V COOPERATIVE SUMMIT
OF THE AMERICAS

Co-operatives at a time of global challenges

23 to 26 October 2018
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Welcome to Buenos Aires! Welcome to the Co-operative Summit of the Americas 2018!

The theme of this year’s Summit - “Co-operatives at a time of global challenges” - aims to promote co-operative innovation and creativity and to inspire conversations that help us frame the understanding we need to generate political support.

As the international community and decision-makers face multiple economic, social, financial and environmental challenges, now is the time to consider the role and contribution of the co-operative movement in working towards a world based on justice and fairness.

For almost two hundred years, co-operative companies have shown vast creativity and played a decisive social and economic role in our communities.

When it comes to flexibility and innovation in all its forms, co-operatives have always been one step ahead, if not more. Thanks to their people-centred model and ability to see change as an opportunity, co-operatives have consistently responded to the necessities that arise from the latest issues we face.

From its earliest beginnings, the co-operative movement has been ready to look beyond, to take the initiative and to be at the forefront of numerous fields, in particular that of sustainable development.

The co-operative movement is widely recognised to benefit all, not only its members, and to produce positive changes to communities and societies all over the world.

Thanks to the quality of the programme at this year’s Summit, which includes plenary sessions with top-level speakers, workshops on a wide variety of themes from law and education to gender and public policy, as well as sector-specific workshops, there will be countless opportunities for fruitful interactions.

I hope that these interactive sessions will inspire co-operative members to discuss their experiences, the long-term issues that limit their progress, and positive strategies to meet challenges and problems.

The V Co-operative Summit of the Americas will also feature further new opportunities to stimulate collaboration, discover new perspectives and tackle challenging questions. That is why I would like to invite co-operative members not only to attend and listen, but also be ready to participate in the numerous debates to be held at the Summit.

I look forward to welcoming you to this exciting V Co-operative Summit of the Americas and to meet all of you in person in October 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. I hope you can join us at what promises to be a fruitful and memorable event!

Ariel Guarco
President of COOPERAR
President of the INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE ALLIANCE
This V Summit invites participants to work along three tracks. Two of these represent global challenges that require us to develop a common vision that empowers the efforts of each organisation: protecting the global environment and building a financial system that enables sustainable development. The third track focuses on new routes towards co-operative integration, a debate with strategic importance for strengthening and invigorating the movement. All co-operatives are affected by the environmental crisis and all are in a position to help overcome it. All co-operatives are part of the financial system or depend on it to fulfil their objectives. All co-operatives are able to innovate in the way that they integrate with society to meet the challenges that we face as organisations.
TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2018, SALON GRAN PANAMERICANO

08:00 - 18:00 REGISTRATION FOR THE V SUMMIT

09:00-10:30 OFFICIAL OPENING

SALUDO PROTOCOLARIO

Ramón Imperial Zúñiga
President, Co-operatives of the Americas Board

Ariel Guarco
President, Internacional Co-operative Alliance

OPENING CEREMONY AND KEYNOTE SPEECH

GRACIELA FERNÁNDEZ
President, Uruguayan Confederation of Co-operatives, CUDECOOP

Member of the Regional Board of Co-operatives of the Americas

INTRODUCTION TO THE THREE THEMED TRACKS

Moderator: Danilo Salerno, Director, Co-operatives of the America

TRACK 1
Panel Presentation
“Co-operatives and protecting the global environment”

TRACK 2
Panel Presentation
“Co-operatives and a financial system for sustainable development”

TRACK 3
Panel Presentation
“Integration of the Social and Solidarity Economy to meet global challenges”

19:00 - 22:30 OPENING AND NEW MEMBERS. WELCOME COCKTAIL RECEPTION
Specific objective: To analyse the potential and possible strategies for the co-operative movement to contribute to the promotion of sustainable production and consumption patterns, the elimination of hunger and the sustainable management of natural resources.

11:00-11:15 Welcome and Presentation
Welcome: Danilo Salerno, Director, Co-operatives of the Americas
Moderator: Rodolfo Pastore, Universidad Nacional de Quilmes, Argentina

11:15-12:00 Panellists Discussion Papers:
Co-operatives and Renewable Energy:
Ricardo Airasca, Federación Argentina de Co-operativas Eléctricas, Argentina

Co-operatives of Consumption and care of the environment:
Enrique Luis Moreno, Cooperativa Obrera, Argentina

Co-operative movement and Family Farming:
Alberto Ramírez (FAO / REAF)

12:00-12:30 Conclusions of the National workshops
Gabriel Isola, National workshops, Uruguay
Amelia Moro Cabañas, National workshops, Paraguay

12:30-14:00 FREE LUNCH

14:00-16:00 Team work
The participants are distributed in groups of ten people, which with the coordination of a workshop facilitator, will contribute to the proposals linked to the theme track that will then be reflected in the Final Declaration of the V Co-operative Summit

16:00 a 16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30-18:00 Plenary work
The result of the group work is shared, and it is debated in plenary format.

