

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON CO-OPERATION

BETWEEN

**THE INSTITUTE FOR AFRICAN STUDIES
OF THE RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**

MOSCOW, RUSSIA



**Institute for
African Studies**

AND

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE

SOUTH AFRICA

**UNIVERSITY OF THE
FREE STATE
UNIVERSITEIT VAN DIE
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First party: Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IAS), Moscow, Russia, represented by its Director.

Second party: University of The Free State (UFS), South Africa, represented by its Vice Chancellor or designated officer.

Whereas the two parties desire to develop academic cooperation" in various fields, the two parties conclude this Memorandum of Understanding on Co-operation (MoU) and agree to the following:

Article 1 - To develop the following collaborative activities in academic areas of mutual interest:

1. Exchange of faculty and researchers for purposes of teaching, conducting lectures, conducting research, and exchange of expertise.
2. Conducting collaborative research projects.
3. Jointly organize symposia, seminars and conferences.
4. Exchange of academic information and materials.
5. Other activities mutually agreed upon by the Partner Institutions.

Article 2 - The development and implementation of specific activities based on this MoU will be separately negotiated and agreed between the faculties, or institutes, which carry out the specific projects. Both parties agree to carry out these activities in accordance with the laws and regulations of both countries.

Article 3 - It is understood that the implementation of any of the types of cooperation stated in Article 1 shall depend upon the availability of resources and financial support at both parties.

Article 4 - Should any collaborative research activities under this MoU result in any potential for intellectual property, both parties shall seek a fair understanding as to ownership and other property interests that may arise.

Article 5 - This MoU may be amended or modified by written agreements signed by the representatives of both parties, and will become part of this MoU.

Article 6 – This MoU is valid for a period of five (5) years commencing on the date signed by the last party. Thereafter, it shall be automatically renewed each year. Either party may however terminate the agreement at anytime by giving six (6) months written notice of such intent to other party. The termination will not affect ongoing activities.

Article 8 - This MoU is intended only to set forth the general understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter herein and does not, and is not intended to, contractually bind the Parties. Neither Party will incur any obligations to the other Party, financial or otherwise, upon execution of this MoU. Neither Party will incur any obligations to the other Party in the absence of a subsequent written agreement to accept specific financial or other obligations.



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