



South African Reserve Bank

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SOUTH AFRICAN RESERVE BANK AND THE BANK OF ENGLAND AGREE TO COOPERATE

The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) has agreed to cooperate with the Bank of England (BoE) on training and technical assistance as part of a pilot project funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID) aimed at providing assistance to central banks in selected African countries.

The SARB and the BoE are in the process of agreeing the programme of engagement, which will be delivered by mid-2019. Some of the projects envisaged under the programme include:

- training initiatives in the 'Twin Peaks' approach to financial regulation¹;
- enhancing macro prudential surveillance and policy frameworks;
- developing tools to better measure systemic risk and vulnerabilities in the financial sector; and
- closer cooperation on Fintech².

This new initiative between the SARB and the BoE will build on an already good relationship between the two central banks. The SARB also recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding to enhance cooperation with the European Central Bank, similar to an arrangement that exists with the Deutsche Bundesbank.

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¹ Twin Peaks refers to the creation of the Prudential Authority, located within the SARB, which is responsible for regulating banks, insurers, cooperative financial institutions, financial conglomerates and certain market infrastructures, and the market conduct regulator, the Financial Sector Conduct Authority.

² The SARB describes FinTech as technologies applied to financial services with the potential to disrupt current business models, applications, processes or products.