



**Government
of Flanders**



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA
ON BILATERAL COOPERATION**

The Government of Flanders and the Government of the Republic of Botswana (hereinafter referred to singularly as a "Signatory" and jointly as "the Signatories");

DESIRING to strengthen and consolidate the existing friendly relations between the Signatories and their peoples;

COMMITTED to the promotion and consolidation of economic and social relations;

CONVINCED that both Signatories can draw mutual benefits from the further strengthening and enhancement of the existing friendly relations and co-operation between the two countries;

RECOGNISING the need for a framework to co-ordinate this co-operation between them.

Have reached the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH 1

OBJECTIVE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish a framework within which the Signatories may conduct their relationship and to set out the modalities of co-operation between them.

PARAGRAPH 2

AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Signatories undertake to cooperate in the promotion and facilitation of Agriculture and Tourism.

**PARAGRAPH 3
CO-OPERATION AGREEMENTS**

The Signatories may propose and enter into Memorandums of Agreement or any other Agreements as are necessary for the effective co-operation and implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

**PARAGRAPH 4
MEETINGS**

The Signatories may propose a meeting at the request of either party at any time when considered necessary.

**PARAGRAPH 5
AGENDA FOR THE MEETINGS**

The Agenda for the meeting will be agreed upon by the signatories prior the date of the meeting.

**PARAGRAPH 6
FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

1. Each Signatory will bear the expenses incurred with regard to travelling and accommodation of its delegation to any meetings convened to give effect to this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. The Signatory hosting a meeting will be responsible for providing the venue and all secretarial and administrative services, including the costs associated therewith.

**PARAGRAPH 7
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Any dispute between the Signatories arising out of the interpretation of the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiations between the Signatories through diplomatic channels.

**PARAGRAPH 8
CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Signatories will not disclose or release or transmit in any way, information, including any intellectual property rights, exchanged between any of them under this Memorandum of Understanding to a third party without first obtaining the written consent of the other Signatory.

PARAGRAPH 9

COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

1. The Signatories will ensure that the persons delegated under this Memorandum of Understanding will comply with the national laws and regulations of the country where they perform their duties or any other activities under this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. Nothing in the present Memorandum of Understanding will affect the Signatories' obligations under the existing international treaties or obligations arising from regional or international organisations of which they are members.

PARAGRAPH 10

EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of the last Signatory to sign and will remain in effect indefinitely unless terminated by either Signatory in terms of Paragraph 12.

PARAGRAPH 11

AMENDMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent of the Signatories through an Exchange of Notes between the Signatories communicated through diplomatic channels.

PARAGRAPH 12

TERMINATION

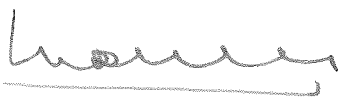
1. Notwithstanding Paragraph 10, either Signatory may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding at any time provided that it gives the other Signatory a six months prior written notice, through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. At the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding, its provisions and provisions of any separate protocols, addenda, contracts or agreements made in that respect, shall continue to govern unexpired or existing obligations or projects assumed or commenced there under.
3. Any such obligations or projects shall be carried to their completion as if the Memorandum of Understanding was still in existence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed and sealed this Memorandum of Understanding in duplicate, in the English Language.

DONE at Brussels on the 2nd day of the month May 2017.

On behalf of the
Government of Flanders

On behalf of the
Government of the Republic of Botswana



Geert Bourgeois
Minister-President



Pelonomi Venson-Moitoi
Minister of International Affairs and
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