

## **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

### **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF COOPERATIVES 2020**

**Thursday 9th July | 09:00 -10:30 EDT/15:00 - 16:30 CEST**  
**Online webinar**

The 2020 International Day of Cooperatives will be celebrated on Thursday 9th July 2020 (the actual day falls on the first Saturday of July, and this year it is on 4th July).

**The theme for this year's celebration is COOPS 4 CLIMATE ACTION.**

The 2020 IDC will focus on the contribution of cooperatives to combating one of the most severe challenges facing our planet during the 21st century, namely Climate Change. Its effects cause severe impacts on people's livelihoods around the world, and even more particularly the most disadvantaged groups such as small-scale farmers, as well as women, youth, indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities, who have to cope with extreme natural disasters and degradation of natural resources.

As people-centred enterprises and key development actors, cooperatives have an important role to play in the field of climate action, combining it with the fight for poverty, eradication, equality as well as social, economic and ecological justice. The second International Cooperative Principle, "Democratic member control," enables cooperative members to own and govern cooperatives jointly, thereby triggering inclusive and sustainable growth, leaving no one behind, whereas the seventh cooperative principle, "Concern for Community", focuses on the sustainable development of the community in which the cooperative is embedded.

The celebration will feature the screening of a short documentary illustrating the Creando Conciencia cooperative, who are fighting ecological and social injustice through decent work, mobilising the local economy and expanding opportunities in the Benavidez district in the greater Buenos Aires, Argentina.

There will also be a presentation on cooperative work for climate action and sustainable development, from 2 cooperatives: Communal Shamba Coffee Cooperative in Tanzania and Midcounties Cooperative in the UK . The presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion on expanding the impact of cooperatives worldwide in the field of climate action.

## About the International Day of Cooperatives

On 16 December 1992, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution proclaiming the first Saturday of July as the International Day of Cooperatives.

The aim of this celebration is to increase international awareness of cooperatives and create an enabling environment for their growth and prosperity. The event underscores the contributions of the cooperative movement to resolving the major problems addressed by the United Nations and to strengthening and extending the partnerships between the international cooperative movement and other actors.

Since 1995, the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives (COPAC) has been setting the theme of the celebration. COPAC members are the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), the International Labour Office (ILO), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Farmers' Organization (WFO) and the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA).



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### **Opening Segment**

Facilitator: Zuraidah Hoffman, Interim Communications Director, ICA

- 15:00          Remarks by Mr Alejandro Verdier, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Argentina to the United Nations - 3 minutes  
Remarks by Daniela Bas, Director, UN DESA Division for Inclusive Social Development - 3 minutes. (video)  
Remarks by Ariel Guarco, ICA President - 3 minutes (video)

### **Cooperatives in Action - Part I**

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- 15:09          Remarks by Victor van Vuuren, ILO, on climate action and its relation with informal sector/women empowerment/domestic resource mobilization
- 15:14          Remarks by Bruno Roelants, ICA, on climate action and its relation with informal sector/women empowerment/domestic resource mobilization - 5 minutes
- 15:19          Screening of documentary - 17 minutes  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvDPAdDNBgk>
- 15:36          Remarks by Sara Vicari/Andrea Mancori, documentary makers in Aroundtheworld.coop, on the documentary - 4 minutes

## **Cooperatives in Action – Part II**

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- 15:40      Remarks by Keremba Warrioba, Communal Shamba Coffee, Tanzania, agricultural cooperative fighting for climate action – 6 minutes
- 15:46      Remarks by Mike Pickering, Midcounties Cooperative in the UK – consumer cooperatives for climate action – 6 minutes
- 15:52      Remarks by Meena Pokhrel, Nepal Agricultural Co-operative Central Federation (NACCFL), on behalf of WFO, on climate action within the agricultural sector and its relation with women & youth empowerment/domestic resource mobilization – 5 minutes
- 15:57      Remarks by Guilherme Brady, FAO on climate action within the agricultural sector and its relation with women & youth empowerment/domestic resource mobilization – 5 minutes
- 16:02      Remarks by Wenyan Yang, UNDESA on climate action and capacity building/global value chains – 5 minutes

## **Interactive Discussion – 20 minutes**

- 16:27      Closing remarks – 3 minutes