

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT, CAP C20 LFN 2007
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
OF
THE ABUJA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(LTD/GTE)

1. The Name of the Company is ABUJA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LTD/GTE.
2. The Registered Office of the Company will be situated in Abuja, Nigeria.
3. The Objects for which the Company is established are -
 - a) To promote the development business of members in all economic spheres including Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture particularly in Abuja and throughout Nigeria.
 - b) To establish Centres of excellence for capacity development, trade promotion, policy advocacy, disputes resolution, investment promotion directly or in partnership with the Organised Private Sector, government or other corporate bodies and to collect and disseminate data and other information for the purpose of enhancing the development of commercial and industrial activities in Abuja and Nigeria.
 - c) To promote and support public policies, legislations and executive measures for enhancing the growth of commercial, industrial, and other economic activities in Abuja and throughout Nigeria.
 - d) To support any legal entity, Body or Group having objects similar to objects of the Chamber and or engaged in business development, economic activities and to encourage and support any society, Chamber or group for the promotion of enterprise, Commerce, Trade, and other Economic activities.
 - e) To purchase, take on lease or exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges, which the Chamber may think necessary or convenient, for the realization of the objects and purposes of the Chamber.
 - f) To improve, manage, sell, lease, mortgage, dispose of assets or otherwise deal with any part of its property in promotion of the interests and objects of the Chamber

- g) To invest, deposit and deal with the monies of the Chamber not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be determined by the Council and to set up special purpose vehicles for such investment
- h) To print and publish or collaborate in printing or publishing media, Journals, periodicals, books or leaflets whether online or in hard print, that the Chamber may think desirable for the promotion of its activities.
- i.) To borrow, with the approval of the Council but subject to a limit that may be set by AGM or EGM, any moneys as may be required for the purpose of the Chamber upon such securities as may be determined or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property of the Chamber for this purpose.
- j) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive for the attainment of the aforesaid objects, provided that the Chamber shall not support with its funds or endeavor to impose on or procure to be observed by its members any activities likely to make the Chamber a Trade Union.
- k) To employ and determine the employment of such staff and agents upon such terms as the Chamber may approve from time to time.

The Company is a Private Company.

The liability of the members is limited by guarantee.

The income and property of the Company shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects, and no portion of the income or property shall be paid or transferred directly to the members of the Company except for consideration approved by Council or the AGM or as permitted by this Memorandum and Articles of Association or under the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990 and or any other relevant legislation.

NAMES.	ADDRESS.	DESCRIPTION OF SUBSCRIBERS
AlhajiAbdullahiAdamu	New City Gate Pharmacy Limited, 20, Hassan Dallatu Road,Suleja – Niger State	Pharmacist
HajiaUwaniGarba.	Dubu Nigeria Limited, Plot 120, Ikeja Crescent, Area 2, section 1, Garki – Abuja.	Hotel proprietress
Chief Sam Mbah	Hamdala Ind. &Comm Co. Ltd Shop 427, Wuse Modern Market Abuja	Company Director

Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of its being wound up while he is a member or within one year afterwards, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before he ceases to

be a member, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding N2,000 so however that the total amount to be so contributed by all the members shall not be less than N10,000.

Dated this.....day of

Witness to the above signatures.....

Address:.....

Occupation:.....

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT, CAP C20 LFN 2007

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION & BYE LAWS

OF

THE ABUJA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (LTD/GTE)

1. The vision, mission and object statement of the Chamber shall be as follows:

a.) The Vision is to be the foremost Chamber of Commerce in Nigeria.

b) The Mission is to represent and serve the interest of members as well as support the development of a strong national economy.

c) The Object statement is to promote economic and industrial development within the Federal Capital Territory and Nigeria in general.

2. These Articles shall be construed in line with the provisions of the Companies and Allied Matters Act CAP C20 LFN 2007 of Nigeria for the time being in force and terms used in these Articles shall be taken as having the same respective meanings as they have been used in the Act except where otherwise herein provided.

