

AGREED MINUTES

**FOURTH PERMANENT JOINT COMMISSION
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS**

Pretoria, 10 November 2009

The Fourth Joint Commission between South Africa and Flanders was held in Pretoria on 10 November 2009 in accordance with the provisions of the Co-operation Treaty between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of Flanders, signed in Pretoria on 27 November 2000.

SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION

Department of International Relations and Co-operation (DIRCO)

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Ambassador Dr Anil Sooklal	South African Ambassador to Belgium and the European Union
Ambassador Elsa Dry	Director, UK, Ireland and Benelux
Ms Phumeza Moiloa	Deputy Director, Benelux
Mr Mpho Mminele	Assistant Director, Benelux

In Attendance

Ms Ogaufi Masibi	Foreign Service Officer, Benelux
Mr Thembani Maluleke	Assistant Foreign Service Officer (Benelux)
Ms Hariette Satekge	Assistant Foreign Service Officer (Benelux)
Mr Silindele Thabede	
Ms M Ascani	
Mr. Peter Mbelengwa	Protocol Officers
Ms Babalwa Ntlabati	Protocol Officers

National Treasury

Mr Robin Toli	Chief Director, IDC
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National Youth Development Agency (NYDA)

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Mr Bruno Pozzi	Counsellor, Embassy of Belgium
Ms Mieke Govaerts	Policy Officer, Dept. of Foreign Affairs
Ms Christel Op de Beeck	Attaché, FICA Representative DFG
Mr Rudy Herman	Policy Officer, Dept. of Science and Technology
Mr Yves Lapère	Trade Commissioner, Flanders Investment & Trade (Johannesburg)
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1. INTRODUCTION

The Head of the South African delegation, Ambassador Mary Sibanda-Thusi, welcomed the Flemish delegation and presented the members of the South African delegation. Ambassador Sibanda-Thusi expressed her appreciation for the excellent relations that exist between South Africa and Flanders and mentioned that the Joint Commission bears testimony to that. South Africa and Flanders have a broad partnership covering a large range of policy areas, with particular emphasis on skills development, knowledge transfer and institutional development.

Ambassador Sibanda-Thusi emphasised the importance of the relationship with Flanders to South Africa, especially as Flanders was one of the first donors to align its development assistance to South Africa's priorities and contributes significantly to the achievement of the priorities of the new Administration in South Africa.

Ambassador Sibanda-Thusi also welcomed the outcomes of the Annual Consultations of the Development Co-operation Committee, as well as the decision reached following the Mid-Term Review to extend the current Country Strategy Paper to 2011 and to align the CSP to the EU-SA CSP. She expressed hope that the negotiations regarding the Country Strategy Paper will result in a new programme of work for the period 2012-2016.

The Head of the Flanders delegation, Mr Koen Verlaeckaert, expressed his gratitude for the warm reception accorded to his delegation. He also expressed his satisfaction with the relationship between South Africa and Flanders and stated his Government's commitment to South Africa's developmental needs. He then presented the Flemish delegation.

South Africa and Flanders both agreed on the importance of utilising the Joint Commission to address South Africa's priority areas in terms of development and committed to align the work of the Joint Commission to the priorities of the new Administrations in Flanders and South Africa.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

2.1. COMMITTEE I: POLICY MATTERS

2.1. Policy

South Africa informed Flanders that, following the new mandate received during the April 2009 general elections, the South African Government has identified Rural Development, Health, Education, Safety and Employment as its immediate priorities.

The Medium Term Strategic Framework (MTSF) further defined strategic priorities for 2009-2014 broadly as economic growth, human welfare, security and social development. The MTSF seeks to expand and diversify

the economy to halve unemployment and poverty and has for this reason devoted 60% of the budget towards the attainment of these priorities.

South Africa called for a partnership that would support its identified priorities and specifically proposed the redirection of ODA resources to assist in this regard.

2.1.1 Bilateral Relations

Bearing in mind the strong relations between South Africa and Flanders since the signing of the Co-operation Treaty between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of Flanders in 2000, South Africa will consult with the Flemish Government in the development of new partnerships, in order to align them to the new national priorities, in particular, the MTSF.

Both Parties agreed that the official channel of communication for the implementation of the actions as contained in these minutes, runs through the Department of International Relations and Co-operation (DIRCO) and the Delegation of the Flemish Government in South Africa.

