



MBOK I BANKON I AMERICA

Motto: *Celebrate and Work to Build a Family-based Community*



Mbok I Bankon I America (MBIA) operates as a non-profit association committed to a variety of charitable programs intricately linked to education and other facets of socio-cultural

development. MBIA work singularly and collaboratively to address the needs of communities in Cameroon and the United States. It seeks to generate financial and in-kind resources as well as provide its expertise in the pursuit of community building and development initiatives in Cameroon and in local communities in the United States. MBIA recognizes its dedication to the values of volunteerism. It is a model of service to others that boosts self-empowerment and community development. MBIA continues to grow as a dynamic and multi-faceted organization. While many development options have been offered since the inception of the organization, the primary efforts have consistently been directed at grassroots and practical program, especially for youth and economically underprivileged, in keeping with educational-oriented goals and community demands and responsibilities. It is therefore necessary to share some important and relevant snippets for the entire membership and the larger community.



Do You Know That . . .

MBIA is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the International Revenue Service Code;

This is an organization that understand that its essence is defined by its commitment to community service. The commitment to altruism and stewardship is demonstrated by MBIS's short-, mid- and long-term projects developed and implemented to promote community building and development in the Bankon region of Cameroon and local communities in the United States.

MBIA is a Tax-exempt organization in the State of Maryland;

This non-profit organization is housed in the state of Maryland and meet the necessary requirements to qualify for tax exempt. This is an opportunity for MBIA to purchase items without incurring state or local taxes.

MBIA members are drawn from the following states: MD, GA, IN, TX and VA, DC;

This cultural organization is represented by its members in a few states across the United States. This is an important point because it allows MBIA to bring the uniqueness of each state to complement its initiatives and scheduled programs. Equally important, MBIA recognizes the significance of making a contribution to the value of diversity and inclusion evident in each local community in which its members reside as responsible citizens.

MBIA holds its general meeting every fourth (4th) Saturday of the month;

These meetings involve the entire membership and many of the decisions reached by MBIA emanate from them. The executive committee also meets prior to a general meeting.

MBIA is an integral part of the SAWA (water people) organization;

The children of Bankon or Abo are a part of larger entity that fits under the SAWA cultural umbrella. SAWA encourages cross-cultural cooperation and collaboration by showcasing the shared and different experiences of the organizations. This is a collective endeavor that speaks loudly of MBIA's support of "unity and strength in numbers".

MBIA promotes and supports educational opportunities in various Bankon villages;

As an educational organization, MBIA continues to sponsor initiatives that are beneficial to primary and secondary schools in all of the administrative districts or divisions in the Bankon region. MBIA avoids any form of "benevolence arrogance" by working with the local leaders of the targeted villages. This approach makes it an imperative for the local communities to identify and prioritize their needs and wants. At no time is MBIA on a "Messianic" or civilizing mission when it embarks on a development project.

MBIA supports the business initiatives of its members in the United States;

The enterprising acumen of its members are supported internally and externally. This support manifest itself in a way that allows individual members, without the backing of MBIA, to support the business ventures of other members. MBIA encourages its members to patronize the business of its members.

MBIA supports agrobusiness projects in Bankon villages;

It acknowledges the need to explore agricultural development projects in the Bankon region. This direction is inspired by the richness of the opportunities available in Cameroon.

MBIA uses Facebook, WhatsApp, and a professionally designed website to promote its vision, mission, goals, objectives and projects;

In the age of social media, MBIA is cognizant of the simple reality that it can reach a larger audience by using the various instruments at its disposal.

MBIA puts the accent on cultural heritage and pride;

The heart and soul of this organization resides with the affection its members have for everything Bakon. MBIA invokes in each member the desire to connect with a piece of land and its people to affirm his/her identity.

MBIA takes time to celebrate loudly the birthdays, graduation, weddings and other important milestones of its members and their extended families;

As a family, MBIA is also willing to celebrate the special events of its members. This is a shared experience that acknowledges and confirms the importance placed on family and friendship.

MBIA collaborates with local communities to promote cultural awareness and diversity;

This cultural organization believes that it must contribute to the richness of the local communities in which its members reside or call home away from home. It looks for ways to share the Bankon culture by organizing events designed to encourage awareness and understanding.

MBIA members offer a wide variety of professional expertise in accountancy, financial planning, higher education, health care and nutrition, journalism, pastoral services and counseling, agriculture, rural development and environmental health;

This is an organization composed of members with professional and educational experiences that advance its interests. The panoramic representation is one that makes it easier for MBIA to service its community building and development obligations.

MBIA membership is identified by birth/heritage, marriage, domicile in a Bankon village, and affection of the region;

This means that MBIA is characterized by its rich diversity and inclusivity.

MBIA members use the familial noun “brother” and “sister” to address each other.

The undertone of MBIA’s identity is family...family...family. The uniqueness of this organization is explained by its effective combination of a familial and formal environment.

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