3. The Company (hereinafter called Chamber or vice versa) is established solely for the purpose stated in the Memorandum of Association, and without prejudice thereto to represent, express and give effect to the opinion of the commercial and industrial community and the private sector in general. All matters arising out of or relating to or having a bearing on, in any manner whatsoever, party politics, local or general, and all questions relating to wages, scales or standards of wages, the fixing of prices and the terms and conditions of service are expressly excluded from and are without the purpose of the Chamber.

4. The Chamber may affiliate with any Chamber of Commerce or other business association or groups in Nigeria or abroad as the Council may from time to time approve.

Membership

5. Only such companies, as are now on the Register of Members of the Chamber, and companies which shall hereinafter be duly admitted to be members of the Chamber shall, subject to the provisions of these Articles, be members of the Chamber.

6. Any company carrying on business in or with offices within the FCT may apply for membership.

7. The application shall be supported by two financial members of the Chamber; at least one shall be a member of Council.

8. The Application shall be processed through the Secretariat, the Membership Committee for the approval of the President. Such approval shall be ratified by the Council.

9. The Executive Committee may decide the procedure for the processing of membership and determine if an Applicant and or its representative is fit or proper for membership of the Chamber.

Financial Membership

10. The Council shall determine all fees or dues payable by Members including membership fees, annual dues, Trade Group dues and other dues and will be subjected to ratification at the General Meeting.

11. A member that is not financially up to date cannot vote, occupy any office in the Chamber or enjoy any privileges of membership.

Resignation

12. A member may resign its membership by a written notice sent or delivered to the Chamber and such notice shall take immediate effect upon receipt.

Cessation of Membership

13. (1) A member shall cease to be a member of the Chamber:

(a) If it is adjudged a bankrupt

(b) If by 30th June of any year the member has not paid its annual dues, or failed to pay any other moneys which may be due to the Chamber or Trade Group.

(c) If in spite of demand by the Executive Committee or the Council, it neglects or refuses to comply with any provisions of the Article of Association or Bye-Laws of the Chamber.

(d) If it or its representative is convicted for any offence involving dishonesty.

(e) If it's membership has ceased as a result of disciplinary action by the Chamber.

(2) A member may be readmitted upon application to and recommendation by the Executive Committee to Council upon such terms as may be considered reasonable in the circumstance.

Discipline of Member

14. The Disciplinary Committee established under these Articles shall have disciplinary powers over all members or their authorized representatives.

15. All cases or complaints of misconduct involving any member or official of the Chamber may be sent to the President or Director General who shall refer same to the Executive Committee for reference to the Disciplinary Committee.

16. A member whose conduct is presented to the Disciplinary Committee for consideration, under the provisions of these Articles shall receive a minimum of fourteen days written notice sent to him by postage to its last known address, or by text or email or other electronic means, and upon his giving notice in writing to the Committee, of his intention to appear, shall be heard by the Disciplinary Committee as the case may be, and may through its duly authorized representative put in a written statement in defense.

17. The Disciplinary Committee shall submit its Report to the Executive Committee, which shall forward its recommendations along with the Report to the Council.

18. The Council may consider a Complaint from any person against any member or officer and may refer same to the Disciplinary Committee for review and may give interim directives in the meantime. A complaint against the Council or the Executive Committee may be sent directly to the Board of Past Presidents.

19. The Disciplinary Committee may recommend that a member be suspended for a period or expelled or that certain course of action be taken by the Chamber against the said member or its representative.

20. The Council may by resolution passed by two-third of members present and voting expel or suspend any member whose conduct in the opinion of such majority is antithetical to the vision, mission and values of the Chamber.

21. Any person aggrieved by the decision of Council may appeal to the Body of Past Presidents. The Body may review the decision of Council and come to a decision to affirm or vary the decision of Council. The decision of the Body shall be final and binding.