2.1.2 Development Co-operation

Both Parties expressed their satisfaction with the outcomes of the Annual Consultations which took place at the National Treasury, Pretoria, on 9 November 2009. The conclusions of the Annual Consultations are enclosed as Annexure 1.

There was agreement on the need to align the Flemish interventions to the SA/EU CSP priority areas and to use South Africa's procedures in line with the Paris Declaration and the Accra Agenda for Action.

The development co-operation programme contributes to Rural Development. The provincial programmes are progressing fairly well in two provinces, but there are administrative challenges in one province that are being addressed. Both parties agree that these challenges need to be attended before allocating funds to new projects.

For future co-operation, South Africa and Flanders will engage each other in discussions. It was agreed to extend the period covered by the current 2005-2009 CSP with two years up to 2011. Consultations about the content and format of the next CSP and Indicative Programme of Co-operation will start early in 2010.

To align the work on development co-operation to the South African national priorities, National Treasury (IDC) will work closely with the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform on new proposals and areas of cooperation. Flanders' support may need to be realigned to focus on fewer focal areas, where it can add value and have comparative advantage.

A working group will be set up with South African National and Provincial Departments of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Rural Development and Land Reform and DIRCO, leading to a seminar on food security.

2.1.3 Support to non-state actors in South Africa

It was reported that Flanders has a large Government-to-Government programme, but is also offering support to universities and other non-state actors. Strengthening South African institutions of the private sector and civil society is the overarching aim of this support.

2.1.4. Regional and Multilateral Co-operation

Both Parties agreed to extend co-operation, relying on the expertise of South African Institutions and International Organisations. Involving the Flemish, South African expertise regarding food security, rural development and job creation could be utilised.

Flanders informed South Africa that it is developing a Regional Strategy Paper, which will establish the framework for a dedicated portfolio approach towards Southern Africa.

2.1.5. Flanders Priorities for Belgium's EU Presidency

Flanders advised that Belgium will preside over the European Union during the second half of 2010. As part of this Presidency, Flanders will preside over some of the Council formations, such as the Council ministerial meetings on Education, Environment, Fisheries and Youth and Sport. It will also represent Belgium in the Council during the Spanish and Hungarian presidency for these same policy areas. The regional administration has been appointed assessor for the entire period of the trio presidency for Energy, Employment and Social Affairs. Flanders has identified five overall priorities for this EU Presidency:

Sustainable development: sustainability has been incorporated in the programmes for the various sectors (agriculture, environment, transport, employment, etc.) as well as the transversal strategies, such as the Lisbon Strategy.

The post-2010 Lisbon Strategy: A reform of the Lisbon Strategy is absolutely essential to strengthen the position of the European Union in the face of globalisation. It should stimulate sustainable improvements that contribute to growth and employment.

Social inclusion: 2010 has been designated the European Year for the Fight against Poverty and Social Exclusion. Social inclusion has been chosen as the horizontal priority of the programme, partially in view of recent demographic developments.

Climate, energy and the environment: These topics deserve particular attention in view of the preparations for the strategic decisions to be taken during the 18-months presidency: new Lisbon Strategy, debate on the reform of the EU budget, and new global climate agreements.

The EU's regions and citizens: In the framework of “multi-level governance” and “policy ownership”, Flanders wishes to place the Union's regions on the agenda, with the aim of constructing a closer relationship between the European Union and her citizens.

South Africa took note of the priorities identified by Flanders during Belgium's Presidency of the EU. The meeting also noted that the 3rd EU-SA Summit will be hosted in Brussels in 2010, during Belgium's Presidency of the EU.

2.2. COMMITTEE II: ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

2.2.1. Trade, Investment, and Job Creation

- a) Trade relations between Flanders and South Africa are steadily growing. Traded goods are mainly chemical and pharmaceutical products, diamond and other minerals, machines, metals and plastics. An overview with a sector analysis of bilateral trade is enclosed as Annexure 2.
- b) Both parties welcomed the twinning between Chambers of Commerce, especially the PLATO mentorship model which is encountering growing success in South Africa and is being reproduced by chambers of commerce and local governments through partnerships with Flemish counterparts.
- c) Both parties agreed on the progress registered with the implementation of the ILO pilot projects: Social Entrepreneurship Development targeting Unemployed Youth in South Africa (SETYSA) and the South African Youth- Jobs for the Unemployed and the Marginalized to escape from Poverty (SAY-JUMP!). The importance of these projects in training the youth on co-operative group entrepreneurship and SMME development toward poverty eradication was emphasized.
- d) Flanders reported that as a pilot project, Flanders is supporting the KZN Department of Education to transform the School Nutrition Programme into a programme for community-based jobs. At global level the ILO is developing a strategic framework to promote the social economy. This framework can inform South Africa's new strategy for rural development: rural needs can be turned into rural employment opportunities. Both parties wish to continue their cooperation in the field of social entrepreneurship, promoting job creation and local economic development around waste management, recycling, food production and social services.

