

TEAM NORWAY

Team Norway is a partnership between:

Innovation Norway, The Research Council of Norway, Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education and Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Innovation Norway is the Norwegian Government's most important instrument for innovation and development of Norwegian enterprises and industry.

It is established to support companies in developing their competitive advantage and to enhance their innovation. Innovation Norway is the Norwegian government's official trade representative abroad and is represented in more than 30 countries worldwide and in all Norwegian counties.



The Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education (SIU) is Norway's official agency for international programmes and measures related to education. SIU promotes international cooperation at all levels of education.

SIU is also responsible for promoting Norway as a cooperation and study destination, as well as providing information and advisory services within the field of internationalisation in education.



The Research Council of Norway serves as the chief advisory body for the government authorities on research policy issues.

The Research Council works to promote international cooperation and increase participation in the EU framework programme on research and innovation. It also works to add value to the research system by facilitating research that actors in the system could not successfully achieve working on their own.

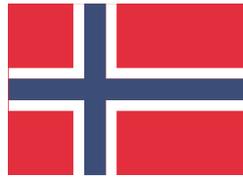


Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The main task of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to secure and promote Norway's interests internationally.

Norway's interests are determined by such factors as its geographical location in a strategically important area, its open economy, its position as a coastal state and steward of substantial marine resources, and its extensive exports of oil and gas.

NORWAY IN SOUTH AFRICA



Norway actively supported groups opposing the apartheid regime. In the 1990s, a new era of cooperation in higher education and research was initiated, both bilaterally and multilaterally, including a number of joint projects between South African and Norwegian higher education institutions.

At present, South Africa is one of six countries especially focused upon by the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research for the period 2016 – 2020.

With this as a background, the Ministry has launched two main funding programmes for institutionalised cooperation within education and research for prioritised countries; the UTFORSK programme and the INTPART programme.

These measures support cooperation between education institutions in South Africa and Norway, enhancing the quality of education and research, in all fields. The projects can consist of joint courses, development of teaching material, guest lecturing, student and staff mobility and more.

In 2016, 11 projects involving partnerships between South Africa and Norway were supported by these means, and in 2017, so far 6 projects have been funded. The UTFORSK-programme is administered by the Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education (SIU), and the INTPART-programme by both SIU and the Research Council of Norway.

Since 2002, a series of bilateral research cooperation programmes have provided support for 86 joint research projects based on the equal partnership principle, 19 of which are presently ongoing. The projects have been managed jointly by the National Research Foundation in South Africa and the Research Council of Norway.

Innovation Norway is an agency under the Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries, with a mission to support and promote innovation and new business development between the two countries. Innovation Norway has been present in Pretoria and Cape Town since 1999, as the commercial section of the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Pretoria.

Since 2013, South Africa and Norway have been conducting annual high-level bilateral consultations to identify areas of common political and economic interest. The talks include the focus areas of the SANCOOP-programme for cooperative research on climate change, the environment and renewable energy.

Following the launching of Operation Phakisa, South Africa and Norway re-confirmed their mutual interest in exploring opportunities for development of ocean space and the “blue” economy, including the maritime sector, marine resources, and aquaculture. The two countries have further agreed to strengthen bilateral cooperation on the environment and to explore opportunities in the area of renewable energies.