Legal Action

22. No member of the Chamber may commence legal action against the Chamber or any of the officers or staff without first forwarding to the Council, a complaint stating the following:

(a.) The nature of complaint (b) Parties concerned (c) Reliefs sought

23. The Council on receiving such complaint shall render a decision within thirty days if not a matter to be considered by the Disciplinary Committee. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Council may appeal to the Body of Past Presidents.

24. The decision of the body of Past Presidents shall be rendered within thirty days of receiving the appeal.

25. Any member who commences a legal action against the Chamber, its Organs or Officers in violation of these Articles shall stand suspended and a note of the conduct shall be made to the Council and the Disciplinary Committee for review.

Finance

26. The Council may, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, impose a special levy in aid of approved projects from time to time as circumstances warrant and

subject to approval by Council and members are obliged to pay such levy within the time limit.

27. All monies belonging to the Chamber shall be kept in its name with such bank(s) or Cooperatives or Funds as the Council may approve on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

28. The Council shall approve the annual budget to be proposed by the Executive Committee at the last Council meeting of every year and all expenditures must be approved by the Executive Committee and Council.

29 All expenditures of the Chamber shall pass through due process guidelines laid down in the Chamber and must be approved by the President.

30 The Financial Year of the Chamber shall commence on the first day of October and end on the thirtieth day of September, and the Annual duly audited Accounts shall be presented at the first General Meeting after the close of the Financial Year.

31 The President, 1st and/or 2nd Deputy President shall be A signatories to all Cheques drawn on the account of the Chamber and Counter-signed by any either the Vice President (Finance) or the Director- General of the Chamber as B signatories. All financial instruments and Cheques must signed jointly by either two A signatories or A and B signatories.

MEETINGS OF THE CHAMBER

Attendance and Voting at Meetings

32 Only a duly authorized representative of a financial member whose name appear in the Register of Members, shall be entitled to attend any meetings of the Chamber or vote at any such meetings.

33 A notice for such meetings shall be given by the Secretariat to any member or its representatives, either personally or by sending it by post electronically to his address as it appears in the Register of Members. Where a notice is sent as stated, it shall be deemed to have been served at the expiration of twenty-four hours after it was posted.

34. At any meeting of the Chamber, decisions shall be first by consensus or by a resolution put to the vote decided by voice vote or by a show of hands, in that order, unless voting by ballot is demanded by at least 50% members present and voting. If however, a vote is taken by a show of hands, a declaration by the Chairman that the resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect made in the Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.

Conduct at Meetings

35. A Member in attendance at a meeting of the Chamber shall conduct himself with all decorum and accord all due respect to the Chairman of the meeting and all members in attendance. No member may speak unless recognized by the Chairman.

36. Disruption of any meetings of the Chamber by any member shall amount to a gross misconduct.

37. A representative of more than one member is entitled to vote for each member he represents, provided he is duly appointed and his name appears on the Register of Members as a representative of such members.

Annual General Meeting or Extra-Ordinary General Meeting

38. The Annual General Meeting of the Chamber shall be held on such day in December of each year as the Council shall from time to time determine, to: -

- a) Receive the Report of the President on the activities of the Chamber;
- b) Receive the Statement of Audited Accounts
- c) Appoint the Auditor for the ensuing year;
- d) Consider and if necessary take action with reference to any business or motion of which due notice may have been given, or which a two-thirds majority of those present and voting may determine to entertain not being inconsistent with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

39. Notice of the Annual General Meeting stating the business to be transacted therein as well as the date and place of the meeting shall be given by the Secretariat on the directive of the President at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting by the Chamber with approval of the Executive Committee to all members by text and or email or other reliable means. Any inadvertent omission to give any such notice to a member shall not invalidate the meeting or any resolution passed therein.

40. An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Chamber may be called at any time whenever it deems fit to transact special or urgent businesses.

41. No resolution of an Annual General Meeting or of an Extra Ordinary General Meeting shall be rescinded except by a resolution at another Annual General Meeting or Extra Ordinary General Meeting convened for that purpose.

