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The General Context

- Development imperative
 - The general and sustainability crisis: social, economic, environmental
 - Progress with MDGs, yet some countries and peoples are left behind
- The [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) was adopted in September 2015, when world leaders met during the United Nations General Assembly, Contains 17 [Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- Focuses on People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, Partnership



Sustainable Development Goals

Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries

Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts*

Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development



Implementing the 2030 Agenda will be an inclusive process supported by broad global partnership:

“ ‘We the Peoples’ are the celebrated opening words of the UN Charter. It is “We the Peoples” who are embarking today on the road to 2030. Our journey will involve Governments as well as Parliaments, the UN system and other international institutions, local authorities, indigenous peoples, civil society, business and the private sector, the scientific and academic community – and all people. Millions have already engaged with, and will own, this Agenda. It is an Agenda of the people, by the people, and for the people – and this, we believe, will ensure its success.”

– A/Res/70/1, para. 52

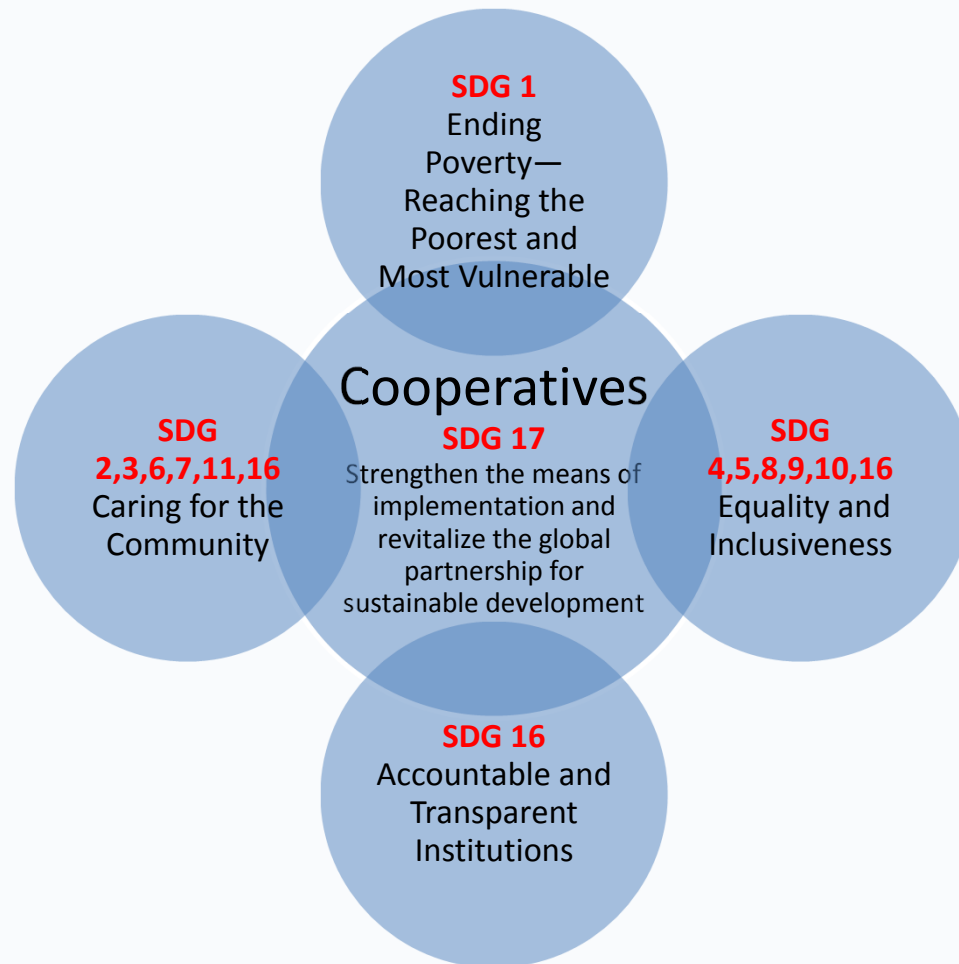


Cooperatives and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- ❖ **Cooperative movement was an active participant in the process leading up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 SDGs.**
- ❖ **Ties that bind the cooperative enterprise model and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

Conceptual common ground

- Common Theme: Leaving no one behind
- Values and Principles
 - Ending poverty - Reaching the poorest and most vulnerable
 - Equality and inclusiveness – leave no one behind; development for all
 - Accountable and transparent institutions
 - Caring for the community – shared prosperity and protection of the environment