2.2.2. Transport and Logistics

- a) It was reported that in 2006, the DTI initiated a proposal to create a Multi-Purpose Import Platform in Europe. Antwerp has been considered as a prime location for such an Import Platform, which will assist South African SME's in their export endeavours towards Europe. While progress has been made with the support of the Flanders Institute for Logistics (VIL), some issues still need to be resolved. An agreement on milestones has been reached, with the aim of having the Import Platform operational by 2011.
- b) Both Parties acknowledged the substantial contribution of both the Flemish and Federal Governments towards capacity building through the training at the APEC Antwerp/Flanders Port Training Centre. More than 400 South Africans active in port management have attended such courses. In order to enhance the economic impact of the training programmes, Flanders requests South Africa to allow more participants from private companies, including non-TETA members, to benefit from these trainings, in line with the existing memorandum of understanding between TETA and APEC.
- c) South Africa welcomed the support for the development of the port and maritime sectors. Both parties expressed satisfaction with capacity building and skills transfer projects regarding Port Management. They agreed to further strengthen the port and maritime sector training institutions in South Africa.

It was reported that the following initiatives are being considered:

- a request by TRANSNET Port Terminals to the Flemish Government to consider the proposal from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to enhance productivity and improve industrial relations in the Port of Durban.
 - a request by the TRANSNET School of Port Terminals to the Flemish Government to support the creation of a distance learning programme in close collaboration with the Institute for Transport and Maritime Management Antwerp (ITMMA).
- d) With a view to secure the supply chain and to establish 'green trade lanes', the Belgian and South African Customs (SARS) co-operate on the Container Security Device (CSD) Project. This project is supported by the Flanders Institute for Logistics (VIL) by means of its 'Flanders E-Logistic Platform' (VeLP). This is an open and neutral communication platform for the entire management of information flows between involved operators in a fully secured supply chain. Devices will be put on the containers and will allow the monitoring of the container throughout the supply chain. This will enable the detection of any unplanned or unauthorized activities which might influence the level of customs control and the application of risk management. In order to implement this concept, a pilot project has been developed and relevant stakeholders identified. The two customs administrations are in discussions with the relevant parties to finalise

logistical and administrative matters to ensure that the pilot project commences soon.

- e) The Department of Transport will formally approach the Flemish Government with terms of references for support from Flanders regarding a master plan for port training in South Africa. In cooperation with a variety of partners, a maritime education and training master strategy would focus on enhancing capacity in this important sector and thereby serve as a major economic generator in a number of port related industries, enabling the region to play a competitive role in the global maritime sector.

The port training initiative is based on the imperative for a central, accredited education and training institute focused on the port and maritime sector. The Master Education and Training Maritime Strategy aims to encourage and support the African continent in the development of a career in the maritime sector. Since there are already two maritime institutes in South Africa (Cape Town University of Technology; Durban University of Technology), the programme should consider expanding them.

2.2.3. Water and Environmental Affairs

- a) *UN Framework Convention on Climate Change*: Both parties expressed their interest in co-operating in the field of Clean Development Mechanisms under Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol. Within the limits of available resources, Flanders is willing to consider proposals from South Africa in this field.
- b) *Environmental Inspection*: The parties discussed co-operation in the area of capacity building for environmental inspection, targeting the Environmental Inspection Unit within the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA). It was agreed that activities could focus on short courses and short internships with the Flemish inspection services, with attention to specialised training in report writing, evidence collection and water sampling. Due attention could be given to the relationship of the Environmental Inspection with the Judiciary.

It was agreed that the DEA will send a direct request to their counterpart in Flanders regarding proposed activities.

- c) *FET Water*: Both Parties expressed their satisfaction with the successes of the past seven years of co-operation in the water sector, especially the training of approximately 900 professionals, the development of seven capacity-building networks, and student exchanges during FET Water Phase I and Phase II.

During the first seven years of the FET Water programme, two major challenges were identified as the lack of adequately qualified individuals with appropriate experience to implement provisions of the National Water Act, in order to ensure the achievement of integrated water management.

