strategy will be carried out jointly during the second half of 2008. TOR will be drafted jointly early 2008.

7. **Three major achievements of FICA since the AC 2006**

- Structural meetings were introduced in the three provinces with the provincial authorities and the project managers;
- Effective integration of content and financial monitoring into one system and one organisation;
- Transfer process of funds from Flanders to South Africa shortened;

8. **Way forward for 2007**

- Introduce regular meetings with HOD's and CFO's at provincial level for strategic follow-up of the programmes;
- Stringent monitoring of budgets according to budget planning;
- Organisation of best practice seminars and knowledge management.

9. **Annual Consultation 2008**

- Will be held in South Africa
- Follow-up on the Paris Declaration should be one of the agenda items

Annexure B

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**YOUTH, ARTS, CULTURE AND SPORTS CO-OPERATION FOCUSED ON FOUR
LOCAL COMMUNITY CENTRES**

PROJECT 2007-2009

(homework: finding a new title for this co-operation)

Suggestions:

Four for more...

4 pilots for creative communitybuilding...

Flanders and SA together in creative communitybuilding (2007-2009)

Entered into by and between:

THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION

Hereinafter referred to as NYC
Ms Nobulumko Nkondlo
in her capacity as the Chairperson

and

**THE FLEMISH MINISTRY FOR CULTURE, YOUTH, SPORT AND
MEDIA**

THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN AGREED UPON

1. SUBJECT OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

In the framework of the Bilateral co-operation agreement between **THE FLEMISH MINISTRY FOR CULTURE, YOUTH, SPORT AND MEDIA AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION**, all partners agree to realise the project on youth, arts, culture and sports co-operation focused on four local community centres, as described below.

2. BACKGROUND

Previous Co-operation's

On the 28th of October 1996 the current co-operation agreement was signed between the governments of the Republic of South Africa and Flanders. This agreement was the result of preliminary visits in 1995 (in June and in November/December) of two delegations of South African experts in youth work, public libraries, women's organisations and organisations for handicapped people. The first three working programmes (1996-2001) focussed on capacity building in libraries and in the non-formal adult education on one hand and on capacity building of young South African people that were assigned to build a strong youth policy and the necessary structure according to the Reconstruction and Development Programme of the Nelson Mandela's government.

The project on local cultural policy was launched in 2003 for a period of three years with a specific focus on the development of a local cultural policy in South Africa. The project was included as a priority theme in the co-operation programme that was signed early February 2003.

Youth¹ sector: development of a local youth policy. Multiannual project based on CAR (Capacity Building, Advocacy and Research) in co-operation with the National Youth Commission². 2006 was the last year of the project. In particular, it was the intention to assess the capacity building component and study the possibilities of further use and improvement of this format.

Arts sector: exchanges focussing on music and dance groups. Participation in festivals etc.

Heritage sector: exchange between the 'Vlaams Centrum voor Volkscultuur' and the Centre of Popular Memory in Cape Town.

Sports sector: co-operation projects in the Free State Province and also exchange of expertise in training and education of trainers/coaches in South Africa.

Co-operation within the framework of 'co-operation development': in 2003 the South African and Flemish government concluded a bi-lateral agreement for the building of capacity in the South African arts and culture, education and crafts sector. The agreement considered three projects: community arts centre project (CAC), arts and education project and arts and crafts project.

The CAC project focused on the development of a sustainable policy-driven network of community arts centres throughout South Africa. The objectives were: setting up a national office, capacitating clusters of community arts centres, formulating a policy for community arts centres, training of arts centre managers, international exchanges and twinning with Flemish cultural centres.

¹ Youth in South Africa contains young people from 14 till 35 years.

² Facilitate increased youth access to leisure and recreational activities through the establishment of multi-purpose youth centres. Establish facilities to host arts and cultural activities in communities. Encourage use of sport and recreation activities in fostering community development and alleviation of poverty and unemployment. (p. 14 of the National Youth development policy framework (2002-2007) Towards integrated national youth development initiatives and programmes)

Future co-operation 2007-2009.

On the occasion of the visit of Minister Anciaux to South Africa in November 2005, a number of local community centres were visited and after meeting with Minister Pahad (Youth) and Minister Jordan (Culture) the idea emerged to give a new direction to future co-operation initiatives with South Africa.

Unlike previous co-operation initiatives, future co-operation between Flanders and South Africa must be increasingly coordinated, i.e. it must be coordinated across the policy areas of youth policy, socio-cultural work, the arts, heritage and sports. Moreover, special attention should be paid to sports as it is also power exercised by our Minister. The heart of the new vision is the 'adoption' of local community centres spread over South Africa, for the 2007-2009 period, laying an emphasis on youth, culture and sports.

