

Linkage Banking



A Presentation for the
Ugandan Banking Community

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Linkage banking:

A business partnership
between a commercial bank
and small, independent,
non-regulated financial
institutions - and,
potentially, other partners...

The relationship must be:


- Formal
- More than financial
- Mutually beneficial
- Long-term
- Creative and evolving

Cameroon Tripartite Model

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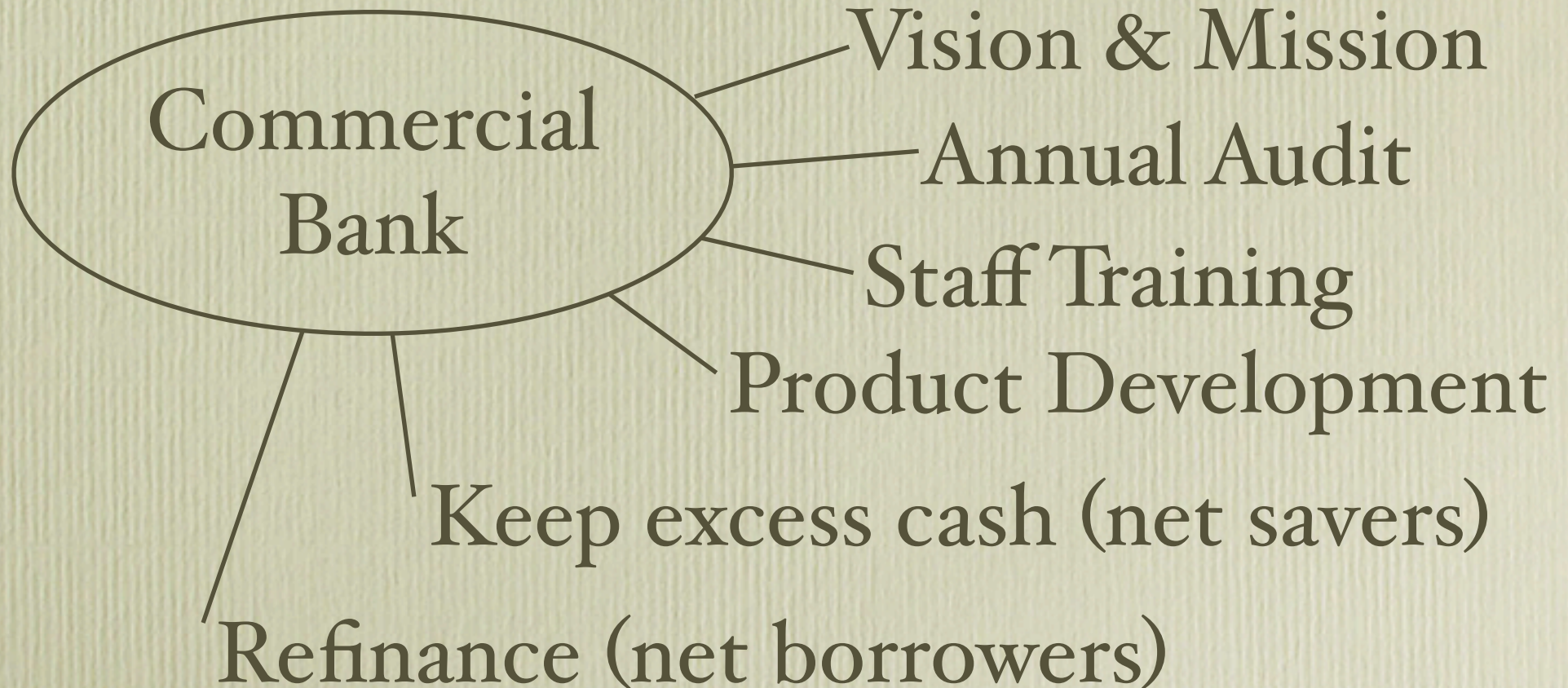
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Responsibilities of Each Party




