



STARTING AN ABELUSI CHAPTER

Shepherding Others for the Magic of Their Success

Considerations

Starting from scratch, having a venture already working or in the pipeline. Abelusi is a self-sustaining global association with regional and local chapters. The regional or local operation, or Chapter, will be independent operationally and financially aligning with the aims, principles and values of Abelusi Global. Why become part of Abelusi Global as against being an independent operation? Several reasons but mainly to benefit from being part of an international network. Conversely to benefit the global network by establishing a 'Centre of Expertise' where your knowledge and experiences can benefit other Chapters. Your President becomes a member of the Board of the Regional Chapter or Global Association.

Starting from Scratch

- Consult the Abelusi website including its various documents
- Discuss with friend(s) or colleague(s) whom you think might be interested
- Agree to research and take it further
- Discuss with Abelusi Global President, Board member and/or with another Chapter President
- Explore the structure and documentation already available at Abelusi Global (Dropbox with existing materials)
- Particularly reference the Abelusi Chapter Systems and Process Flow Overview that helps the design and structure considerations.
- Investigate legal entities to establish a not-for-profit association or organisation that best fits your locality or Country. Include existing examples – Statute of Association (CH), NPC - Non-Profit Company (ZA)
- Set up a Core Team of Founding members to implement the structure
- Establish the legal entity and implement structure when required – bank, premises, equipment, meetings, web page, documentation, etc
- **Question** – Should you have Project(s) first or should you have Members first. Either. You may have started establishing a Chapter because of specific need(s) in your community and that becomes your primary focus, attracting expertise before expanding. You may not have something specific to start with and in this case a team of like-minded people can be brought together to explore the many possibilities that exist in a community to select Project(s) as a start.
- **Outreach and Networking** - Explore implementation strategies of affiliating and/or working closely with Business Chambers and similar associations (technical and agricultural) – explore opportunities to create reciprocity and/or partnership arrangements for funding institutions or departments and organizations and/or non-profits with similar aims. The concept is that chambers and similar organizations may be a good source of future members, projects for the local chapter and marketing.
- Hold Annual General Meeting to formalise the Board and membership
- Impact and Enjoy

Elders/ Seniors/ Retirees

“KEEPING-ON-KEEPING-ON-TOGETHER”

for the benefit of themselves and their communities