

# **ABUJA TECHNOLOGY VILLAGE (ATV)**

## **About ATV**

Abuja Technology Village is a technology park concept, to be located in Nigeria's capital. It will provide technology-driven businesses of varying sizes - and at all stages of maturity - with an opportunity to cluster in an environment to unlock their potential through facilitated knowledge transfer and leveraging on-site research and human capital capabilities. It shall be one of the world's largest technology parks by land mass and is envisaged to open global avenues for numerous Nigerian entrepreneurs.

It follows the global vision of using technology clusters as a reliable tool for bolstering economic development; given Nigeria's emerging prominence in the global economy.

## **The Vision**



In line with the National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS) and the ensuing reforms program of the Federal Government of Nigeria, the Abuja Technology Village (ATV) has been conceptualized to establish a platform for creating a sustainable knowledge-based economy in Nigeria by actively participating in the global transformation from Information revolution to the knowledge age, which is anticipated to lead to the achievement of Nigeria's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of economic recovery, poverty alleviation and empowerment of the citizenry.

In actualizing the ATV concept, lessons have been drawn from similar initiatives worldwide, like Silicon Valley in the US, Dubai Internet City, International Tech Park in Bangalore and Cyberjaya in Malaysia. A common characteristic of these initiatives is the clustering of specialist local and international companies, recreational facilities, residential complexes and other amenities.

President Olusegun Obasanjo established a cabinet committee on the ATV project under the chairmanship of the FCT Minister, with Ministers of Finance, Education, Science & Technology and the Economic Adviser to the President as members. The Cabinet Committee set-up a Technical Committee that would meet more regularly to implement its objectives. A Project Team is mandated to ensure that the first phase of the ATV is developed by April 2007 for His Excellency, Mr. President to commission as part of the Democracy Day celebrations of that year.

Moving forward, several issues are being concluded concurrently to speedily achieve the ATV objectives. These include:

- Finalization of the ATV Concept, Master Plan & Preliminary Engineering Design in full compliance with International Standards and the provision of infrastructure on the site;
- Completion of a Strategic and Integrated Marketing Plan for the ATV; and a Private Placement document;
- Public-Private and International Partnerships (2PI) and Land Allocation in the ATV.

ATV will create and foster the necessary conditions, infrastructure and programmes that would encourage and allow developers, entrepreneurs and companies be innovative and by such, generate profit, create employment opportunities and upgrade social welfare.

ATV will be a major source of revenue generation for Nigeria. It would create high quality job opportunities especially for skilled Nigerians and empower a new wave of entrepreneurship.

### **The Concept**

ATV will be a place to live, work and play.

Located off the Abuja airport expressway, and leveraging on its 900 hectare land mass, ATV will deploy superior infrastructure to create an environment that eases knowledge sharing by enhancing interpersonal interactions through clusters.

Knowledge transfer will also be enhanced with the presence of the African Institute of Science and Technology, to be located adjacent to it. Other institutions expected to take root on site will also provide a research backbone resource that will be of use to companies located on ATV.

ATV will attract top flight companies using a package of incentives that will be layered and tiered according to the quality of the investment that they bring. Additionally, smaller businesses will benefit from an incentives package that makes ATV preferable to their other options.

Amenities to be made available include:

Infrastructure;

- Uninterrupted Power
- High Quality Roads and Boulevards
- Security Patrols
- Telecommunications and Broadband Internet services
- Regular, Treated Water
- Smart Buildings and Strict Quality Building codes
- Landscaped surroundings and gardening services

Business;

- Incubator Office Suites
- Temporary Office Space
- Large Floor Space Office Buildings
- Empty Leased Plots for Direct Construction (industrial, specialised and anchor tenants)

- Warehousing
- Logistics and Supply Chain Support
- Cafeteria Services

Living;

- Residential Estates developed on site, providing a mix of housing types and service levels
- Child care facilities
- Primary and Secondary Schooling
- Parks and Gardens

Leisure;

- Golf driving range
- Hotels
- Shopping Centres
- Restaurants and Bars
- Cafés
- Sports Grounds and Fitness Facilities
- Clubhouse
- Nightclub
- Cultural Centre and Theatre
- Exhibition and Convention Centre
- Cinemas

ATV will be managed by a privately-owned operating company that will either provide direct services to its occupants or present them a choice from a preferred list of service providers that perform according to guidelines that it sets.

**Sectors**

Development will be in phases and based on emerging priorities. However it is envisaged that sector clusters will be formed, targeting:

- Information and Communications Technology
- Biotechnology (Nigeria lies in one of the 12 global biodiversity hotspots)
- Media Technology
- Multimedia Services
- Medical Technology
- Business Process Outsourcing
- Education and Skills

**Advisory Board**

To ensure that ATV is positioned to present Nigerian achievement within a global context, an advisory board, made up of a cross section of notable and experienced international personalities has been set up to assist in its strategic formation – ensuring that ATV’s ambitions are focused on making an early impact .

The board will be inaugurated in Abuja on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September, 2006.