



Creation of Chapters

ABOUT THE NETWORK: 1,500 MEMBERS, 140 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 1500 parliamentarians from 140 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

A PNoWB Chapter brings together a group of parliamentarians who are committed to the network's mission and principles. Chapters can be national or regional and can help to strengthen the position of parliamentarians among development stakeholders.

PNoWB chapters facilitate regular interaction between local parliamentarians and staff in World Bank country offices, including consultations on Country Assistance Strategies, Public Expenditure Reviews, and World Bank policies and individual projects.

In developing countries, this level of engagement -- as well as the [Parliamentarians in the Field program](#) -- has proven invaluable in improving country ownership and involvement in the poverty-reduction process.

PRACTICAL DETAILS

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.

Chapters are discussion groups acting within the scope and mission of PNoWB. They must be a local initiative and require at least five founding parliamentarians per country. The status of local or regional Chapter is conferred by [PNoWB's Board](#) and Chapters must report on their activities to the Board. Members of Chapters must fill PNoWB's [membership form](#) in order to be considered PNoWB members.

When requesting to be conferred the status of Chapter, parliamentarians take the responsibility to meet regularly and discuss development issues, adopt a program of activities, ensure the financial independence of the Chapter (e.g. no funding from PNoWB International) and establish a permanent liaison with [PNoWB's 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-Chair <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		
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.*