

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN COTTON PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

DECLARATION

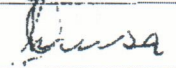



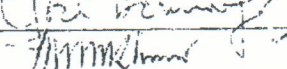




We the undersigned have resolved to establish a regional cotton producers association whose proposed name is the Southern African Cotton Producers Association (SACPA). This follows a series of consultation meetings amongst ourselves on various matters of common interest during which it came to our realization that we needed to have more structured cooperation and collaboration at the regional level. The ultimate goal of our association will be to develop a profitable and sustainable cotton sector which contributes to the welfare of cotton growers and to the general economic development of the region.

The Southern African Cotton Producers Association (SACPA) will protect, defend and advance the common interests of cotton primary producers in Southern Africa. Our key objectives include the following:

- To improve productivity and promote increased production of quality cotton in a viable and sustainable manner;
- To promote solidarity amongst the member associations, and
- To facilitate the development of strategic partnerships between cotton associations and public and private sector stakeholders.

We further resolve that all preparations towards the establishment of this association be completed by the end of August 2012. To this end we have tasked an interim committee comprising Cotton SA, Cotton Association of Zambia, Zimbabwe Cotton Producers Association and the SACAU Secretariat to undertake the necessary preparations. These will include the development of draft governance instruments and strategic documents, resource mobilization as well as implementation of some key activities.

Signed on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2011 at Protea Hotel Waterfront Centurion, South Africa

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