The coordination of the whole activity is in charge of “El Observatorio del Sur de la Economía Social y Solidaria” of the Department of Economics and Management of the National University of Quilmes (UNQui)” and the “Cátedra Libre de Soberanía Alimentaria” of the Agronomy Faculty of the University of Buenos Aires (UBA).
Specific objective: To analyse the potential of, and possible strategies for a global co-operative movement to contribute to the construction of a global, regional, national and local financial systems to serve sustainable development.

11:00-11:15  Welcome and Presentation
Welcome: Graciela Fernández, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member
Moderator: Valeria Mutuberría Lazarini, CCC, Argentina

11:15-12:00  Panelists Discussion Papers:
International Financial System, Analysis and Proposals:
Martín Burgos, IMFC, Argentina

Vision and Proposals on the Global Architecture of the Financial System:
Jorge Leal Ussa, CONFECOOP, Colombia

Financial co-operatives facing the challenges of technological innovations:
Alvaro Durán Vargas, COOPENAE, Costa Rica

12:00-12:30  Conclusions of the National Meetings
Alfredo García, National workshops, Argentina
Sonia Brucke, National workshops, Paraguay

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Coordination of the whole activity is the responsibility of the Centro Cultural de la Cooperación
Specific objective: To analyze co-operative integration strategies as part of the social and solidarity economy, and for dialogue with various social sectors to enable the regional co-operative movement to contribute to building a model of sustainable development.

11:00-11:15  Welcome and Presentation
Welcome: Xiomara Núñez de Céspedes, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member
Moderator: Gustavo Sosa, Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero, Argentina

11:15-12:00  Panelists Discussion Papers:
The Reasons and the Modes of the Continental Integration
Edgardo Form, COOPERAR, Argentina

Model of Integration and Development of co-operative technology
Leandro Monk, FACTTIC, Argentina

National System of Cooperative Education
Myriam Báez Rojas, CONPACOOP, Paraguay

12:00-12:30  Conclusions of the National Meetings
Ricardo Pisciottano, National workshops, Uruguay
Carlos Acero, National workshops, Colombia

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The coordination of the whole activity is the responsibility of the “Centro de Estudios de la Economía Social” of the National University Tres de Febrero (UNTREF) and “Colegio de Graduados en Cooperativismo y Mutualismo del Instituto de Estudios Cooperativos de la Universidad Nacional de La Plata”.
Objective of the Activity: To promote exchanges between co-operative members and parliamentarians from the various countries on the appropriate legal framework for the development and consolidation of the social and solidarity economy

Previous Activity: Welcome to the Congreso de la Nación Argentina
The “Comisión de Asuntos Cooperativos, Mutuales y ONGs de la Cámara de Diputados de la Nación Argentina” invites representatives of the parliaments of the countries attending the meeting to exchange ideas on the parliamentary agenda on the continent. Edificio Anexo de la Cámara de Diputados de la Nación, Salón I, Riobamba 25, CABA. Moderator: Carlos Mansilla Rapporteur: Oscar Alpa

Welcome and Presentation
Ramón Imperial, President, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Luisa Gallo Herrán, Director of Project Alliance-EU, Co-operatives of the Americas

Discussion Group: Co-operative legislation in the region
Dante Cracogna, Co-operative Law Committee, Co-operatives of the Americas Olga Lucía Velázquez, Former Parliamentarian of Colombia, national expert in co-operative legal frameworks Parliamentarians invited Pedro Morales, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member

Conversatorio: Tax legislation
Oscar Alpa, Rector Universidad Nacional de la Pampa Parliamentarians invited Héctor Córdova, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member

COFFEE BREAK

Discussion Group: Financial system and solidarity economy regulations
Alberto Bavestrello, FACC, Argentina Parliamentarians invited Carlos Acero, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member

Discussion Group: Co-operative Parliamentarians Network
Parliamentarians invited Ricardo López, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member
Provide an overview of the opportunities and challenges in promoting cross border co-operation amongst co-operatives, identify potential high-level strategic priorities and potential next stage actions for advancing cross border co-operation.

