



NORTH WEST PROVINCE



MANITOBA

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

The Province of Manitoba of
Canada

AND

The North West Province of the
Republic of South Africa

(hereinafter jointly referred to as “the Participants”)

- WHEREAS** North West Province and Manitoba enjoy a long-standing co-operative relationship that began in the Spring of 1995, followed by a formal co-operation agreement signed in January 1996, which resulted in a series of collaborative activities over the past decade and a half;
- WHEREAS** North West Province and Manitoba were the first South African and Canadian provinces to include a trade and economic development component under their partnership;
- WHEREAS** North West Province and Manitoba continue to share many common interests and acknowledge the advantages to be gained by strengthening mutually beneficial relations between their two jurisdictions;

THEREFORE consistent with the laws and existing understanding between their respective citizens, North West Province and Manitoba intend to renew their collaborative efforts around key priorities of mutual interest and benefit to their respective jurisdictions.

AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

- Priority areas for co-operation include youth leadership development; sustainable agriculture; economic development; trade and investment; mining; and the environment, including collaborative activity on, but not limited to:
 - Youth leadership development (implementing a 4H program in North West);
 - Developing and enhancing skills for farmers (focus on youth and women);
 - Developing and implementing farm mentorship programs;
 - Promoting sustainable agricultural and environmental development;
 - Promoting skills development in economic policy;
 - Developing a “green” economy and environmental technologies;
 - Developing trade and investment opportunities in conjunction with the private sector;
 - Sharing of tourism marketing and development strategies; and
 - Developing and sharing of skills in the mining sector.

IMPLEMENTATION / PROMOTING THE RELATIONSHIP

- North West Province and Manitoba intend to designate senior provincial government representatives to serve as principal points of contact and liaison to promote co-operation in areas of mutual interest.
- These representatives will report at least annually to their respective Premiers on progress under the Memorandum of Understanding.
- North West Province and Manitoba will also take steps, in consultation with their respective business communities, to encourage regular business-to-business contacts to promote trade and investment opportunities.



LIMITATIONS

- Neither Participant intends to be responsible for the actions of third parties or associates who may be involved in the activities in the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding.

STATUS

- This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any contractual, financial or other legal obligations for the Participants.

ENTRY INTO EFFECT, DURATION AND TERMINATION

1. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date it is signed by the Participants and will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years.
2. The Participants may renew this Memorandum of Understanding for an additional five (5) years upon their mutual written consent.
3. The Participants may amend this Memorandum of Understanding upon their mutual written consent. The Participants will determine the date of entry into effect of such amendments.
4. Either Participant may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by providing the other Participant with at least one (1) month's written notice of its intention to terminate.

Signed in duplicate this 6th day of July, 2011 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

**For the Government of the
North West Province**

**For the Government of the
Province of Manitoba**

Original signed by

Original signed by

**The Honourable Thandi Modise
Premier**

**The Honourable Greg Selinger
Premier**