



MANITOBA



SOUTH AFRICA

A FRAMEWORK TO PROMOTE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE  
AND INVESTMENT AND TOURISM

*A Framework to Promote Economic Development, Trade and Investment and Tourism*

**BETWEEN**  
NORTH WEST PROVINCE, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA  
THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

**AND**  
THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA, CANADA  
MANITOBA INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AFFAIRS AND TRADE

WHEREAS the North West Province, Republic of South Africa (herein called “North West”) and the Province of Manitoba, Canada (herein called “Manitoba”) have established an enduring and positive relationship, which began in 1995 under the auspices of the Canada-South Africa Programme on Governance, and its successor, the Canada-South Africa Provincial Twinning Project, administered and funded in part by the Canadian International Development Agency;

WHEREAS Manitoba and North West formalized their bilateral relationship through an *Agreement on Governance and Economic Development Co-operation*, signed on January 26, 1996, and through a *Renewed North West – Manitoba Agreement on Governance and Economic Development Co-operation*, signed on August 21, 2001 (herein called the “2001 Renewed Agreement”);

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has identified Africa as a region of high economic and social growth potential which offers opportunities for partnership and collaboration in trade and investment and views South Africa as a “Country of Regional Significance” in developing relations with the rest of the Sub-Saharan region;

WHEREAS the relationship between Manitoba and North West has resulted in significant mutual benefits in promoting good governance, increased capacity and staff development opportunities, as well as numerous ancillary benefits in the areas of economic, educational and cultural development. Collaboration between Manitoba and North West has taken on a remarkable momentum, and work continues under the Provincial Twinning Project in areas such as sustainable development, early childhood development, sustainable agriculture, community economic development, and other areas including cultural exchanges and post-secondary education; and,

WHEREAS the *2001 Renewed Agreement* outlined general commitments related to investment promotion, skills development, business co-operation and tourism, Manitoba and North West have now identified specific priorities and opportunities for collaboration in the areas of economic development, trade and investment, and tourism;

THEREFORE, Manitoba’s Department of Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade and North West’s Department of Economic Development and Tourism enter into this framework agreement and future specific arrangements to further the objectives of the 2001 Renewed Agreement with respect to economic development, trade and investment and tourism promotion.



## PRIORITY ECONOMIC SECTORS

Initially, North West's Department of Economic Development and Tourism and Manitoba's Department of Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade agree to focus their co-operative activities in the areas of:

- Sustainable agriculture projects and agricultural machinery;
- Eco-tourism;
- Mining;
- Information and technology;
- Aviation and airport development; and
- "Centres of Knowledge" development.

## IMPLEMENTATION

To achieve the objectives of this Framework, Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade and North West's Department of Economic Development and Tourism will:

1. enter into ancillary memoranda of understanding on specific economic development and/or trade or tourism development projects that outline each party's respective rights and obligations. These ancillary agreements will be appended as integral parts of this Framework;
2. commit the appropriate level of resources subject to the budgetary allocations of each department, and to work together to identify other sources of funding to support specific projects and/or activities. At a minimum, each province will cover the staff, travel and related costs of one mission per year to the other province for the purpose of promoting economic development, trade and investment and tourism;
3. designate a Co-ordinating Committee that will be mandated to:
  - a) monitor and report annually to the Premiers of both Provinces on progress on the implementation of this Framework and its ancillary memoranda of understanding;
  - b) review and amend, as required, priority areas of co-operation.



## GENERAL

The signatories to this Framework may delegate representatives to sign the ancillary memoranda of understanding under this Framework.

This Framework does not create any contractual or other legal obligation to perform by Manitoba or North West, nor will Manitoba and North West be subject to any legal liability resulting from non-performance of any provisions of this Framework.

Amendments to this Framework require the written consent of Manitoba and North West.

The duration of this Framework will be for an indefinite period of time, and neither Manitoba nor North West may terminate it unilaterally. This Framework may be terminated upon three months written notice, with the consent of both jurisdictions.

Dated at Sun City, North West Province, this 24th day of March, 2004.

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Honourable Popo Molefe  
Premier  
North West Province

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The Honourable Gary Doer  
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