For future co-operation, taking into consideration the growing need for networking and appropriate capacity building, it was agreed that the continuation of the FET Water programme should support the initiatives such as *Walking Together for Water*. It was also agreed that Phase III (2011-2015), should focus on an integrated process for catchment management areas.

- d) *Trans-Frontier Conservation Areas (TFCA's)*: South Africa thanked the Flemish Government for supporting the training of over 200 learners from SA and Mozambique in different skills in a dedicated effort to build capacity in the Great Limpopo Trans-frontier Park (GLTP), through the Department of Environmental Affairs and implemented by the SA Wildlife College. The training enhances socio-economic circumstances through local people's access to benefits of the protected area, decreases illegal poaching within the park and supports communities to develop skills in order to increase tourism opportunities for both the park and the communities surrounding the park.

The project was completed at the end of October 2009. Following the completion of the GLTP pilot project, it was proposed that Flemish Government consider further support for the TFCA.

- e) *Integrated Waste Management*: The DEA currently has no co-operation in the field of waste and pollution management. However, it is acknowledged that this is a potential for joint co-operation.

2.2.4. Science, Technology and Innovation

Both Parties expressed their satisfaction with the achievements of the original objectives under the South Africa/Flanders Science & Technology Agreement regarding accelerated human resources development as well as socio-economic development through training and technology transfer. The parties noted that there has been an increase in the number of joint projects between Higher Education Institutions. They have agreed to encourage further co-operation on the development of high-performance satellite observation technology (IS-HS/MSMI).

In view of South Africa having been selected as one of five non-European countries to benefit from research co-operation with the Flanders Research Fund, the Flemish Department of Economy, Science and Innovation and the Department of Science and Technology agreed to negotiate the nature and modalities for further co-operation. Both Parties agreed to identify areas of mutual interest and benefit in line with the new Flemish strategy for international co-operation with key partner countries, taking into account South Africa's Ten-Year Innovation Plan.

2.3. COMMITTEE III: SOCIAL AFFAIRS

2.3.1. Education

Both parties took note of the projects funded by the Flemish Department of Education and Training in South Africa. Progress has been made with the preparation of an inception conference for the National Education Evaluation and Development Unit (NEEDU), the development and testing of new didactical material for mother-tongue education with the aim of improving literacy and numeracy in resource-poor environments.

Both parties agreed to further explore co-operation in the fields of quality management in education, building on the NEEDU initiative, and technical and vocational education and training (TVET). Further areas of co-operation are enclosed as Annexure 3.

2.3.2. Training of Civil Servants

Both Parties welcomed the progress made with the exchange of the professionals in capacity building, as agreed in the Third Joint Commission in 2007. The visit by senior government officials from the Flemish Government to South Africa focused on gender mainstreaming, good governance, government wide monitoring and evaluation, South African Public Service models, perspective on e-government and leadership (ethics).

The specific objective of the Development of Women Managers is to promote gender equity and the empowering of female managers. This programme is ongoing as part of the broader gender development and mainstreaming programme in Palama. A number of key milestones have been met and further efforts to promote gender equity in the public service are undertaken.

Both parties agreed to explore the following co-operation areas: regulatory monitoring and evaluation, information, knowledge and record management, policy evaluation, ICT and e-government, human resources management and development, executive development, mentoring programmes, project management, the Accelerated Development Programme, as well as exchange and induction programmes, seminars, and short courses for senior managers and executive authorities.

2.3.3. Arts and Culture

Both partners acknowledge the many positive impacts of the Batsha Youth Programme implemented in the four community arts centres. They will finalise this project in 2010 together with all the stakeholders.

The new working-programme (2010-2012) as reflected in these minutes will be used to build up a sustainable relationship between the South-African Department of Arts and Culture and the Flemish Ministry of Culture, Youth,

Sports and Media. It will also guide projects and programmes for arts, cultural heritage and socio-cultural work for adults. These projects and programmes reflect the vision and principles of development, training and skills transfer and accessibility for all to culture, as contained in both South-African and Flemish cultural policies. The projects to be realized will be selected by both partners in common agreement during a bilateral meeting in 2010. Potential areas of cooperation are described in Annexure 4.

2.3.4. Youth

Both parties note the success of the Batsha Youth Programme in stimulating cohesion and youth development through arts, culture, heritage and sport initiatives.

