

# Bilateral and Multilateral Treaties

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## Abstract

Bilateral agreements signed or that entered into force between 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 and; Multilateral agreements signed/acceded/ratified or that entered into force between 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019.

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## Bilateral Agreements

<b>Date signed /adopted</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Title of agreement</b>	<b>SA date (yyymmdd)</b>
20050924	United Arab Emirates (UAE)	Bilateral Agreement on Economic, Trade and Technical Co-operation	Entry into force: 20190913
20160114	Belgium	Agreement between the Republic of South Africa and the Kingdom of Belgium on the Gainful Occupation of Spouses of Diplomatic and Consular Staff	Entry into force: 20190301
20180914	Niger	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Niger on Visa Exemption for Holders of Diplomatic and Official/ Service Passports	Entry into force: 20190830
20180525 20190627	Germany	Exchange of Notes between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany concerning Climate Smart Urban Mobility, eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality Project	Entry into force: 20190627
20181220 20190808	European Commission	Financing Agreement between the European Commission and the Republic of South Africa on Support Programme to the Transformation of the Wines and Spirits Sector in South Africa	Entry into force: 20190808

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20181220 20191128	European Commission	Financing Agreement between the Republic of South Africa and the European Commission concerning Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in South Africa	Entry into force: 20191128
20190117	Bangladesh	Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on the Establishment of Regular Diplomatic Consultations	Entry into force: Not in force
20190121	Namibia	Memorandum of Understanding between the Republic of South Africa and the Republic of Namibia on Co-operation in the Areas of Fisheries and Aquaculture	Entry into force: Not in force
20190124	Canada	Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Environmental Affairs of the Republic of South Africa and the Department of Natural Resources of Canada on Mutual Assistance and Cooperation on Wildland and Fire Management	Entry into force: 20190124
20190125	India	Three-Year Strategic Programme of Co-operation: South Africa and India 2019-2021	Entry into force: 20190125

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20190206	Mali	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Mali on the Waiver of Visa Requirements for Holders of Diplomatic, Service or Official Passports	Entry into force: 20190823
20190212	Kenya	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Kenya on Defence Cooperation	Entry into force: Not in force
20190219	Mozambique	Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Mozambique on Economic Co-operation	Entry into force: Not in force
20190220 20190522	Central African Republic	Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Central African Republic on the Implementation of a Project to Train the CAR Personnel on VIP Protection, Funded through the African Renaissance and International Cooperation Fund	Entry into force: 20200130

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20190225	Germany	Joint Declaration of Intent between the Department of Higher Education and Training of the Republic of South Africa and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of the Federal Republic of Germany Concerning the Extension of their Cooperation in the Field of Vocational Education and Training	Entry into force: 20190225
20190226	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	Memorandum of Intent between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Entry into force: 20190226
20190227	Fiji	Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Fiji on General Co-operation	Entry into force: Not in force
20190228	France	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of France on Cooperation in the Field of Basic Education	Entry into force: 20191030

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20190228	France	Declaration of Intent between the Department of Higher Education and Training of the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Republic of France on Cooperation in Establishing a Co-Funded Scholarship for Master's Students and PhD Candidates	Entry into force: 20190228
20190307	International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) on the Establishment of a Country Office	Entry into force: 20190617
20190318	International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB)	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) on the Establishment of an ICGEB Component in the Republic of South Africa	Entry into force: Not in force
20190320	Peru	Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Peru on the Establishment of Political Consultations	Entry into force: 20190320

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20190329	Angola	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Angola on Cooperation in the Field of Basic Education	Entry into force: Not in force
20190517	Kenya	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Kenya on Cooperation in the Field of Basic Education	Entry into force: Not in force
20190807	Canada	Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Environmental Affairs of the Republic of South Africa and the Department of the Environment of Canada to Enhance Environmental Cooperation	Entry into force: 20190807
20190812	Myanmar	Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on Bilateral Consultations	Entry into force: 20191122
20190911	United Kingdom (UK)	Declaration of Intent between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of South Africa on Environmental Cooperation	Entry into force: 20190911

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20190925	Denmark	Declaration of Intent between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark on Green Transition, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Adaptation	Entry into force: 20190925
20190926	Dominican Republic	Memorandum of Understanding on Political Consultation between the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic	Entry into force: 20190926
20190926	Niger	Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Niger on Support with a Mobile Laboratory through the African Renaissance and International Cooperation Fund	Entry into force: Not in force
20190927	Jamaica	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of Jamaica concerning Air Services	Entry into force: Not in force
20191001	Bangladesh	Treaty between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on Extradition	Entry into force: Not in force



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20191001	Bangladesh	Treaty between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters	Entry into force: Not in force
20191101	Malawi	Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Malawi on Cooperation in Rhinoceros Conservation and Management	Entry into force: Not in force
20191115	eSwatini	Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Kingdom of eSwatini on Cross-Border Energy Related Public and Private Projects and Activities	Entry into force: Not in force
20191125 20191204	International Telecommunication Union (ITU)	Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the International Telecommunication Union for the Establishment of an African Digital Transformation Centre in South Africa	Entry into force: Not in force
20191205	Germany	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany concerning Financial Cooperation in 2018	Entry into force: 20200213

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20191205	Germany	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany regarding Technical Cooperation in 2018	Entry into force: 20200213
20191205	Ghana	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Ghana on the Establishment of a Bi-National Commission	Entry into force: Not in force
20191205	India	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of India on Simplification of Visa Requirements for Travel of Certain Categories of Citizens	Entry into force: 20200104
20191206	Togo	Agreement between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Togolese Republic on a Framework for Cooperation	Entry into force: 20191206

Accession (a); Acceptance (A); Adherence (adherence); Approval (AA); Consent to be bound (p); Ratification (r); Succession (d)

## Multilateral Agreements

<b>Date signed /adopted</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Title of agreement</b>	<b>SA date (yymmdd)</b>
20021218	United Nations (UN)	Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	20060920 (s) 20190610 (r) Entry into force: 20190720
20100430	IMO	2010 Protocol to the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 1996 (HNS PROT 2010)	20190719 (a) Entry into force: Not in force
20131010	United Nations (UN)	Minamata Convention on Mercury	20131010 (s) 20190429 (r) Entry into force: 20190728
20140818	SADC	Southern African Development Community Protocol on Environmental Management for Sustainable Development	20140818 (s) 20190430 (r) Entry into force: Not in force
20141212	UNESCO	Revised Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and Other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in African States	20190904 (r) Entry into force: Not in force

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20161015	United Nations (UN)	Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Kigali Amendment)	20190801 (r) Entry into force: 20191030
20170707	United Nations (UN)	Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty)	20170920 (s) 20190131 (r) Entry into force: Not in force
20180321	African Union (AU)	Agreement Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)	20180701 (s) 20190210 (r) Entry into force: 20190530
20190312		Convention Establishing the Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKA)	20190312 (s) Entry into force: Not in force
20190326	SADC	Declaration on the SADC Solidarity Conference with Western Sahara	Entry into force: 20190326
20191010	SACU Mozambique United Kingdom (UK)	Economic Partnership Agreement between the SACU Member States, and Mozambique on the One Part and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the Other Part	Entry into force: Not in force

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