



International Chamber of Commerce
The world business organization



Junior Chamber International
Worldwide Federation of Young Leaders and Entrepreneurs

Working & Cooperation Agreement

Preamble

The first Working & Cooperation Agreement was signed between Junior Chamber International (JCI) and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) on 13 February 1984.

On the 20th anniversary of the relationship between both organizations, by the signing of this new Agreement, JCI & ICC reconfirm their partnership:

- Recognizing that they pursue common and complementary objectives, and that their members, in different countries, belong to the same community of entrepreneurs and share the same desire to contribute to the advancement of global economic and social progress; and
- Convinced that close practical cooperation between both organizations will provide improved services to their respective membership.

Junior Chamber International (JCI)

JCI's mission is to contribute to the advancement of the global community by providing the opportunity for young people to develop the leadership skills, social responsibility, entrepreneurship and fellowship necessary to create positive change.

Since its foundation, JCI has worked with millions of young people and many of these individuals have moved directly into the business community. Thousands of these current and former members are active in the chamber of commerce movement at various levels, including the ICC.

International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

ICC the world business organization, is the voice of world business championing the global economy as a force for economic growth, job creation and prosperity.

ICC activities cover a broad spectrum, from arbitration and dispute resolution to making the case for open trade and the market economy system, business self-regulation, fighting corruption or combating commercial crime. ICC sets the rules and guidelines for international business.

World Chambers Federation (WCF) is ICC's specialized division for chamber of commerce affairs. All chambers that are members of ICC, are members of WCF. WCF gathers chambers of all types, at transnational, national, regional and local levels. WCF not only helps individual chambers to become more productive, but also strengthens the links between them, in order to exchange experiences and best practices.



Areas of Cooperation

JCI and ICC WCF have agreed on the following areas of activity, with parties understanding that such an agreement does not restrict their independence and management of any project originating from its organization, nor restricts the possibility to the development of any other cooperation or joint project of mutual interest to JCI & ICC.

➤ Organization Awareness & Recognition

ICC will endeavor to inform its membership of JCI, to foster an environment where ICC members, companies, and organizations support and cooperate with JCI.

WCF will assist JCI in fostering partnership and links between local JCIs and the chamber of commerce community.

JCI will endeavor to inform its members of the value and importance of the ICC, its rule making activities, and will encourage and support JCI members to join ICC.

Both organizations will assist each other in making their activities more widely known, in particularly through their respective contacts in countries where one of the organizations is less represented than the other, most notably Africa and the Middle East.

Both organizations will provide hyperlinks from their respective homepages to the other allowing members to easily transit from one organization to the other. ICC will contribute articles for the JCI newsletter and the JCI BizNet on a regular basis, and circulate information to its national committees and chamber constituency on a regular basis and vice versa where applicable.

WCF will ensure that JCI NOMs are listed within the World Chambers Network (WCN) Chamber Directory.

➤ Local Partnerships

ICC and JCI will establish and maintain online information and examples of local partnerships between JCI & ICC local representative organizations and chambers of commerce.

JCI and ICC local representative organizations will be encouraged to make direct contacts with a view to establishing cooperation. Possibilities could include joint round-tables or seminars, particularly in developing countries as well as sponsorship opportunities.

WCF will assist JCI local representative organizations in establishing contact with the chamber community, to increase awareness of their respective business organizations activities and priorities and explore any potential joint projects.



➤ **Business Programmes**

Both organizations will regularly exchange information and materials to each party, on their respective programmes of action, training, publications, as well as the calendar of the meetings of their Commissions and Committees.

Upon invitation or special request, observers of one of the two organizations may attend such meetings of the other party that might be considered of common interest, each organization being fully entitled to declare that any such meeting remains for internal reasons restricted to their sole members or experts.

To the extent where one of the organizations plans for round-tables or seminars that might be of interest for the other party, the organizer will inform the other one in due time, it being understood that the latter will strive at publicizing the project.

JCI will be a permanent member of the WCF Transnational Chambers of Commerce Forum and may, upon request, obtain observer status for any WCF Steering Committee meeting.

➤ **Events**

Both organizations will invite each other to send representatives to their general assemblies, conferences, and congresses, at an international, transnational and national level.

JCI will make available at its World Congress, information and materials on the activities and mission of the ICC. Methods can include presentations, booth facilities, as well as private meetings.

ICC WCF will make available at their respective World Congresses, information and materials on the principles and mission of the JCI. Methods can include presentations, booth facilities as well as private meetings.

JCI will ensure the presence of JCI President and other officials whenever possible to ICC & WCF World Congress as well as ICC Regional conferences.

ICC will ensure the presence of ICC officials wherever possible to JCI world congresses and area conventions.

Wherever suitable, both parties may be contacted to help find suitable speakers for their Congress programme.

ICC training programs will be promoted to JCI members.



➤ **Business Opportunities**

WCF & JCI will work to ensure that their respective business opportunities services, available under the WCN and JCI websites, will be linked and where possible allow for the transfer on a regular basis of business opportunities between the two systems.

JCI will promote to its NOMs the availability for them to subscribe to the WCN GBX service.

➤ **Awards & Competitions**

ICC will continue to present annually at the JCI Annual Congress the ICC Business Medal for the outstanding worldwide project that promotes the principle of free enterprise. ICC or its appointed representative shall determine the recipient of this award working closely with the JCI judging panel. ICC will also appoint the representative to present this Medal at the JCI Annual Conference.

WCF will continue to promote and serve as a judge for the JCI Best Business Plan competition.

JCI will promote and serve as a judge on the WCF World Chambers Competition.

Other projects in this area may be explored by both parties.



Agreement Implementation

In ensuring that this Agreement remains active, JCI will appoint a JCI Director whose duties will include direct liaison with the ICC. Among this staff officer's duties will be the promotion of the ICC's functions, membership, and actions to the JCI membership.

For ICC, the tasks of this agreement will be implemented by the World Chambers Federation secretariat. Amongst the roles of this department is to ensure the coordination of JCI work with the various departments of ICC.

Signed in Paris. 4 March, 2004

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