The National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), in line with its new mandate, has identified the National Youth Service (NYS) programme as a key priority. The NYDA will identify concrete areas of cooperation with Flanders to further the aims of the NYS programme. These areas will include stimulating volunteerism amongst youth and young adults, fostering social cohesion and building citizenship through community service activity. The cooperation will involve the co-funding of NYS programme models to build a culture of service among young South Africans. This cooperation will also look at research and youth policy work in relation to voluntarism.

2.3.5. Sports


It was noted that both parties have exchanged experts in the field of sports. Pilot projects took place in the Free State in close collaboration with the Free State Sports Science Institute. A new collaboration agreement will be focused on the needs of both partners and the available expertise in Flanders and South Africa, with a strong focus on capacity building. Further areas of co-operation are enclosed as Annexure 5.

Both Parties agree that the Fifth Permanent Joint Commission be held in Belgium in 2011.

Done in Pretoria on 10 November 2009

For the Republic of South Africa

For the Government of Flanders


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Ambassador Mary Sibanda-Thusi


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Mr Koen Verlaeckaert

Annexure 1 – DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Summary Report of the Annual Consultation - Pretoria, 9 November 2009

The main conclusions of the Annual Consultation 2009 are as follows:

1. In September 2008 a Mid-Term Review (MTR) was conducted on the implementation of the current Country Strategy Paper (2005-2009). Conclusions and recommendations of the MTR were discussed on 16 February 2009 in a meeting of representatives from National Treasury, the Department of International Relations and Co-operation, the Flemish International Co-operation Agency (FICA), and the Flemish Department of Foreign Affairs. The majority of the conclusions and recommendations of the MTR were accepted and a way forward was proposed.
2. On 16 September 2009, a follow-up meeting took place to discuss the progress made. The meeting discussed the preliminary results of a consultancy report commissioned by IDC on the capacity needs of the provincial partners and FICA's monitoring and evaluation framework.
3. On 28-29 October 2009, a workshop was held with the provincial departments of Agriculture of KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo. Key items on the agenda were the capacity needs of the provincial departments, the monitoring and evaluation system, and the mid-term reviews of the two provincial programmes: Food Security in KwaZulu-Natal (EFSP) and Agribusiness in Limpopo (LADA). The meeting approved the conclusions of the workshop. However, since the final report on the capacity needs and the monitoring and evaluation framework was not yet finalized, a concrete plan of action is still missing. The consultancy report should be finalized by the end of November 2009, so that an appropriate plan of action could be worked out in consultation with the provincial partners.
4. Regarding the cooperation with the Free State, Flanders reiterated its commitment to support the development objectives of the Province in line with the CSP 2005-2009, i.e. support to SMME development and prevention of HIV/AIDS. The Flemish Government will identify the relevant partners, committing itself towards maximum consultation with the provincial authorities. The identification and reformulation of the programme should be finalized before the end of June 2010. National Treasury (IDC) stated that it has requested the Province to return to the RDP Fund Account the Flemish funds that were unspent on 31/03/2009 as well as any unjustified expenses under PFMA rules and regulations.
5. Regarding the auditing of the programmes, it was agreed that the partners will look for solutions to improve and accelerate financial audits.
6. Regarding the unspent funds in the RDP Fund Account, a proposal will be formulated to provide additional support to the provincial programmes as soon as the consultancy report mentioned under 3 is finalized.

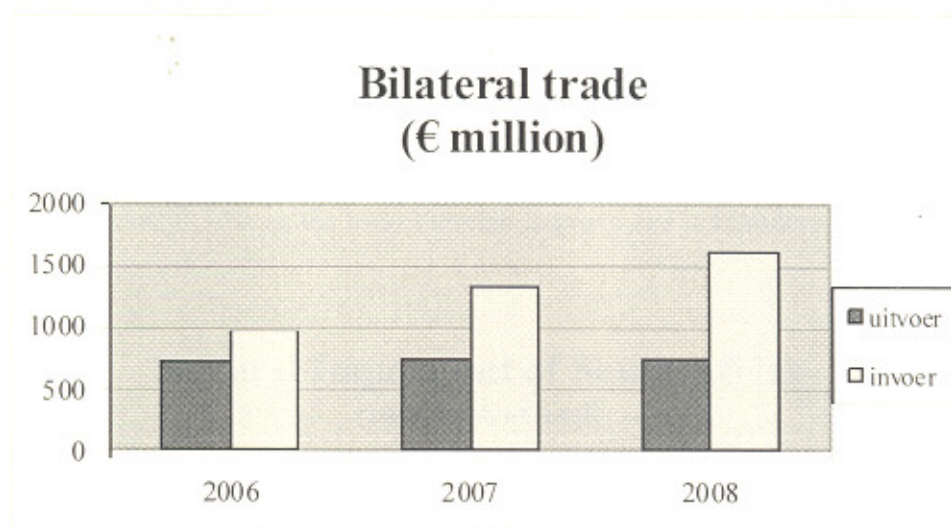
7. The partners agreed to extend the duration of the current CSP with two years in order to allow for further progress in the implementation of the programmes. This means that the spending of the financial contributions provided for the implementation of the programmes under the current CSP will be spread over seven years instead of five ending in 2011.
8. The meeting agreed on a timetable for the elaboration of the new CSP and indicative programme, covering the period 2012-2016.

