

Agreement of Friendship and Cooperation Between the City of Tshwane, South Africa, and the District of Columbia, United States of America

The Executive Mayor of the City of Tshwane, Councillor Kgositso Ramokgopa, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia, Mayor Vincent C. Gray:

- Guided by the traditional links of friendship and cooperation between the Republic of South Africa and the United States of America and their respective capitals;
- Desiring further to advance the mutual interests and benefits of the citizens of both capital cities that were advanced by the first protocol agreement signed on June 28, 2002; and
- Aware that cities today constitute a vital factor in the sphere of international relations;

Hereby agree to the following:

CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES

The two cities will promote the development of programs in the areas of culture, education, and arts to share experiences and learn from each other. They will also promote educational exchanges between the administrators, teachers, and students of their schools and universities.

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- ePals
- Student exchanges
- Art and cultural exchanges

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

The two cities will promote collaboration and joint ventures among their local businesses, chambers of commerce, and entrepreneurs with a special focus on the growth and development of business investment, trade, and tourism.

- Business to business exchanges
- Public-private partnerships
- Tourism promotion

PUBLIC HEALTH

The two cities will promote the exchange of social development, health policies, and best practices to strengthen the capacity and effectiveness of prevention and treatment programs, including reducing the threat of HIV/AIDS and other related diseases.

- HIV/AIDS education, prevention, and treatment
- Infectious diseases

GOVERNMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

The two cities will promote collaboration and exchange of ideas in the areas of government operations, e-governance, smart city projects, and green urban development.

- Government operations
- E-Governance
- Smart city projects
- Green urban development

PUBLIC SAFETY

The two cities will exchange expertise and best practices in the areas of public safety administration to reduce urban crime.

TERMS

The two cities may develop additional programs for their mutual benefit.

This memorandum will be in force on the 7th day of July, 2011 for a period of five years. The cities will assess progress at the end of 2012.

The Office of the Secretary of the District of Columbia and the Office of the Executive Mayor of the City of Tshwane are responsible for the implementation, follow-up, and supervision of the present protocol.

Signed by the Executive Mayor of the City of Tshwane and the Mayor of Washington, D.C. on this
7th day of July 2011.