

Memorandum of Understanding between German Public Health Association and Public Health Association of South Africa Cooperation

German Public Health Association and Public Health Association of South Africa
(hereinafter referred as “the Parties”)

In order to establish and promote bilateral cooperation in the field of public health,
On the basis of equality, mutual benefit and mutual respect,
Through amicable consultations,
Have reached the following understandings:

Article 1 Purpose

The Parties will promote exchanges and cooperation in the field of public health
in accordance with the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and the
existing laws, rules and regulations of both sides as well as the actual conditions of
the two associations.

Article 2 Areas of cooperation

The Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas as priority:

1. Prevention and control of communicable and non-communicable diseases.
2. Public health surveillance, epidemiology and disease intelligence.
3. Health emergency preparedness, response and resilience.
4. Climate change, environmental health and planetary health.
5. Health systems strengthening and primary health care.
6. Public health workforce development and capacity building.
7. Research, innovation and knowledge exchange.
8. Digital health, artificial intelligence and public health technologies.
9. Public health policy, advocacy and leadership development.
10. Any other areas mutually agreed by the Parties.

Article 3 Forms of cooperation

The Parties will conduct cooperation in the following forms:

1. Establish a communication mechanism to share progress in public health.
2. Share information on seminars of public health held by each other, and send representatives to attend.

Cooperation **may** also include:

3. Carry out exchanges and talent cultivation for health professionals.
4. Joint conferences, congresses, scientific meetings and workshops.
4. Webinars, technical dialogues and professional exchanges.
5. Exchange of experts, researchers, students and public health professionals.
6. Joint research projects and scientific publications.
7. Development of technical reports, policy briefs and guidance documents.
8. Participation in each other's conferences and events.
9. Collaborative grant applications and resource mobilisation.
10. Establishment of joint technical working groups.
11. Other activities /forms of public health agreed by the Parties.

Article 4 – Governance and Coordination

The Parties shall designate focal persons responsible for implementation of this MoU.

The Parties shall meet at least annually, virtually or in person, to review progress and identify future collaborative opportunities.

Joint technical working groups may be established where appropriate.

Article 5 Financing

In the event of mutual visits, the sending party shall bear all the expenses incurred during the implementation of the cooperation activities under this MoU. Financial arrangements that differ from this principle require prior agreement between the Parties and financial arrangements in specific areas shall be negotiated separately by the Parties.

The Parties may jointly seek funding and resources from governmental, multilateral, philanthropic, academic and private-sector partners to support collaborative activities.

Article 6 – Research, Publications and Intellectual Property

The Parties may collaborate on scientific research, publications, technical reports and conference presentations.

Authorship and acknowledgement arrangements shall be agreed for each activity.

Intellectual property arising from collaborative activities shall remain the property of the originating Party unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Article 7 – Confidentiality

Each Party shall respect the confidentiality of information designated as confidential and obtained during implementation of this MoU.

Article 8 Enter into force and termination

1. This MoU will become effective upon signature, and will remain in effect for a period of two years. It will be automatically renewed for equal periods once unless either Party gives written notice to the other of its intention to terminate the MoU, at least six months prior to its expiry.
2. The termination of this MoU shall not affect the implementation of ongoing activities and /or programmes which have been agreed upon by the parties and started prior to the date of the termination.

Article 9 Amendment and consultation

1. This MoU may be amended and supplemented by written consensus of the Parties.
2. Any differences between the Parties on the understanding and implementation of this MoU shall be settled by amicable consultations.

Article 10 – Nature of the MoU

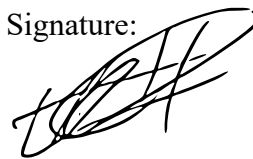
This MoU reflects the intentions of the Parties and does not create legally binding obligations under domestic or international law.

Signature:

For the German
Public Health Association

Date:

Signature:



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For the Public Health Association of
South Africa

Date: 14 August 2026