

### ***Mission statement of the South African German Network Deutschland e.V.***

*SAGE Net is a carrier-spreading co-operation initiative of very different German and South African organizations (federations, authorities, associations, companies etc.). Its goal is to organize long-term contact and exchange between South Africa and Germany on a dialogical basis. SAGE Net uses the synergy effects that occur when people from different organizations work together in a constructive way. In this way SAGE Net achieves results that in this form are usually not in the focus of individual organizations. SAGE Net provides the framework for the development of long-term direct contacts between the two civil societies, which are expressed in goal-oriented projects.*

*A component of this framework is the commitment of SAGE Net in the weltwärts program. SAGE Net thus enables a mutual developmental learning of young adults and the participating organizations. This learning is on the one hand specifically oriented towards the diversity of civil societies in South Africa and Germany, but on the other hand it is also related to overarching contexts in the sense of global learning. This serves the development of a global responsibility on the South African and German side, both for the participating organisations themselves and for the weltwärts volunteers.*

*Due to the long-term nature of the organizations' contact, the focus is on the sustainability of the projects' effects. This sustainability should lead to civic engagement in social projects, especially among the volunteers after their return. The promotion of the returnee engagement is a long-term focus of SAGE Net.*

*This mission statement of SAGE Net is concretized in a separate policy for the weltwärts voluntary service. It was developed in dialogue with the partner projects in South Africa, which are united as the non-profit organization SAGE Net South Africa. SAGE Net regularly organizes conferences in South Africa as well as in Germany as a forum for dialogical exchange.*

*Beyond the world, SAGE Net also aims at learning about development policy from other age groups in both countries. These are reached through other formats of intercultural encounter.*

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*signed. Dr. D. Vogel (Board of Directors)*