9. Annexure 2 – SECTORAL ANALYSIS OF TRADE RELATIONS

Flanders has traditionally a trade deficit with South Africa, mainly due to the export of diamonds to the world diamond hub of Antwerp. Due to a spectacular increase of South African exports in 2008, the trade deficit grew in 2008 to € 867 million.

In € million	Export	Var in %	Import	Var in %	Trade balance
2006	732,8		973,9		-241,1
2007	748,0	2,07	1.332,8	36,85	-584,8
2008	749,5	0,20	1.616,8	21,31	-867,4

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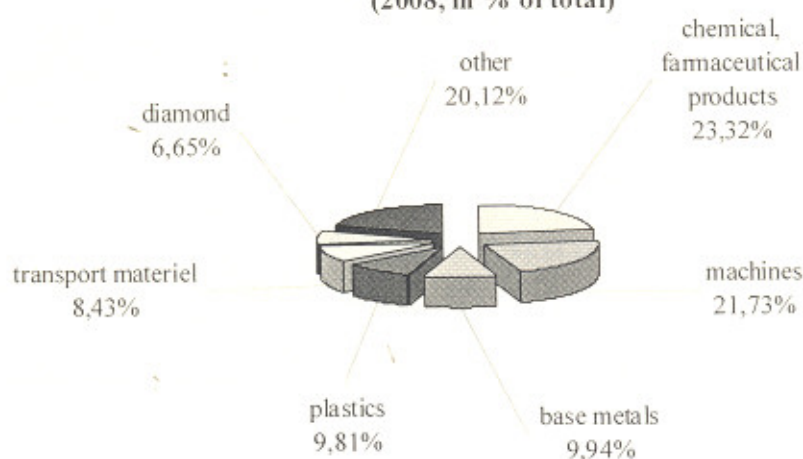


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1. Export of Flanders to South Africa (2008): € 749,5 million

The export of Flanders to South Africa remained stable in 2008 (increase of 0,2 %). South Africa remains the most important African export market for Flanders: 34th export market.

Sectoral export to South Africa (2008, in % of total)

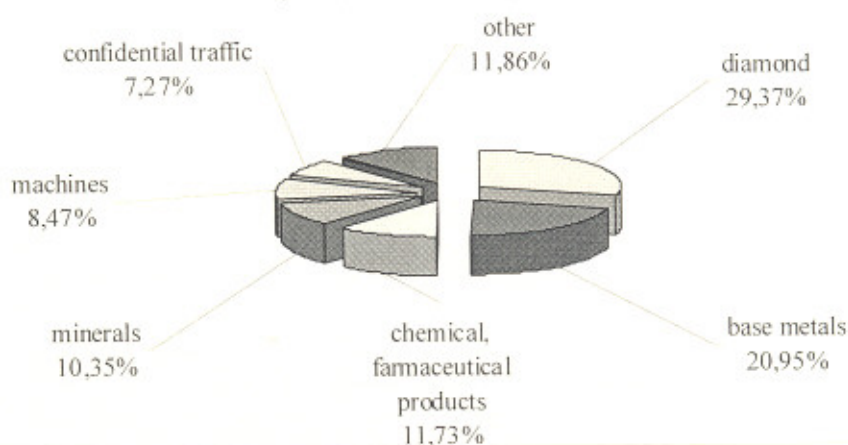


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2. Exports of South Africa to Flanders (2008): € 1,6 billion

In 2008 South African exports to Flanders grew considerably. Flanders imported in 2008 € 1,6 billion South African goods, which means an increase of 21,31%. South Africa represents 0,74% of the total Flemish imports and is Flanders 22nd supplier.