**Workshop 1 – Moving Principle 6 Across Borders. Open to all participants for the Summit**

11:00 -11:05
Opening remarks and background and main themes
Bruno Roelants, Director General International Co-operative Alliance

11:05 11:30
Research on transnational co-operation in agriculture
Darryl Reed, Professor, Business and Society York University Canada, Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation
Hyungsik Eum, Strategy and Statistics Coordinator International Co-operative Alliance

11:30 -12:00
Case studies on cross border co-operation
Alex Serrano, Senior Vice President, NCBA CLUSA
Stanley Khuen, Senior Technical Advisor, NCBA CLUSA
Nahuel Oddone, Head of Department for the Promotion of Social Policies - Social Institute of Mercosur and Expert on Value chain and SMEs (Cenpromype, ECLAC/ CEPAL among others)

12:00 -12:30
Transnational Co-operation among cooperatives: opportunities and threats from market access and trade agreements
Stephen Gill, CEO & CTO - VME
Martin D. Chrisney, Director - KPMG IDAS Institute

12:30 -13:00
Trade agreements and co-operatives - How can Free Trade Agreements be a tool to advance co-operatives?
Claudia Marcela Rodríguez Díaz, Financial economist with Executive experience in the development and implementation of strategies and policies for public and private sector organizations

13:00-13:30
Plenary with participants

13:30-14:30
Lunch – compilation of survey results

**Workshop 2 – Promoting cross border co-operation**

14:30-14.35
Opening Remarks
Danilo Salerno, Director Co-operatives of the Americas

14:35-15.00
Conference: Co-operatives and trade agreements
John Gartke , Member of the Trade Commissioners in Canada

15:00-15:30
Co-operatives, sectorial integration, market access
Héctor Jacquet, Cooperativa Obrera, Argentina

15:30-16:00
Summary of previous plenary workshops and survey results.
Mirta Vuotto, University of the Buenos Aires, Argentina
Paul Cabaj, Manager of Co-operative Development, Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada

16:00-16.30
Select speakers from the morning session will be asked to remain for the afternoon to participate in this panel
Danilo Salerno, Director Co-operatives of the Americas

16:30-17:30
Plenary Discussions with participants
Paul Cabaj, Manager of Co-operative Development, Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada
**WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER**

08:00 - 18:00  **REGISTRATION FOR THE V SUMMIT**

09:00 - 10:30  **TRACK 1 LECTURE: “CO-OPERATIVES AND PROTECTING THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT” (Salon Gran Panamericano)**

**VALENTIN THURN**, Film maker, writer, director and producer

He studied Geography, Ethnology and Politics in Aix-en-Provence (France), Frankfurt and Cologne and was trained as an editor at the German School of Journalism in Munich.

His approach is on an exhaustive examination of topics related to the fields of science, medicine, the environment, politics and the present day.

Winner of the Social Justice Award of the Santa Barbara International Film Festival (USA). Awarded with the Prize of Journalism of the German Society of Geography.

World renowned for his documentaries “Taste the Waste - The Global Food Waste” and “10 Billion - What’s on your Plate?”

**EVE CROWLEY**, Deputy Regional Representative of FAO for Latin America and the Caribbean

Doctor’s degree and Master in Anthropology from Yale University, United States, and a double degree in Governance and Anthropology from Smith College, United States.

Before assuming her position in the FAO Regional Office, she was Deputy Director and Director ad interim of the FAO for the Division of Gender, Equity and Rural Employment in Rome (2008-2013), Senior Officer for Sustainable Livelihoods and the Eradication of Poverty and focal point for Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (2002-2008).

She has been the recipient of prestigious awards, scholarships and grants such as the Rockefeller Post Doctoral Fellowship for agriculture, Fulbright Hayes, Gulbenkian Foundation, Wenner Gren and others.

10:30 - 10:45  **DELIVERY OF ACKNOWLEDGMENTS TO ACADEMIC VOLUNTEERS AND CELSI**

11:00 - 12:30  **PARALLEL SESSIONS**

12:30 - 14:00  **LUNCH**

14:00 - 18:00  **PARALLEL SESSIONS**

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Objective of the Activity: To promote the mainstreaming of gender into the various sectors of the co-operative movement, and to multiply the contribution of the co-operative movement to economic and gender equality

WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2018, HOTEL GRAND BRIZO

XII Gender Equality Conference

MAINSTREAMING THE GENDER PERSPECTIVE AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT

Welcome and Presentation
María Auxiliadora Lopéz Porras, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member
Moderator: Xiomara Núñez de Céspedes, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member

Conference: Different aspects of the path to gender equality
Diana Maffía, Instituto Interdisciplinario de Estudios de Género (UBA), Argentina
Maria Eugenia Pérez Zea, President of the Gender Equality Committe, International Cooperative Alliance
Moderator: Petra González

Exchange with participants

Discussion Group: Co-operative Principles and gender equality
Luis Alvez, FCPU, Uruguay
Myriam Báez, CONPACOOP, Paraguay
Rosa Cuellar, CRE, Bolivia
Moderator: Iván Otero, Cooperativa de Seguros Múltiples, Puerto Rico