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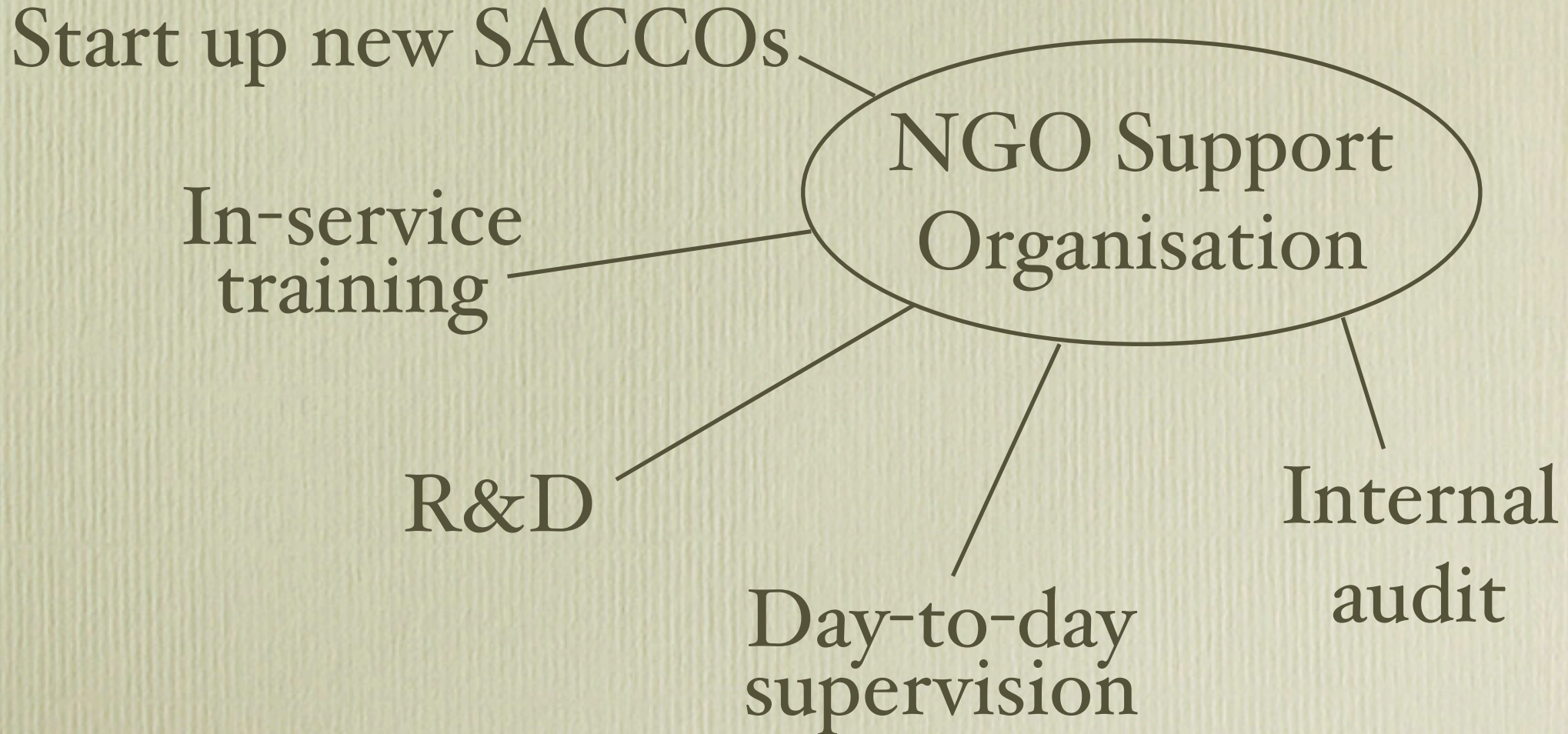
The bank provides services that are valuable to SACCOs but low cost to the bank.