Coordination in South Africa is entrusted to the National Youth Commission.

The aim is to support the operation of these centres in a concrete and sustainable way, focussing on sports as well as on various cultural aspects: the arts, heritage, socio-cultural work and youth work. The target group consists of young people who come from deprived backgrounds with special attention to gender and disability issues.

During a prospective visit from 18 to 24 August 2006, a wide variety of these centres were visited by a delegation composed of: 3 Flemish culture officers, 2 representatives of the National Youth Commission, 3 representatives of the Arts and Culture Department, Yves Wantens and Jasper Walgrave who was commissioned to prepare this visit from Flanders. On the basis of the report on this prospecting trip and taking into account certain criteria, 4 possible centres were selected. The list of selected centres was submitted for approval to Ministers Pahad and Jordan by Minister Anciaux. The selection was confirmed.

The following centres will be co-operated with in the future:

Gauteng Province: Ipelegeng Community Centre in Soweto

Kwazulu Natal Province: BAT centre in Durban

Free State Province: Through the department of Sports and Recreation, Arts and Culture - Mmabana arts and cultural centre and the satellite centres: Zamdela arts and cultural centre, Thabong arts and cultural centre and Basotho cultural village.

West Cape Province: Nyanga Arts Centre

Minister Anciaux earmarks³ around 1 million euro a year for this co-operation:

- +- 400 000 euro: 4 selected local community centres
- 120 000 euro: coordination NYC
- 60 000 euro: capacity building courses
- Others will be spent for the 'structural actors'

In the framework of these new co-operation initiatives, the NYC concludes a co-operation agreement with each of the community centres. Each community centre receives annually an amount for the implementation of the approved working programme. In principle, this arrangement covers a period of three years. During this period, stakeholders must reflect on the possible continuation of activities and preservation of experience gained.

³ Under the reservation of an approved budget by the Flemish Parliament.

Moreover, there are several Flemish structural actors ⁴ who receive grants for the activities they will implement on the basis of the co-operation initiatives with the centres.

Both in South Africa and in Flanders, a steering group of committed representatives from all policy areas is established: youth, culture and sports. Task: to monitor these new co-operation arrangements and to serve in a kind of ambassador role.

The results of the co-operation achieved and the exchanges of the past co-operation period must be further built on. The CAR model shall be applied when elaborating and developing these new co-operation initiatives:

Capacity building courses: the aim is to give actors linked to the operation of the local community centres a sort of "on the job training" in Flanders. Depending on the budget, it is the ambition to schedule this initiative once or twice a year each time for 20 South African participants (multipliers);

Advocacy: apart from the development of effective communication, lobbying, the creation of a network and the dissemination of "good practices", further reflection is needed on the benefits of these achievements for the whole of South Africa;

Research: it is of importance to describe those "good practices", to ensure a systematic data collection as well as to specify the possible effects and progress.

It is also the intention to set up a sort of conference in 2008 or 2009, building on the experience gained, and to ensure that this experience is embedded in policy making so as to benefit the whole of South Africa.

3. Project Objectives

- ❖ The selected centres will function as a link with local culture and youth policy, increase the local actors' involvement and competences
- ❖ To integrate sports and recreation in the neighbourhood context in these projects;
- ❖ The co-operation will function as an example of an integrated and successful format for other centres (in other towns);
- ❖ To strengthen civil society organisations in South Africa
- ❖ To develop "twinning" between the centres and the Flemish local authorities or civil society organisation;
- ❖ The centres must be a natural preference for Flemish artists and organisations visiting South Africa;
- ❖ The centre will promote Capacity building of the different actors involved in the centres in SA and in Flanders.
- ❖ The centres will spread and share information on a national level of the acquired experiences, building a South African network
- ❖ To promote youth access, participation and development in the community centres and to promote partnership between the community centres and the local municipalities
- ❖ To promote economic development of young people in the community as informed by the government programmes e.g. **ASGISA**: for Accelerated and Shared Growth Initiatives-South Africa, it is a programme initiated by government to promote economic growth and to reduce poverty and unemployment by 2014 and **JIPSA** stands for Joint Initiative for Priority Skills Acquisition: it is also a government

⁴ Support centres from different policy areas

initiative led by the Deputy President to identify solutions to skills shortage in critical areas over the next three years. The government has called for all sector departments and organizations to develop strategies that will form part of the programmes in accordance with their target group, in this case the NYC's strategy on ASGISA/JIPSA will focus on how to address the skills shortages, unemployment and poverty affecting young people in the country

4. Expected outcomes of the partnership

- ❖ To stimulate social cohesion amongst the youth through arts, culture, heritage, sports, and youth initiatives
- ❖ To inculcate moral regeneration within the youth through arts, culture, heritage, sports, and youth initiatives
- ❖ To encourage participation of youth in arts, culture, heritage, sports, and youth initiatives
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- ❖ To encourage the centres to progress in the direction of multi purpose community centres
- ❖ To develop a common vision for local community development

5. Project plan for each community centre

The signing of the MoU will be followed up by working programmes for each centre and with clear deliverables, timelines and resources required to successfully execute the project.