Sectoral Import out of South Africa (2008, in % of total)

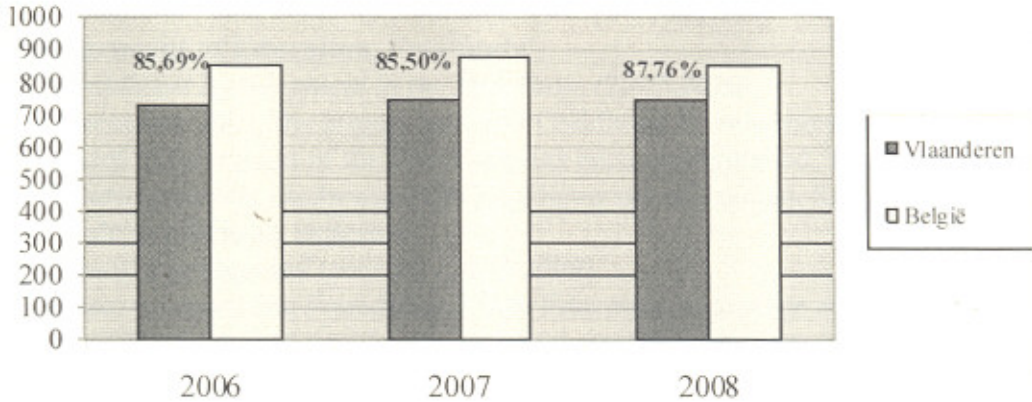


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3. Regional repartition of Belgian exports to South Africa (2008)

Belgium exported in 2008 € 854 million to South Africa. The export from Flanders amounts to € 749,5 million, which represents 87,76% of Belgian exports to South Africa.

Ratio of Flemish export in total export from Belgium to South-Africa (million Euro)



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EXPORT	Value (in millions EUR)			Part		Change in %	
	2006	2007	2008	2007 in %	2008 in %	2006-2007	2007-2008
Flanders	732,8	748,0	749,5	85,50%	87,76%	2,07%	0,20%
Wallonia	117,9	122,8	101,7	14,04%	11,91%	4,19%	-17,14%
Brussels	4,5	4,0	2,8	0,46%	0,33%	-9,62%	-30,35%
TOTAL BELGIUM	855,1	874,8	854,0	100%	100%	2,31%	-2,38%

IMPORT	Value (in millions EUR)			Part		Change in %	
	2006	2007	2008	2007 in %	2008 in %	2006-2007	2007-2008
Flanders	973,9	1.332,8	1.616,8	91,21%	89,25%	36,85%	21,31%
Wallonia	81,9	74,6	99,5	5,11%	5,49%	-8,93%	33,38%
Brussels	52,9	53,9	95,2	3,69%	5,26%	1,81%	76,70%
TOTAL BELGIUM	1.108,7	1.461,3	1.811,5	100%	100%	31,80%	23,97%

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Annexure 3 – EDUCATION

1. National Education and Evaluation and Development Unit (NEEDU)

Organisation of a seminar early 2010 on quality in education

The Flemish Ministry of Education and Training will support the organisation of a seminar (as part of a series of seminars) on quality and evaluation of education in South-Africa, to be organised by NEEDU. It is planned to take place in the first quarter of 2010.

2. Department of Education, Free State

Early Childhood Development in the Free State (2007-2010)

Since December 2007, the project on Early Childhood Development with the Department of Education of the Free State has been implemented. The *Centrum voor Ervaringsgericht Onderwijs* (CEGO, University of Leuven, KUL) plays a pivotal role in providing expertise.

Language of learning and teaching (2006-2009)

The project is supporting Foundation Phase Educators to manage effectively the learning of the first additional language, which usually is the language of learning and teaching.

Foundation Phase Learners with Barriers to Language Learning (2007-2009)

The project focuses on language barriers to learning.

Follow up proposal: *Foundations for Learning Campaign*: support programme to develop learners' proficiency in literacy and numeracy (DoE, Free State, 2009-2012).

3. Department of Education, KwaZulu-Natal

Educator Development Programmes in Language, Mathematics and Science, Othukela District, KwaZulu-Natal (2006-2009)

The Culture of Learning and Teaching Association has implemented a project in support of educators in KwaZulu-Natal, focusing on literacy and numeracy issues. The programme has produced new teaching material in the home language of the learners.

