

Agreement
Between
The Government of the Sultanate of Oman
And
The Government of the Republic of South Africa
On
The Establishment of A Partnership Forum

The Government of the Sultanate of Oman and the Government of the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and separately as a "Party").

Recognizing their desire to strengthen the existing friendly relations between the two countries ;

Desiring to promote political, trade, economic, cultural, scientific, technical and technological cooperation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit ;

Believing that the establishment of such cooperation would serve their common interest and contribute to the enhancement of economic and social development of the peoples of both countries ;

Further recognizing that the establishment of the "Omani - South African Partnership Forum" will contribute in furthering cooperation in the above fields ;

HAVE AGREED as follows :

Article 1

The Parties hereby establish the Omani - South African Partnership Forum (hereinafter referred to as the "Partnership Forum").

Article 2

The Partnership Forum shall endeavour to :

- a - advance, strengthen and develop cooperation between the Parties in the political, trade, economic, cultural, scientific, technical and technological fields ;
- b - study the possibility of concluding bilateral agreements and executive programmes in order to implement this Agreement; and
- c - promote joint ventures and private sector initiatives taking into account the advantages as well as the comparative capabilities of each Party .

Article 3

- 1 - Meetings of the Partnership Forum shall be held at the level of Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs on the side of the Sultanate of Oman, and the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation on the side of the Republic of South Africa, and on the level of senior officials or their designated representatives .
- 2 - Meetings of the Partnership Forum shall be jointly chaired by the Ministers mentioned above or their designated representatives .

Article 4

Meetings at the level of senior officials can consider specific issues and make appropriate recommendations relating to the issues on the agenda of the Partnership Forum . The venue and time of such meetings shall be determined by the Parties .

Article 5

- 1 - The Partnership Forum shall meet, subject to agreement, at the request of either Party alternatively in the Republic of South Africa and the Sultanate of Oman or another agreed venue .

- 2 - The Partnership Forum shall conduct its meetings as per the approved agenda and as agreed between the chairpersons and shall determine its own procedures .
- 3 - The Party hosting the meeting shall provide the venue and all secretarial services .
- 4 - Each Party shall bear the costs related to the attendance of meetings by its delegation .

Article 6

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation and application of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiations between the Parties .

Article 7

Cooperation between the Parties within the framework of this Agreement shall be governed by the domestic law in force in both countries .

Article 8

This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes between the Parties through the diplomatic channels .

Article 9

- 1 - This Agreement shall enter into force on the date on which each Party has notified the other in writing through the diplomatic channels, that it has taken the legal measures necessary for the implementation thereof, the date of entry into force shall be the date of the last notification .

2 - This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years, where after it shall be renewed automatically for further periods of five years at a time, unless terminated by either Party by giving at least six months' written notification in advance to the other Party through the diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate this Agreement .

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed and sealed this Agreement in two originals in the English and Arabic languages, all texts being equally authentic .

DONE at Cape Town on this Thursday of 28/10/2010 .

For	For
the Government of	the Government of
the Sultanate of Oman	the Republic of South Africa
Yousuf bin Alawi bin Abdullah	Maite Nkoana Mashabane
The Minister Responsible for	Minister of International
Foreign Affairs	Relations and Cooperation