Executive Committee & Council Meetings or General Meetings

42. The Executive Committee of the Chamber shall meet at least once a month while the Council shall meet once every quarter.

43. A Meeting of the Executive Committee, the Council or the Annual General Meeting of the Chamber shall be presided over by the President or in his absence by either of the 1st or 2nd Deputy President. If none of the officers is available then the meeting shall be postponed to the earliest day possible provided that no meeting shall be postponed more than twice in which case the Council may select a Vice President to Chair such meeting.

Minutes of Meetings

44. (a) Minutes of all meetings shall be taken by the Secretariat.
(b) Corrected Minutes of the proceedings of the Chamber in General Meetings, Council meetings, Executive Committee meetings or any Committee meetings

shall be kept by the Secretariat and such Minutes shall be open for the inspection by any financial member.

Quorum at Meetings

45. The quorum of meetings of:

- (a) The Executive Committee shall be five including the President or any presiding Deputy President.
- (b) The Council shall be ten members including the President or any presiding Deputy President
- (c) The Annual General Meeting or Extra Ordinary General Meeting shall be thirty financial members including the President or any presiding Deputy President.
- (d) The quorum for any Meeting Committee or Trade Group shall be fixed by each Committee or Trade Group.

Committee and Trade Groups Meetings

46. Meetings of any Committee or Trade Group may be convened in consultation with the President or the Director General, by either the Chairman of the Committee or Trade Group or by two thirds of the membership of the Committee or Trade Group. The notice of the meeting shall allow at least two days and shall state the agenda of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted. Minutes of all Committee and Trade Group meetings are to be taken and kept by the Secretariat.

Executive Committee of the Chamber

47. (1). The Executive Committee shall be vested with executive powers to act for and on behalf of the Chamber and;

2) The Executive Committee shall comprise the following twelve Officers:

- (a) President
- (b) 1st Deputy President
- (c) 2nd Deputy President
- (d) Vice President (Legal and Regulatory)
- (e) Vice President (Finance and Business)
- (f) Vice President (Technology, Innovation and Skills Development TISD)
- (g) Vice President (Diplomatic, Strategy and Public Affairs)
- (h) Vice President (Commerce and New Economy)
- (i) Vice President (Industry & SMEs Development)
- (j) Vice President (Minerals and Extractive Industries)
- (k) Vice President (Agriculture)
- (l) Vice President (Women Development and Gender Matters)
- (m) Immediate Past President -Ex-Officio

3) The Director-General and General Counsel Legal may attend the Executive Committee as Ex-Officio members

58. An official shall cease to hold office when he ceases to be a member in accordance with this Articles or on the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) The date when his/her resignation from office takes effect;

- (b) When his tenure expires;
- (c) He/she, dies, is declared bankrupt or is convicted of an offence involving dishonesty by a court of competent jurisdiction;
- (d) Subject to the provisions of this Article when a vote of no confidence is passed on him by two third (2/3) of the members present in any Annual General Meeting of the Chamber.

Duties of Officers

49. The Officers of the Chamber shall carry out the following duties:

The President

50. His duties shall include the following:

- a) To act as Chief Executive Officer of the Chamber and ensure compliance with this Memorandum and Articles of Association.
- b) To cause to be summoned and to preside at all Annual General Meetings, Council meetings of the Executive Committee and other meetings of the Chamber and present a Presidential address to the Annual General Meeting.
- c) To generally co-ordinate and direct the activities of all officers of the Chamber.
- d) To ensure the implementation of all decisions of the Executive Committee, the Council and the Annual General Meeting.
- e) To approve specific items of expenditure.
- f). To act as the chief image maker of the Chamber

1st Deputy President

51. The functions of the 1st Deputy President are as follows:

- a.) He shall assist the President and in the absence of the President act as President.
- b.) He shall also cover the functions of the 2nd Deputy President in his absence.
- c). He shall supervise and coordinate the activities of the Vice Presidents to ensure their effective functioning.
- d). He shall be responsible for business development as the Executive Committee or the Council may direct from time to time.