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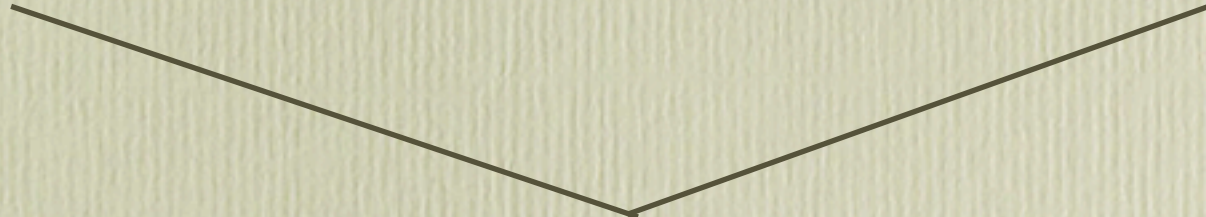
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Efficient provision
of financial services

Transparent
Governance



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Vision

- Economic and social development is good business
- People are competent, trust them, train them, but be nearby just in case...
- “Afro-pessimism” is a self-fulfilling, continent-wide disease...
...that can be cured!

Vision (2)

- Image and positioning of the bank and its partners are valuable business assets that are worth a long term investment.
- Learn from everyone - South-South, North-South - but, above all, trust yourself.

Strategic Advice

- Compare the advantages and costs of working with existing institutions v. start-ups
- Get unambiguous buy-in from all stakeholders
- Clean up portfolio and accounts before you do anything else

Start Small



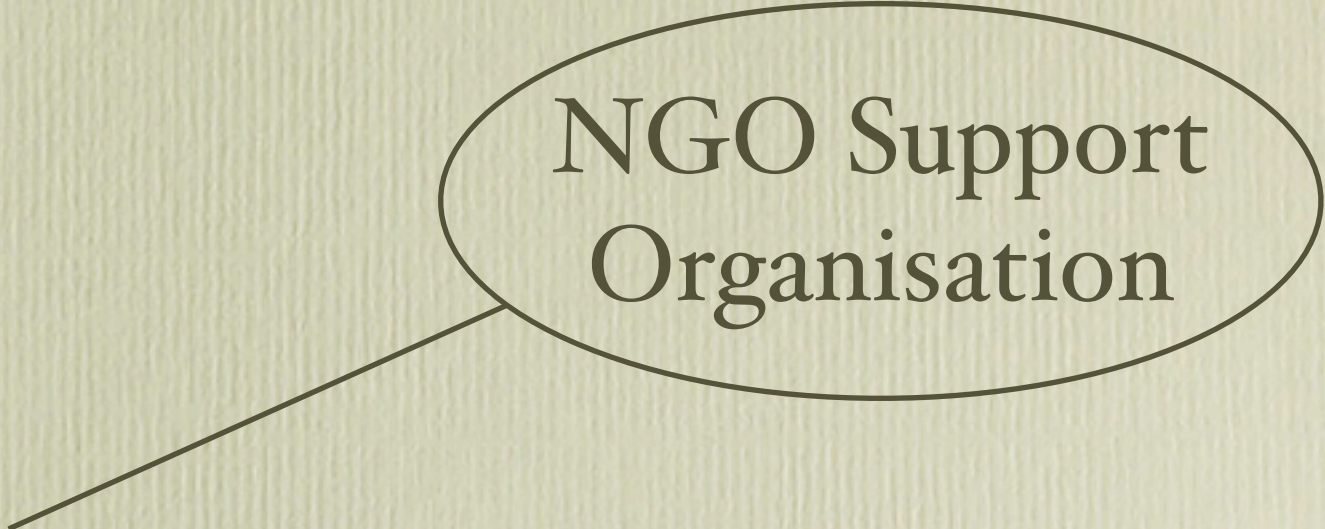
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Advantages for Each Party



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Fulfill its social mission with
greater efficiency and
professionalism