6. Parties to MoU

6.1. National Youth Commission

The National Youth Commission (NYC) was established on 16 June 1996 as part of the democratic Government's plan to develop a comprehensive strategy to address the challenges facing young women and men in South Africa. The Government plan also situates youth as a critical role-player in the Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) of the country. The NYC is a statutory body established in terms of the National Youth Commission Act (Act 19 of 1996) as amended in 2000. The Minister in the Presidency, Dr Essop Pahad, has political oversight of the NYC.

Vision

- 🌍 "An enabling environment in which youth realize their potential and contribute to the consolidation of a caring society."

Mission

- 🌍 To **coordinate, promote and monitor** youth development through the implementation of an integrated youth development framework.

The overall mandate of the NYC derives from the National Youth Commission Act, No 19 of 1996 (as amended in 2000), which outlines the objectives of the Commission as follows:

- i. To coordinate and develop an integrated national youth policy

- ii. To develop an integrated national youth development plan that utilizes available resources and expertise for the development of youth and which shall be integrated with the Reconstruction and Development Programme
- iii. To develop principles and guidelines and make recommendations to be government regarding such principles and guidelines, for the implementation of an integrated national youth policy
- iv. To coordinate, direct and monitor the implementation of such principles and guidelines as a matter of priority
- v. To implement measures to redress the imbalances of the past relating to the various forms of disadvantages suffered by the youth generally or specific groups or categories of persons among youth
- vi. To promote a uniformity of approach by all organs of state, including provincial government, to matters relating to or involving the youth
- vii. To maintain close liaison with institutions, bodies or authorities similar to the Commission in order to promote co-operation
- viii. To coordinate the activities of the various provincial government institutions involved in youth matters and link to those activities to the integrated national youth policy
- ix. To develop recommendations relating to any other which may affect the youth

6.2. Flemish Ministry for Culture, Youth, Sport and Media

Since 1 April 2006, the Ministry of the Flemish Community has been reorganised. The basic principle was to achieve more logical entities. Culture used to belong to the large Welfare, Public Health and Culture Department. Now, it constitutes one entity together with Youth, Sport and Media.

The former Culture Administration had a hierarchical structure and consisted of a Directorate-General and four Divisions: "Adult Education and Libraries", "Youth and Sport", "Visual Arts and Museums" and "Music, Literature and Performing Arts".

This sectoral structure has been abandoned. The former 4 Divisions have now been merged into 2 large autonomous Agencies. The first Agency encompasses the arts and heritage, the second one the socio-cultural work for adults and youth. The Department for Culture, Youth, Sport and Media exists on the same hierarchical level as the Agencies. This provides the link between the 4 dimensions of the broad policy domain. The Department has three Divisions: the Policy Division, the Media Division and the Management Support Services Division.

There is a clear division of tasks:

- The Minister is responsible for defining policy. The Policy Council (a consultation forum between the Minister and top civil servants) is used as a forum for debate.
- The Department is responsible for policy preparation and evaluation.
- The (internally and externally autonomous) Agencies are responsible for the (operation) implementation of regulations.
- There is no hierarchical link between the top civil servant of the Department and the top civil servants of the Agencies.

7. Duration

This MoU is excluded for a period of three years, from 2007 – 2009.

8. Obligations of the Flemish Ministry in the co-operation

- ❖ To establish a reference group
- ❖ To conduct a capacity building course
- ❖ To second Tine Cornillie to coordinate the work of the four local community centres
- ❖ To assist in convening the National Conference on Local Government for the community centres in 2009.
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- ❖ On an annual basis, the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports will provide a grant for the NYC on the financing of
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- ❖ To coordinate the Capacity Building programme
- ❖ To sign an MOU with the Department of Arts and Culture in SA and the Department of Sport and Recreation in SA and to ensure that both departments participate in the reference group
- ❖ To rope in all relevant role players to join the project
- ❖ To advise the centres on youth development programmes
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10. Annual partnership monitoring and evaluation

The partners will prepare a joint evaluation of the partnership annually. The monitoring and evaluation will review the success of the partnership, lessons learned, and changes that will be made, if necessary, to meet the goals of the partnership

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