2nd Deputy President

52. The functions of the 2nd Deputy President are as follows:

- a. He shall assist the President and the 1st Deputy President and shall in the absence of both act as President, or in the absence of the 1st Deputy carry out the functions of the 1st Deputy President.
- b. . He shall coordinate the activities of the Trade Groups and ensure their effective functioning.

Vice Presidents.

53. The functions of the Vice Presidents shall be as follows:

- a) To assist the President and the 1st and 2nd Deputy President and may in the absence of the President, 1st and 2nd Deputy Presidents be elected by the Executive Committee to perform their duties.
- b). To perform the duties designated for and ascribed to their offices.
- c) To perform such other duties as may be assigned to them from time to time by the President, Executive Committee and/or Council.

54. The Vice President (Finance) shall present an Annual Finance Report at the Annual General Meeting.

55. The Vice President (Legal) shall be the Legal Adviser of the Chamber. He shall be a practicing Legal Practitioner

Filling of Vacancy in the Executive Committee

56. Any vacancy occurring in the Executive Committee during the year may be filled by the Council upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee pending the next Annual General Meeting where such officer so appointed shall be entitled to seek election for that office.

Director-General

57. There shall be a staff of the Chamber who shall, be designated as the Director General who shall be the Administrative head of the Secretariat responsible for day-to-day operations of the Chamber.

58. The Director General shall carry out the directives of the Executive Committee, the Council and the Annual General Meeting under the general direction of the President.

The Council

59. The Council of the Chamber shall be constituted as follows:

- a) Elected Members: There shall be fifteen members elected from the general body of members and persons whose names appear on the Register of Members at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with these Articles and any byelaws, which may be made thereunder.
- b) An elected Council member may serve for two terms of three years each after which he shall no longer be qualified to be a Council member.
- c) The Executive Committee with the approval of the Council may appoint deserving persons, companies or agencies as Honorary Council members for a term of three years and no more unless the Council otherwise directs.

60. The Chairmen of Trade Groups, who are duly appointed by the respective Groups shall be Honorary Council members.

61. Representatives of the Chamber in Government bodies may be appointed honorary council members.

Powers of the Council

62. The Council shall have power, without prejudice to powers already granted in these Articles:

- (a) To ratify actions of the Executive Committee as may be required.
- (b) To approve all expenditure and appointments in the Chamber and generally approve all processes for the due conduct of the business of the Chamber and to approve regulations and measures concerning Conditions of Service and Remuneration for all persons employed by the Chamber.
- (c) The Council may delegate part of its power to the Executive Committee and whatever actions taken there under shall be subject to ratification at any subsequent Council meeting.

(d) The Council, may on the recommendation of the Executive Committee nominate any representative of the Chamber for appointment into Government Agencies or other official Bodies and such representatives may withdraw such nomination at any time at the Council's discretion; while serving, such representative of the Chamber may receive remunerations for such positions ex-officio.

Objection to the Decisions of the Council

63 If any member of the Council or the Executive Committee objects to any decision of the Executive or Council which in his opinion may be injurious to the interest of the Chamber, or of a Committee, or a Trade Group, such objection shall be reviewed by the joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the Council and in the event the complaint is not satisfied, then an appeal may be forwarded to the Board of Past Presidents, whose decision on the complaint shall be final.

Effect of Non -Attendance of Council Meetings

64. The Council may declare the seat of an elected member vacant in the event of any elected member of Council failing to attend three consecutive meetings of the Council unless there are reasonable explanations for the absence or if the Council has excused him from attendance.

Attendance of Council Meetings by Non- Members

65. Any financial member of the Chamber may attend any meeting of the Council or of any Committee and by express permission of the Chairman as an observer only and may with permission address the meeting but shall be without any voting right.