Advantages for Each Party

Training Supervision Refinancing

Security

Confidence

Audit

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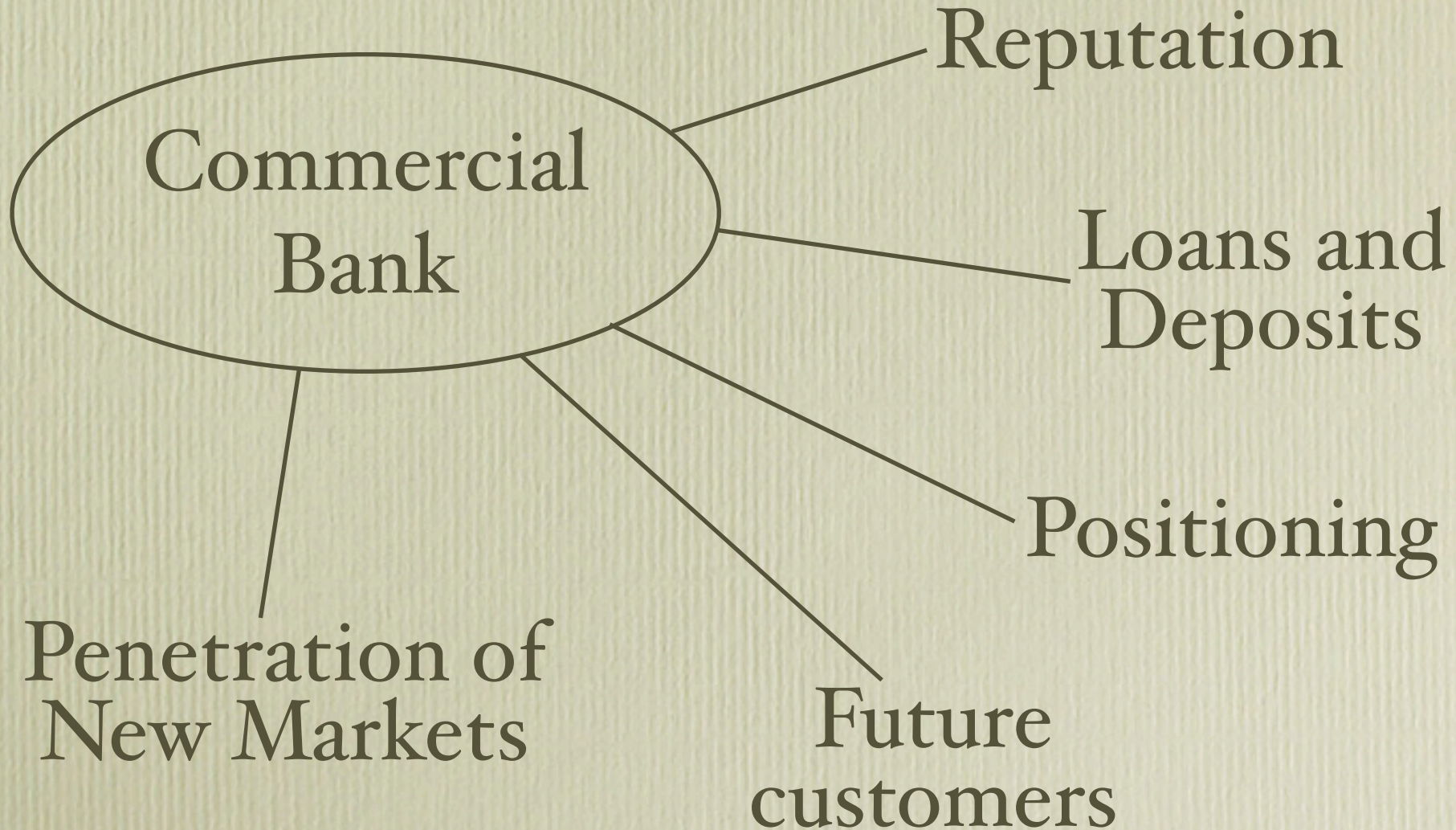
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Afriland First Bank at a Glance