Follow up proposal: *Foundation Phase Development Project*: the focus of the proposal is on the improvement of learners' literacy, numeracy and life skills (DoE, KwaZulu-Natal, 2010-2013)

4. Technical and vocational training

Both parties agree on the importance of cooperation on the subject of technical and vocational training and express the intention to work on this subject in 2010-2012.

Annexure 4 – ARTS AND CULTURE

Article 1. General

The Flemish partner wishes to cooperate in this new working programme in the following domains:

- Mutual capacity building between the colleagues involved in cultural policy from South Africa and from Flanders by exchanging information, to understand each other's structures, by realizing intercultural communication and by discovering possible synergies;
- Examine the possibility of a trilateral cooperation on capacity building between South Africa, Flanders and a third partner country.

Article 2. Arts and Cultural Heritage

2.1. After finalizing the integrated BATSHA Youth cooperation project both partners delineate a new cooperation path. The new path takes into account the experiences of the current project but does not limit itself to the four community centres and focuses on more target groups. The Flemish party suggests to consider the path from July 2010 to late 2012 as a transition period to a more profound and sustainable cooperation and to take the opportunity during this period for preparing thoroughly the future cooperation.

For this reason, the Flemish party invites a South African delegation of officials of the Department of Arts and Culture in the second half of 2010 to realise a prospection tour and establish the first contacts to discuss the content. In the first half of 2011, a Flemish counter-visit can be considered in order to select pilot projects in common agreement that can start in the second half of the year and continue in 2012. During the second half of 2012, and before the meeting of the 5th Joint Commission, both partners should evaluate the pilot projects in order to deepen the cooperation in the fields of arts and cultural heritage (movable and intangible).

2.2. The Flemish partner refers to the possibilities of subsidizing international projects. These international projects respond to the criteria of the Flemish Arts – and Cultural-Heritage decrees and are appreciated by a commission of experts. Both the South African and Flemish organisations as well as individuals can apply for this subsidy for a cooperation project. The application documents are on the website of the Flemish Government. For the cultural heritage projects, see:

<http://www.kunstenenerfgoed.be/ake/view/nl/2086979-Formulieren.html>

For the arts projects, see:

<http://www.kunstenenerfgoed.be/ake/view/nl/2792969-English+version+website.html>

Apart from this the Flemish partner is prepared to provide for subsidy-possibilities for both South African and Flemish organisations as well as individuals for cooperation projects with a social-artistic, cultural-economical or a pure artistic aspect and specifically focussed on the capacity building context for mutual development. To this end, a specific regulation is defined which describes the

formal and qualitative criteria. An ad hoc commission assesses the projects with respect to their content.

Article 3. Non-Formal Adult Education, Amateur Arts and Local Cultural Policy

The section has a long tradition in the collaboration with SA: capacity building for public libraries and cultural centres, the local cultural policy project. It also supports the activities of the Flemish organisations *Danspunt* (support of young dancers), *Poppunt* (support of young artists) and *Vlamo* (cooperation with the Field Band Foundation) in the framework of the current Batsha Youth Programme.

We want to revive this long tradition and extend the existing partnerships of Danspunt, Poppunt and Vlamo, with focus on skills development and expertise exchanges. To be successful, we need a stronger link with the Department of Arts and Culture and the cultural field in South Africa.

Article 4. Possible areas of cooperation.

Both Parties agree on the areas of possible cultural cooperation as outlined below:

- Community Art Centres
- National Archives
- Cultural Development
- Investing in Culture
- Heritage

Annexure 5 – SPORTS

Proposal for a new working programme 2010-2012

A. Cooperation with the Department of Sports and Recreation

1. The Flemish Sports Agency (BLOSO) and the Department of Sports and Recreation will renew the contacts and redynamise the *Sports for All* training initiative. A new collaboration agreement will focus on the needs and the available expertise of both partners, with a strong focus on capacity building.
2. BLOSO will further support *korfball* (netball) in South Africa, while South Africa will support the development of rugby in Flanders at the Flemish Trainers School.
3. BLOSO is prepared to send 6 specialists to South Africa for a Sport for All training session in 2 provinces in the framework of a teach-the-trainer initiative.
4. Both institutions consider the cooperation projects in the Free State as pilot projects.

B. Cooperation with the Free State Sports Science Institute (FSSSI)

1. BLOSO and the FSSSI will develop exchange programmes for coaches and experts.
2. BLOSO will further support the institutional development of the FSSSI.
3. BLOSO will send experts to international workshops in the field of top sport.

Each year BLOSO will make 50 working days available for the cooperation initiatives with South Africa.