Byelaws

66. The Council shall have power, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, to make, alter or revoke Bye-Laws for the Chamber for the purpose of giving full effect to this Articles and the Vision and Mission of the Chamber, provided always that the Bye-Laws shall not be repugnant to the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

67. Notice of any suggested alteration of any Byelaws should be given to all members of the Chamber and shall be in the agenda Paper for the Council Meeting at which the alteration is to be considered.

Standing Committees

68. (1.) The following Standing Committees are hereby established:

- (a) Finance Committee
- (b) Establishment Committee
- (c) Membership Committee
- (d) Disciplinary Committee

(2) A Standing Committee shall have no more than seven members.

(3)A Standing Committee shall be chaired by either a Deputy President or a Vice President save the Disciplinary Committee whose Chairman shall not be a member of the Executive Committee. The Chairman shall be appointed by the President

(4) The Council may, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, appoint or ratify the appointment of members of Standing Committees.

Adhoc Committees

69. The Council may on its own appoint or ratify the appointment of Adhoc Committees by the Executive Committee to deal with matters affecting the Chamber as it may from time to time deem necessary.

Meetings of Committees

70. A Committee shall determine the frequency of its meetings and may with approval of the Executive Committee appoint from time to time such sub-Committees as may be necessary or co-opt any member or persons whose names appears in the Register of Members. In special circumstances, non-members of the Chamber may also be co-opted but without voting powers.

Seal of the Chamber

72. The Seal of the Chamber may be affixed to any instrument, on the authority of the Council or the Executive Committee which authority shall be conveyed by the President or any designated member of the Executive Committee, and the record of such sealing shall be presented at the next Council Meeting.

Documents and Records

73. All books, documents, Records and Papers shall be kept by the Secretariat

Filling of Vacancies in the Council and Executive Committee

74. The 1st Deputy President shall automatically assume the office of President upon the expiry of three (3) years from the date the President was inaugurated. He shall hold office for three years and shall not be eligible for reelection to the office of the President.

75. The 2nd Deputy President shall automatically assume the office of 1st Deputy President upon the expiry of three (3) years from the date the 1st Deputy President was inaugurated.

76. The 2nd Deputy President shall be elected by:

- (a.) Consensus within the Zone where the outgoing President is from, or;
- (b.) Simple majority of members of the said Zone attending and voting at the Annual General Meeting. However, no member shall vie for the position of 2nd Deputy President unless he has served as a Vice President.

77. A Vice President of the Chamber shall serve for a term of three years from the date he/she was inaugurated and may be re-elected as Vice President for the same office or other office for a second term of three years after which he/she shall no longer be eligible to contest for the office of Vice President.

78. Any representative of a member company may, if qualified, contest for the position of Vice President in the Chamber but a former President or Deputy President shall not be eligible to contest.

79. a) Vacancies in the offices of the Chamber shall be filled by consensus, if that fails, by election, into the Executive Committee and the Council. Whenever a vacancy arises, after an Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Executive Committee may, with the approval of the Council, fill such vacancy. Any person so appointed may be presented for ratification at the next AGM.
- (b) A financial member of the Chamber through its representative may contest for a position of Member in Council or the Executive Committee of the Chamber subject to the provisions of this Memorandum.
- (c) A person may be elected as a member of Council if he represents a financial member of the Chamber that has been a member for at least 3 years prior to the date of election. Notwithstanding Article 79(b) above, a representative of a financial member may be appointed on the recommendation of the Executive Council to fill a vacancy in Council between elections or as honorary Council Member.

Elections

80. a) Where in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum, there exists a need to conduct an election into any office of the Chamber, the Executive Committee may appoint a Returning Officer from amongst its financial members to organise and supervise elections in accordance with such guidelines as may be issued by the Council from time to time.
- b). All candidates for election shall comply with such guidelines. No member shall be eligible to stand for election for more than one office at any general election.
- c) Consensus meeting or election to fill any vacancy from any of the three of the Zones shall be held immediately after the AGM on a zonal basis. Only determined members of the Zone shall be entitled to take part in the said election or consensus meeting or decision.

