



JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT

BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

AND TRAINING

OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

AND

THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

AND RESEARCH

OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF THEIR

COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Department of Higher Education and Training of the Republic of South Africa and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of the Federal Republic of Germany (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “sides” and in the singular as a “side”) take into account the Joint Declaration of Intent concerning cooperation in the field of vocational education and training signed in Leipzig on 2 July 2013 and the Addendum signed in Berlin on 14 November 2016 extending the duration of their cooperation for a further three years. Both sides consider vocational education and training as being crucial for social and economic development in their countries. They recognise the need to strengthen their cooperation in this field as part of enhancing the development of knowledge-based societies and economies and its key role in boosting growth and jobs.

Within this context, both sides have come to the following understanding:

1. Both sides jointly declare their intention to extend their cooperation in the field of vocational education and training by a further three years starting from the date of signature of this Joint Declaration.
2. Both sides intend, on the basis of mutual benefit, to establish joint activities including collaborations in the field of technical and vocational education and training with a focus on curriculum development, qualifications, quality assurance of programmes, assessment of programmes, as well as industry partnership linkages.
3. Both sides intend to endeavour to undertake joint activities on new skill sets to respond to the Fourth Industrial Revolution, as well as skills mismatch.
4. Both sides intend to jointly develop terms of reference for joint activities, including feasibility studies and research projects.
5. Both sides intend to further identify joint fields of action as a further basis for their future cooperation. These action fields are documented in the Action Plan annexed to this Joint Declaration of Intent. The Action Plan takes into account the bilateral action fields of both sides as well as relevant activities on the part of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the German Federal Ministry for Food and Agriculture (BMEL). The Action Plan will be continuously extended within the framework of bilateral meetings.

6. The funding of projects related to this Joint Declaration of Intent will be structured in separate individual arrangements. The sides understand that the costs for travel and accommodation for the alternating meetings of the Working Group will be covered individually by the respective sides. Costs for domestic travel and activities will be covered by the hosting side.
7. This Joint Declaration of Intent is not meant to constitute a treaty under international law and is not intended to establish any rights or obligations under international law.

This Joint Declaration of Intent was signed in the English language.

DONE at Pretoria on this 28 day of Feb 2019

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