



## Creation of local or regional Chapters

### **ABOUT THE NETWORK: 1,100 MEMBERS, 110 COUNTRIES**

The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank was founded in May 2000 as an informal network of individual parliamentarians to strengthen accountability and transparency in international financial institutions and mobilize parliamentarians to address global governance and poverty challenges.

PNoWB is an independent, non-governmental organization bringing together more than 1100 parliamentarians from 110 countries.

PNoWB offers a unique platform for dialogue between parliamentarians and the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and regional development banks. Indeed, the members of the Network have a unique opportunity to access information on development issues and influence those who form policy in the development arena.

### **PNoWB REGIONAL AND LOCAL CHAPTERS**

PNoWB has established permanent relationships with the highest levels of decision-making in international financial institutions. At regional and local levels, PNoWB members must have an exchange of information amongst themselves and with the World Bank and other development actors.

Indeed, the principle of inter-parliamentary cooperation and networking is strongly promoted by PNoWB. Parliamentarians join the Network as individuals, but are then encouraged to coordinate their development-related activities with corresponding groups and eventually to create regional or local Chapters.

PNoWB Chapters can help strengthen the position of parliamentarians and build-up an enhanced relationship with development stakeholders.

## **PRACTICAL DETAILS**

Article 19 of PNoWB articles of association governs the founding and running of PNoWB Chapters; it explains how local and regional structures wishing to participate in the activities of the Network may acquire the status of local or regional Chapter.

The following rules are particularly important: only the PNoWB Board can confer the status of Chapter; Chapters are discussion groups acting within the scope and mission of PNoWB; Chapters report on their activities to the Board; and Members of Chapters must be PNoWB members.

Moreover, it is worth noting that the creation of local or regional Chapters must be a local or regional initiative from parliamentarians and it requires at least five founding parliamentarians per country.

When requesting to be conferred the status of Chapter by PNoWB Board, parliamentarians take the responsibility to meet regularly and discuss development issues, adopt a program of activity, ensure the financial independence of the Chapter (e.g. no funding from PNoWB International) and establish a permanent liaison with PNoWB Secretariat.

The check-list on page 3 should help you prepare the launch of a local or regional Chapter.

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**CHECK LIST FOR THE CREATION OF A LOCAL OR REGIONAL CHAPTER**

	Structure complies with requirement	Structure does not comply with requirement
Appointment of an executive committee comprising of one Chair, one Treasurer and at least one Vice-President <i>(corresponding groups or steering committees can be established for the first year)</i>		
List with Chapters' members and contacts		
Program of activity for the year		
<i>Budget of the Chapter for the year (if applicable)</i>		
Drafting of the local constitution		
<i>Registering of the Chapter as local association (if applicable)</i>		
<i>List of staff (if applicable)</i>		
Membership forms signed for the year		
Contact in the World Bank country office established		
Date of the end of the legislature and next parliamentary elections		

*All above mentioned requirements should be fulfilled in order for the Board to be able to confer the status of local or regional Chapter. The creation of a Chapter takes a minimum of 3 months.*