Board of Past Presidents

81. (1) There shall be a body known as Board of Past Presidents comprising all Past Presidents of the Chamber.
- a). The Board of Past Presidents shall elect a Chairman for a single term of two years. The Director General shall be the Secretary.
- b) The Board of Past Presidents shall carry out such functions as directed by this Articles or as the Council may direct.

Patrons and Grand Patrons

82. The Council may nominate distinguished and worthy persons to be appointed as Patrons or Grand Patrons of the Chamber. All Past Presidents shall be appointed as Patrons of the Chamber unless the Council otherwise decides for good and verifiable reasons.

Honours and Awards

83. The Council shall have power to give honours and awards to any member or any persons or body who distinguishes himself/herself in the service of and contributions to the Chamber.

Trade Group

84. The Council shall make rules guiding the formation and operations of the Trade Groups in Appendix 1.

Establishment of Centres etc

85. (a.) The Chamber shall establish Centres alone or in partnership with any corporate bodies or Agencies and may register such Centres as a separate legal entities for the purpose of realizing its vision and mission. These Centres shall include: the Disputes Resolution Centre (DRC-ACCI); Abuja Trade Centre (ATC); Policy Advocacy Centre (PAC), Business Entrepreneurship Skills and Technology Centre (BEST) already established.

(b.) The Centres so established shall be administered by professionally qualified persons on such governance terms and as the registration documents of each Centre may require with the ratification of Council.

(c.) The Centres may enter into contracts and partnerships with appropriate bodies with the approval of the Executive Committee or the President.

86. The Chamber may enter into agreement with Government or any corporate bodies for the purpose of establishment of Trade Bureau and enterprise, programs, schemes or business development programs or co-operations to enhance or actualize the vision of the Chamber or the business of its members.

87. The Chamber shall cooperate with the Federal Capital Territory Administration and other government departments or Agencies or other bodies to and operate the Centres, programs, schemes or cooperation that may add value to the objectives of the Chamber as well as the actualization of its vision.

Establishment of Cooperatives and other Bodies

88. (a.) The Chamber may establish and operate Cooperatives and other bodies for implementation of members' enterprise development, funding support and related programs.

(b.) Management and Supervision of each Cooperatives or bodies shall be subject to law and the overall superintendence and approval of the Executive Committee of the Chamber.

Alteration of Article

90. These Articles may be altered by a special resolution of the Chamber, passed in accordance with the provisions of the Companies and Allied Matters Act and the Memorandum.

Definitions

91. In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, words importing persons shall include Bodies corporate, and in cases where the word “Company” is used, it shall include companies limited by guarantee and corporations: “Members” shall include persons whose name appear in the Register of Members or their representatives.

APPENDIX 1

Trade Groups

Trade Groups including those listed below and may be organized by members with the approval of the Executive Committee:

1. Transport, Freight, and logistics
2. Banking, Insurance, Finance,
- 2a Professional/Consultancy services (legal, accounting, management,etc)
3. Building and Engineering Construction
4. Technology and New Business (ICT)
5. Hospitality, Tourism, & MICE Events Management
- 6., Small and Medium Enterprises development
7. Energy, Oil and gas and Petrochemical Chemicals
8. Education and skills Development
9. Health Services
10. Agriculture and agro-allied industries
11. Industry and manufacturing
12. Mining and Extractive Industries
- 13 General Commerce, Import and Export and distributive Trade.
14. Creative and cultural Industries (Music, Nollywood, Arts and crafts)

The Provisions of this Bye-Law may be amended by a resolution passed at a Council meeting of the Chamber by simple majority of members present and voting.

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Chief Sam Mbah	Hamdala Ind. &Comm Co. Ltd Shop 427, Wuse Modern Market Abuja	Company Director

Dated this.....day of

Witness to the above signatures.....

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