



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SOUTH AFRICA**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
FIJI**

ON

GENERAL CO-OPERATION

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Fiji (herein jointly referred to as the “Parties” and separately as a “Party”);

CONVINCED that both Parties can draw mutual benefit from the strengthening of and enhancement of the existing co-operation between the two countries;

CONSCIOUS that both Parties share the value of freedom, democracy, justice and rule of law;

CONSIDERING the role that both Parties have to play in the economic, social and cultural development of countries of the South;

REAFFIRMING their commitment to the objectives and principles of the United Nations;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

SCOPE

The Parties undertake to further strengthen their bilateral relations of friendship and co-operation and to this end, shape and expand their co-operation in the political, economic, trade and investment, scientific, cultural, educational, health, and other fields on the basis of the principles of sovereign equality of states.

ARTICLE 2

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MOU”) shall be-

- a) In the case of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of International Relations and Co-operation, and
- b) In the case of the Government of the Republic of Fiji, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

ARTICLE 3

ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND TRADE TIES

The Parties undertake to enhance their economic co-operation, trade ties, and their respective cultures and enhancing South-South co-operation.

ARTICLE 4

CULTURAL CO-OPERATION

The Parties undertake to enhance co-operation in the fields of cultural, literature, art, media, cinema, sports and exchange of experience for the purpose of a more profound understanding of the life, work and achievements of the people of the two countries.

ARTICLE 5

PROMOTION OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

The Parties undertake to continue to work closely for the promotion of peace and international security.

ARTICLE 6

SECTORAL CO-OPERATION

The Parties undertake to encourage their respective competent institutions, organizations and enterprises to strengthen their co-operation in the field of science, education, health, agriculture, Information and Communication Technology (“ICT”), tourism, financial services and trade and investment. In this respect, the respective competent institutions, organizations and enterprises of the Parties may conclude separate agreements to consolidate the objectives of this MOU.

ARTICLE 7

SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETINGS

The Parties undertake to strive towards institutionalizing Senior Officials Meetings composed of competent authorities of the Parties, which shall meet every second year, alternatively in South Africa and Fiji. The Senior Officials Meeting shall monitor the implementation of this MOU and identify areas of co-operation.

ARTICLE 8

COST IMPLICATIONS

Each Party shall carry its own cost and expenses incurred for attending meetings necessitated by the implementation of this MOU or as Parties may consider necessary.

ARTICLE 9

EXISTING INTERNATIONAL TREATY ORGANISATIONS

The Parties agree that nothing in this MOU shall affect the obligations of the Parties under existing international treaties or obligations arising from regional or international organizations of which they are members.

ARTICLE 10

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the implementation or interpretation of this MOU shall be amicably settled through bilateral negotiations between the Parties.

ARTICLE 11

AMENDMENT

This MOU shall be amended by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between the Parties through the diplomatic channel.

ARTICLE 12

ENTRY INTO FORCE

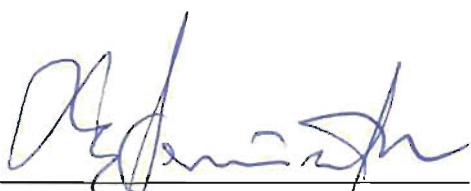
1. This MoU shall enter into force when both Parties have notified each other in writing through diplomatic channels that their respective domestic law requirements for entry into force of this MoU have been met. The date of entry into force shall be the date of the last notification.
2. This MOU shall remain in force indefinitely unless terminated in accordance with sub-Article (3).
3. Notwithstanding sub-Article (2), either Party may terminate this MOU at any time that it gives the other Parties six (6) months prior written notice through the diplomatic channel of its intention to terminate the MOU.
4. Notwithstanding sub-Article (3), ongoing specific projects and programmes under the framework of this MOU shall continue uninterrupted until completion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed and sealed this MOU in duplicate in the English language, both text being equally authentic.

DONE at Suva.....on this 27th day FEBRUARY, 2019..



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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



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