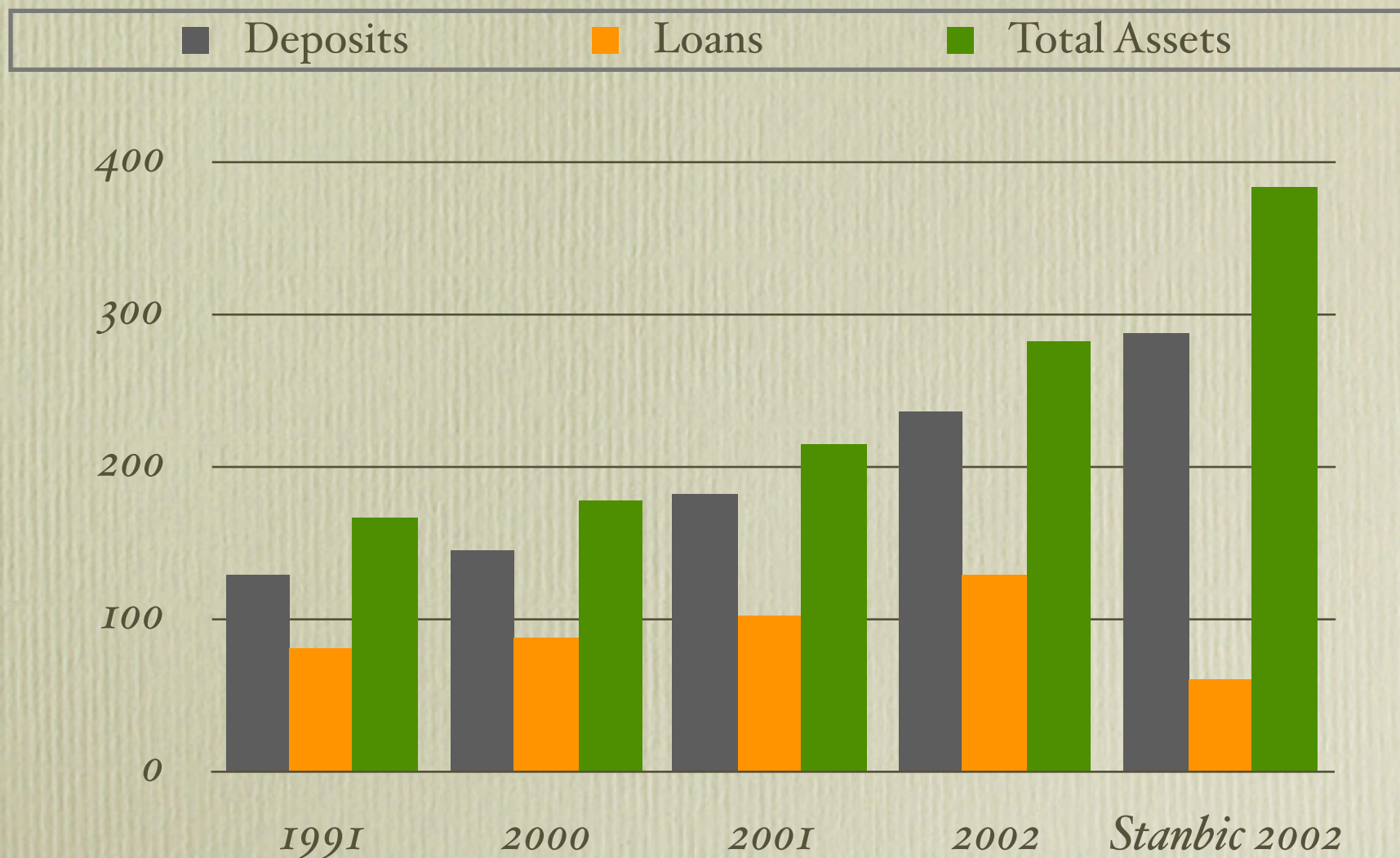
- Private universal bank (Commercial and Investment).
- Created in 1987, HQ in Yaounde, Cameroon.
- 3 representation offices in France; Brazzaville; Beijing
- Two affiliates in Equatorial Guinea & Sao Tome.
- 12 branches
- 350 employees
- Ownership: 85% by Cameroonians and 15% by FMO.

