



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA
CANADA



NORTH WEST PROVINCE
OF SOUTH AFRICA

RENEWED NORTH WEST – MANITOBA
AGREEMENT ON GOVERNANCE
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CO-OPERATION

BETWEEN THE
NORTH WEST PROVINCE
OF SOUTH AFRICA
AND THE
PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

AUGUST 21, 2001

*Governance and
Economic Development*

WHEREAS the Government of the North West Province of South Africa (hereinafter referred to as “North West”) and the Government of the Province of Manitoba, Canada (hereinafter referred to as “Manitoba”) entered into an Agreement on Governance and Economic Development Co-operation on January 26, 1996, and

WHEREAS that Agreement led to numerous and valuable exchanges of information and personnel between North West and Manitoba as well as the establishment of promising contacts between business leaders in the two provinces, and

WHEREAS activities under that Agreement were supported jointly by North West, Manitoba and the Government of Canada, through the Canada-South Africa Programme on Governance administered by the Canadian International Development Agency and the International Development Research Centre, and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Canadian International Development Agency have established a new Canada-South Africa Provincial Twinning Project delivered through the Institute of Public Administration of Canada to succeed the Canada-South Africa Governance Programme and to help support ongoing co-operation agreements between Canadian and South African provinces, and

WHEREAS North West and Manitoba are committed to continuing and strengthening their partnership through a renewed Agreement, and

WHEREAS North West and Manitoba have identified and agreed upon a focused set of priorities for co-operation under the renewed Agreement,

THEREFORE North West and Manitoba agree as follows:

PRIORITIES

1. The major priorities for the renewed Agreement will continue to be governance and economic development co-operation.
2. Initiatives to enhance governance in North West will be carried on with the direct support of North West and Manitoba and with the assistance of financial support from the Canadian International Development Agency through the Institute of Public Administration of Canada. These initiatives will be aimed at capacity building in North West, with initial emphasis on central government operations, local



government, and social service delivery, particularly delivery of income support benefits to vulnerable groups such as the disabled, the elderly and persons affected by HIV/AIDS. These initiatives will be set out in annual work plans which will be prepared in concert with the Canadian International Development Agency and the Institute of Public Administration of Canada and will be consistent with an agreement with these agencies.

3. In future years and as resources permit, joint initiatives will also be developed to assist North West in:
 - Developing its investment promotion strategies and its small business policies
 - Expanding the village banking system
 - Establishing skills development centres
 - Settling and accelerating land claims and support for new farmers
 - Establishing infrastructure priorities consistent with the overall North West economic development strategy
4. Initiatives to encourage economic development in North West will generally be supported directly by North West and Manitoba with additional support from businesses and business organizations in the two provinces. Increased business contacts will be an important goal of the renewed Agreement as well as increased tourism. Trade missions between the two provinces were regular features of the first North West – Manitoba Agreement and will be continued under the new Agreement.
5. North West and Manitoba are also committed to encouraging and assisting in the establishment of direct links, including faculty and student exchanges, between the University of North West and the University of Manitoba, as well as other universities and colleges in Manitoba.
6. North West and Manitoba will also encourage the establishment of direct links, including exchange visits, between cultural and sporting organizations.

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement is seen as a framework for a long-term, lasting partnership. It will continue in effect until modified by agreement of the partners. It is understood that the current Canadian federal government support program will continue through 2004.



IMPLEMENTATION

Overall co-ordination of the activities under this Agreement will be the responsibility of the offices of the Premiers of North West and Manitoba.

The Director General of North West and the Clerk of the Executive Council of Manitoba will consult at least quarterly on priorities and implementation and will report to their respective Premiers, who will consult personally as required.

Day-to-day co-ordination of the Agreement will be the responsibility of the Director of Intergovernmental and International Relations in North West or his designate and the Assistant Deputy Minister of Federal-Provincial Relations in Manitoba or her designate.

Dated at Winnipeg, this 21st day of August 2001.

For the Government of the
North West Province of
South Africa

For the Government of the
Province of Manitoba,
Canada

original signed by

Popo Molefe, Premier

original signed by

Gary Doer, Premier