

PARTNERSHIPS



COOPERATION

**SOUTH
AFRICA**





Existing Partnership

- Diplomatic relations between Indonesia and South Africa have been established since August 12, 1994. Then on March 17, 2008, the two countries signed a Joint Declaration on a Strategic Partnership. Since then, South Africa has become the only African country that has a strategic partnership agreement with Indonesia.
- To encourage the implementation of this partnership, in March 2017 the two parties agreed on a Plan of Action (PoA) for the Indonesia - South Africa 2017-2021 Strategic Partnership which also includes training and diplomatic education between the two countries.
- Universities in Indonesia have collaborated with South Africa several times, some of them are Sebelas Maret University (UNS) and Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (UMY) in 2018 and 2020. The Chancellor of UMY, Dr. Ir. Gunawan Budiyanto, M.P. has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in educational cooperation wherein the MoU includes a full scholarship program in bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees for South African youth especially in Cape Town to study at Muhammadiyah University in Yogyakarta (UMY).



Proposed Partnership

Looking at the historical and cultural relationship between Indonesia and South Africa which opens up the scope of potential for greater cooperation in the future with Indonesian universities such as student exchanges, scholarship programs, establishment of other study centers, organizing seminars or Indonesian language classes and so on, where this will strengthen social and cultural relations, especially in the field of education between Indonesia and South Africa.