Afriland First Bank Model

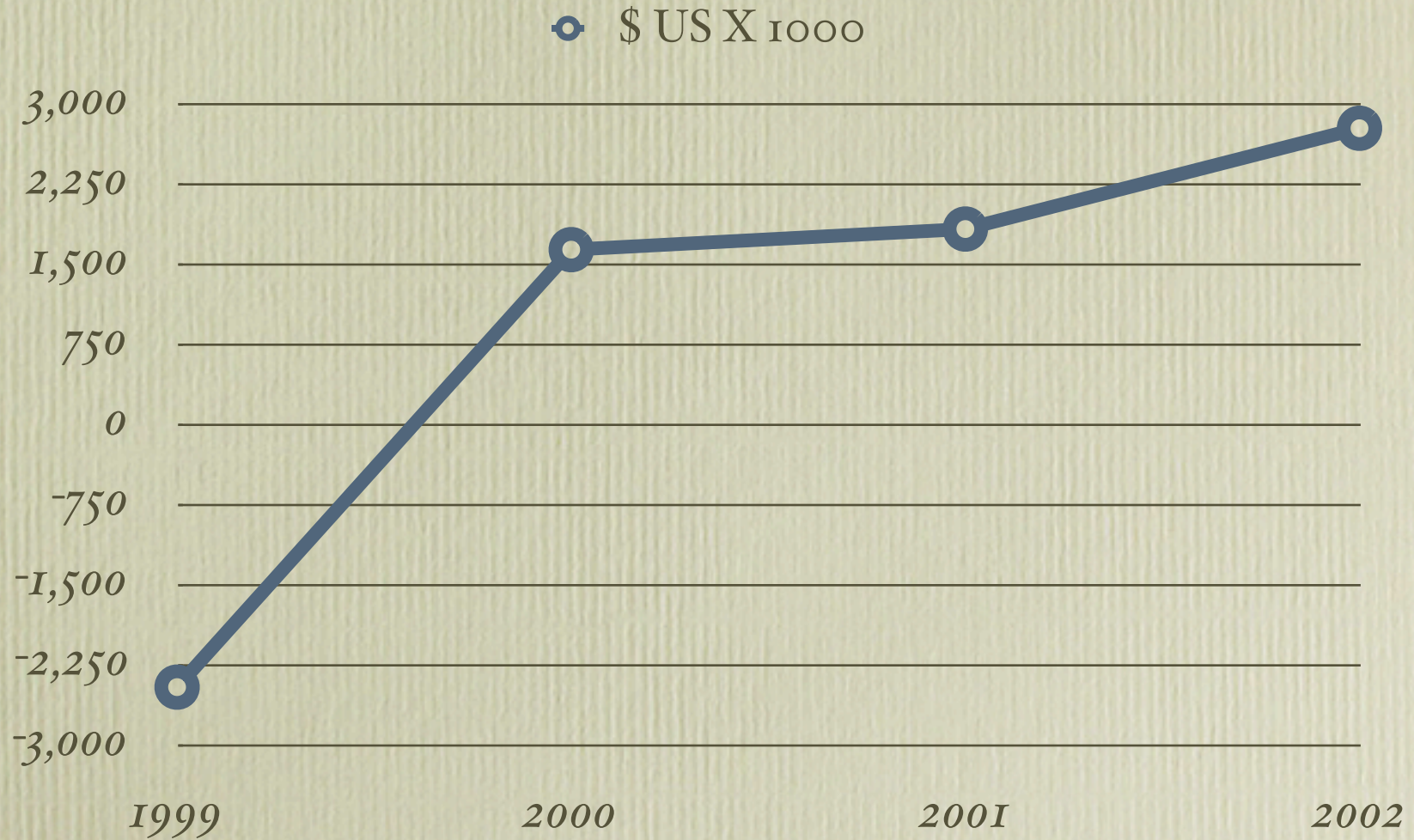
- Integration of banking practices with social, economic, cultural and religious dimensions of the population
- Emphasis on *development* and *savings*
- Effective involvement of stakeholders in the management and administrative structures
- Emphasis on *participative approach*

Key Financial Indicators

AFB \$ US X 1000



Financial Results - AFB



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What You Can Do: Next Steps

- As the Afriland CEO says, *Think Differently!*
- Use people from Cameroon Study Tour as resources
- Apply to Consolidation Challenge Fund
- Brainstorm informally with FSDU - fill out the card in your packet

Thank you for your time and
attention!