

Africa Cooperatives Institute of SA

Business Profile

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AFRICA COOPERATIVES INSTITUTE
OF
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Africa Cooperatives Institute of South Africa (ACI-SA)

A co-operative enterprise that provides training, business education, research and consultancy for the cooperative and non-profit sector.

Co-operative Registration Number

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Business Description

Our business is a co-operative enterprise owned by its members. We provide training, co-operative member education, research and consultancy services. We have a staff complement of 11 academic associates and 3 professional administration team members.

Our academic associates deliver training, research and consultancy services. They are affiliated with other South African universities while working for the Africa Cooperatives Institute of South Africa. Our associates' design learning programmes, manage accreditations and facilitate different training sessions.

The training services target co-operatives that need to sharpen their members' skills in administration management, marketing, manufacturing and exports. Other training focuses on agriculture, NPO management, fundraising, leadership and entrepreneurship. These programmes are CPD accredited and facilitated with the support of the University of Johannesburg as a sponsor for training venues.

Research and consultancy services are provided broadly to corporate clients including CSI departments, government and other sponsors of community enterprises. We conduct assessments, evaluations and monitoring of development programmes aimed at uplifting communities. Our clients include government departments, CSI administrators, cooperatives and non-profit organisations.





Products and Services

We provide high-quality training, research and consultancy. These services are packaged into various product categories. The training services are offered to co-operatives, their members and for leaders of non-profit organisations.

Products	Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Training Manuals ● Textbooks ● Online Business Planning Tools ● ACI-SA Merchandise ● Cooperative and NPO Management Guides ● AfriCo Online Store (Forthcoming): Products from Co-operatives (Textiles) and Non-Profit Organisation (arts and craft) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Training Programmes ● Online courses ● Fundraising and Business Planning Consultancy ● Sectoral Research, Analysis Reports and Position Papers ● Monitoring and Evaluation ● Collaboration management ● Cooperative Network Administration ● Textile and manufacturing cooperative consultancy



Team and Business Operations

Our enterprise is a registered cooperative. The governance of our enterprise is based on principles of democracy, member ownership, equity and financial sustainability. These principles are entwined into our business operations. Our operations consist of an administrative team and academic associates.

Our business operations are supported by a skilled administration team and academic associates that handle the core activities of the enterprise. On average all team members are qualified to a masters degree level. The admission process of becoming an academic associate at ACI-SA is rigorous and continues to ensure that highly skilled individuals are recruited, and retained. More information about ACI-SA's team can be accessed on www.aci-ac.org/team

Our business operations are attached through office and workspace sharing to *Bumbisizwe Design and Decor Sewing Co-operative*. Shared office space means a cost-saving for ACI-SA and this saving is transferred to trainees through discounts and affordability of programmes. By hosting the ACI-SA administration and office, *Bumbisizwe Design and Decor Co-operative LTD* demonstrates the importance of our services to the broader cooperative sector. Our offices are easily accessible and safe for the public to visit.





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CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

TRAINING

RESEARCH

CONSULTANCY