United Nations System's work on cooperatives

- International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) 2012
- UN General Assembly discusses the role of cooperatives in social development and a resolution on this theme is adopted every 2 years, next one is this year 2019.
- UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs organized Expert Group Meeting and Capacity Building Workshops focusing on the role of cooperatives to achieve sustainable development for all.
- UN system entities conduct studies and analysis on cooperatives in support of Member States decisions at the United Nations, as well as concrete implementation of UN policy guidance and recommendations at the country level.
- The United Nations observes the International Day of Cooperatives at the UN Headquarters with participation of Ambassadors, UN officials and cooperative practitioners to raise awareness and to promote further development of cooperatives.
- Three UN entities and two cooperative organization are members of **the International Committee for the Advancement and Promotion of Cooperatives.**



Implementation of the UN SDGs

- **National**

- Cooperatives must become integral partners in these Reviews and other mechanisms at the National Level
- Conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and subnational levels which are country-led and country-driven
- Countries will establish national mechanisms and processes to implement the SDGs or they can strengthen existing national mechanisms on sustainable development
- National ownership is essential for effective follow-up and reviews
- Such reviews must be participatory (involving all stakeholders)
- Reviews must be transparent and integrated
- Will influence highly the reviews done at the global and regional levels
- Quality, accessible, timely and reliable disaggregated data will be needed to help with the measurement of progress and to ensure that no one is left behind. Such data is key to decision-making. (para 48)
- The role of national parliaments (Para 45): Legislation, budgets, and accountability for the effective implementation of commitments
- Cooperatives must become integral partners in these mechanisms and processes
- Cooperatives can use Peer learning, and sharing of best practices



Implementation of the UN SDGs

- **Regional**
 - Regional follow-up and review process build on national review process
 - UN Regional Commissions and other intergovernmental events and processes will compliment national and global review processes
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 - Participatory (involving all stakeholders)



Implementation of the UN SDGs

- **Global – the High-level Political Forum**
 - General Assembly (every four years, Sept. 2019 first one)
 - ECOSOC (annual, with a thematic focus and a number of SDGs under review)
 - The HLPF will have a central role in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes at the global level, working coherently with the General Assembly, ECOSOC and other relevant organs and forums, in accordance with existing mandates.
 - It will facilitate sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, and provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations for follow-up.
 - It will promote system-wide coherence and coordination of sustainable development policies.
 - Effective linkages will be made with the follow-up and review arrangements of all relevant UN Conferences and processes
 - The HLPF will be informed by the SDG Progress Report, and the Global Sustainable Development Report (Para 83)
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Implementation of the UN SDGs

- **Global – HLPF Con't**
 - Meets in July every year, and Sept. every fourth year.
 - HLPF is the most inclusive and participatory forum at the United Nations, bringing all Member States United Nations and of specialized agencies together. All people can participate in the HLPF through the [major groups and other stakeholders](#) format. All stakeholders were also invited to organize side events, and [register multi-stakeholder partnerships and voluntary commitments](#) in support of the SDGs. (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2016>)
 - Ministerial Declaration of the HLPF Themes and issues covered
 - 2017 - Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world
 - » SDGs: 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14
 - 2018 - Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies
 - » SDGs: 6, 7, 11, 12, 15
 - 2019 - Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality
 - » SDGs: 4, 8, 10, 13, 16
 - United Nations Functional Commissions: CSocD, Statistics Commission, Commission on the Status of Women, etc
 - AAAA follow-up
 - A set of global targets and indicators has been developed





Challenges of coops in implementing the SDGs

- Increasing public awareness of the role of cooperatives in realising the SDGs
- Establishing effective policies, laws and regulations to advance cooperative enterprises
- Build the capacity of cooperatives to participate in sustainable development processes at the global, regional levels, and national levels
- Consistent data to support evidence-based research especially regarding the SDGs
- Promoting cooperation among cooperatives in order to deploy the full potential of the cooperative movement to achieve the SDGs



Strategies for integrating the work of the Cooperative Enterprise Model into the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- Advocacy of cooperatives on the important role of cooperatives in implementing the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ----- their achievements and potential ; and increasing understanding of cooperative leaders and members about the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Cooperatives must become an integral component of national mechanisms on SDGs
- Capacity building : Governments to create more enabling environment (legislative and regulatory) for cooperative growth; Cooperatives to further improve business management and corporate governance for growth
- More emphasis must be placed on improving the capacity of cooperatives to provide quantitative and qualitative data and best/good practices on the work of cooperatives.
- Cooperatives can organize activities at major UN meetings to inform the international community of the work of cooperatives
- Cooperatives must become more influential at the regional level of policy making --- UN Regional Commissions, and Regional programmes/initiatives of the UN Agencies



Conclusion

- The cooperative enterprise model is closely aligned to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Cooperatives should deepen their involvement in the UN 2030 Agenda for the SDGs at the national, regional, and global levels
- Formidable challenges faced by the cooperative movement hence the urgent need to find strategic solutions to these challenges
- The goodwill of the international community toward cooperatives is stronger than before
- Greater appreciation for the contributions of cooperatives



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