



Draft Programme

Cooperatives in Social Development: Supporting Cooperatives as Sustainable and Successful Enterprises

United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY 10017, USA

Conference Room C

30 May – 1 June 2023

DAY 1 – Tuesday 30 May 2023

9.00 – 9.45 Arrival at UNHQ and registration

Opening Session **Welcome and Introductory Statements**

10.00 – 10.30 Facilitator: **Andrew Allimadi**, Social Affairs Officer, UNDESA

Welcoming remarks: **Wenyan Yang**, Chief, Global Dialogue in Social Development Branch, UNDESA

Self-introduction: **Participants**

Session 1 **The Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Framework**

Session synopsis The session will discuss the features of the entrepreneurial ecosystem (EE) as it applies to cooperatives, with reference to some country examples; and the range of support measures for promoting cooperatives as sustainable and successful business enterprises.

10:30 – 12:30 Facilitator: **Sonja Novkovic**, Professor of Economics and Director, International Centre for Cooperatives Management, St. Mary's University, Canada

- Presentation: **Nazik Beishenaly**, Researcher at KU Leuven, Belgium – *Elements of the EE Framework for supporting cooperatives (20 minutes)*
- Presentation: **Inigo Albizuir**, Global Head of Public Affairs, Mondragon Corporation – *Mondragon through the EE framework and lessons for other countries and other sectors (20 minutes)*
- Presentation: **Steven Otieno**, Advisor on Cooperatives Development in the Office of the President, Republic of Kenya – *Using the EE framework for supporting cooperatives in Kenya (20 minutes)*
- Presentation: **Merav Niv**, Cooperatives Coordinator and Legal Counsel, Kibbutz Movement – *Growth and development of Kibbutz Movement through the EE framework (20 minutes)*

Interactive Discussion (40 minutes)

12.30 – 14:00 **BREAK**

Session 2 **Information and Capacity Building**

Session synopsis: Assess availability of capacity development opportunities for cooperatives and potential for collaboration between institutions; and the networks for information sharing.

14.00 –15.30 **Facilitator: Merav Niv**, Cooperatives Coordinator and Legal Counsel, Kibbutz Movement, Israel

- Presentation: **Paul Hazen, Executive Director**, Overseas Cooperative Development Council, **USA** – *Capacity development and training for cooperatives – success and challenges (20 minutes)*
- Presentation: **ILO** (TBC) – *Virtual and in-person training opportunities offered by ILO (20 minutes)*
- Presentation: **Cyprian Mayamba**, Director, Ministry of Labour and Social Development, Republic of Zambia – *Improving productivity for cooperatives to enable competition with other private enterprises (20 minutes)*

Interactive Discussion (30 minutes)

16:00 **End of Day One**

DAY 2 – Wednesday 31 May 2023

Session 3 **Financing cooperatives development**

10:00 –11:30 **Facilitator: Steven Otieno**, Advisor on Cooperatives Development in the Office of the President, Republic of Kenya

Session synopsis: Sources of finance for cooperatives in different sectors, countries and circumstances.

- Presentation: **Hans Groeneveld**, Professor, Financial Services Cooperatives, Tilburg University, the Netherlands – *A Stylized Assessment of the Conditions and Possibilities for Financial Inclusion of Cooperatives Worldwide (20 minutes)*
- Presentation: **Christine Lutara**, Executive Chair, Talanta Finance Limited, Uganda – *Matrix used for financing cooperatives in developing countries (20 minutes)*
- Presentation: **World Council of Credit Unions**. (TBC), – *Financing by credit unions for small and grassroots cooperatives (20 minutes)*

Interactive Discussion (30 minutes)

Session 4 **Legislation and Follow-up to recommendations in the 2019 Report of the Secretary General on Cooperatives**

Session synopsis: To review progress in reforming legal instruments regulating cooperative enterprises as recommended by General Assembly resolutions and the report of the Secretary General on Cooperatives in Social Development.

11.30 – 13:00 **Facilitator: Jessica Gordon Nembhard** (TBC), Professor of Community Justice and Social Economic Development, City University, New York, USA

- Presentation: **Hagen Henry**, Chairperson, ICA Cooperative Law Committee; Adjunct Professor of Comparative Law, University of Helsinki, Finland – *“Cooperative legislation world-wide - challenges and possible ways forward”*. (20 minutes)
- Presentation: **Dante Cracogna**, Chairperson, ICA Americas Committee on Cooperative law; Professor of Commercial Law, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina – *Legislative developments in Latin America and the Caribbean* (20 minutes)
- Presentation: **Ateca Rounds**, Deputy Registrar of Cooperatives, Republic of Fiji – *Reforming cooperative laws in Fiji: challenges and lessons for other countries in the Asia Pacific region* (20 minutes)
- Presentation: **Marie-Ange Tumukunde**, Cooperative Policy Specialist, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Republic of Rwanda – *Reforming cooperative laws in Rwanda: Challenges and lessons for other African countries* (20 minutes)

Interactive Discussion (40 minutes)

13.00 – 15.00 **LUNCH BREAK**

Session 5 Networks and Partnerships for Cooperatives

Session synopsis: This session reviews the progress and potential for international cooperation between cooperatives.

15.00 – 16.30 **Facilitator: Nazik Beishenaly**, Researcher, KU Leuven, Belgium

- Presentation: **Sonja Novkovic**, Professor of Economics and Director, International Centre for Cooperatives Management, St. Mary’s University, Canada – *Cooperative to Cooperative collaboration and its impact on value-chains* (20 minutes)
- Presentation: **FAO**, (TBC) – *Networking and support for agricultural cooperatives* (20 minutes)
- Presentation: **Howard Brodsky**, Co-Founder and Chair, CCA Global Partners – *Partnerships and support for small and medium sized cooperatives in North America* (20 minutes)

Interactive Discussion (30 minutes)

16.00 **End of Day**

DAY 3 – Thursday 1 June 2023

Session 6 Cooperatives supporting implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals

10.00– 11.30 **Facilitator: Paul Hazen**, Executive Director, Overseas Cooperatives Development Council, USA

- Presentation: **Leandro Morais**, Professor, Department of Economics, Sao Paulo State University, Brazil – *Cooperatives and the Social and Solidarity Economy: Where is the data?*
- Presentation: **Joseph Njuguna**, Director of Policy, International Cooperatives Alliance – *Cooperatives working on the SDGs and lessons from the International Year of Cooperatives*
- Presentation: **Pamela Komugisha** Assistant Registrar, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, Republic of Uganda – *Cooperatives providing healthcare in support of the SDGs*

Session 7

Conclusion and Recommendations

11.30 – 13.00

Facilitator: **Andrew Allimadi**, UNDESA

Summary of key policy messages:

This session will summarise the main points and key policy messages emerging from the Expert Group Meeting

13.00

Closing remarks by Wenyan Yang, Chief, Global Dialogue on Social Development Branch, UNDESA