LUNCH

Conference: Mainstreaming gender perspectives in the co-operative movement
Silvia Lilian Ferro, UNILA, Brazil
Celina García, Cooperativa Ahorro y Crédito ELGA, Honduras

Exchange with participants

Forum of experiences. 7 x 7, 7 experiences in 7 minutes
Coordinan: COOPERAR / CREG

Panel: economic inequality and gender inequality
Fabiana Túñez, INAM, Argentina
Alejandra García, PNUD, Argentina
Moderator: Gisela Wild, COOPERAR

Exchange with participants
Moderator: Gisela Wild, COOPERAR

COFFEE BREAK

IV CREG ASSEMBLY - CLOSED SESSION
Objective of the Activity: The objective is to share valuable experiences that are developed by or aimed at young people, with strong support and tangible results in the promotion, development and participation by young people, whether by the co-operative movement itself at the level of the Americas region or internationally.

11:00-11:15 Welcome and Presentation
Rafaél Beltrán Peña, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member
Carlos Medrano, President of the Youth Regional Committee, Co-operatives of the Americas
Moderator: Carlos Leiggener
Speaker: Aquileo Mena

11:15-11:45 Information on the Global Survey and Mapping of Youth Co-operatives
Sébastien Chaillou, Youth Representative on the International Co-operative Alliance Board

Results of the Study on Youth Co-operatives in the Americas Region
Röger Chaves, Co-operatives of the Americas
Paulo Ochoa, Etnológica, Colombia

12:30-13:00 Plenary session

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-16:00 Panel and Round table
Agustina Corica, FLACSO, Argentina
Pablo Vommaro, CONICET, Argentina
Gonzalo Irazábal-Cudecoop, Uruguay
Victoria Solero Delgado - Liga de Cooperativas de Puerto Rico

16:00-16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30-17:20 Preparation of document with contributions to the Declaration
Working in committees, using the speakers' notes and participants' contributions as a basis and returning to the issues discussed

17:20-17:30 Conclusion of the conference with some closing words

17:30-18:30 IV CRJ ASSEMBLY - CLOSED SESSION
Objective of the Activity: To analyze the role of the workers’ co-operative movement in facing the global challenges that affect the present and future of work.

11:00-11:15 Welcome and Presentation
Ricardo Cruzat, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member
Arildo Mota Lopes, CICOPA Américas, Brazil
Moderator: Dov Orian, CNC, Mexico

11:15-11:45 TRACK 1 PRESENTATION: CO-OPERATIVES AND PROTECTING THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT
Sofía Scasserra, Universidad Tres de Febrero, Argentina

11:45-12:15 Experience presentation on Track 1
Ana Martina Rivas, USWORKER, United States of America

12:15-12:40 TRACK 2 PRESENTATION: CO-OPERATIVES AND A FINANCIAL SYSTEM FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
César Malato, FEDESAM, Argentina

12:40-13:00 Experience presentation on Track 2
Paul Cabaj, CMC/CWCF, Canada

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-15:00 TRACK 3 PRESENTATION: INTEGRATION OF THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY TO MEET GLOBAL CHALLENGES
Diana Dovgan, General Secretary, CICOPA
María Pacheco, Cooperativa La Huella, Argentina
Richard Silvera, FCPU, Uruguay
Moderator: Luis Alvez, FCPU, Uruguay

15:00-15:45 Dialogue and debate in groups

15:45-16:00 Close
Manuel Mariscal, CICOPA, Spain
Representatives of each group

16:00-16:15 COFFEE BREAK

16:15-18:30 V CICOPA ASSEMBLY - CLOSED SESSION
Objective of the Activity: To share different experiences from each country in relation to co-operative savings and credit models, public audit, and innovation in the sphere of co-operative insurance, as a basis for developing activities to promote the solidarity economy within the field of finance.

11:00-11:15 Welcome and Presentation
Paul Cabaj, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member
Moderator: Alfredo Arana, President of COFIA, CCo-operatives of the Americas
Rapporteur: Nora Escribas

11:15-12:15 Conference: Perspectives on solidarity credit in the current context of international finance
Carlos Heller, Banco Credicoop, Argentina
Jean Louis Bancel, Credit Coopératif, France

12:15-13:00 Exchange with participants

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-14:45 Panel: Co-operative savings and credit models.
Cidmar Luis Stoffel, Sicredi, Brazil
MyCoop Experience, OIT
Alfonso García, Caja Popular Mexicana, Mexico

14:45-15:00 Exchange with participants

15:00-15:45 Panel: Experiences of the promotion and audit of co-operative savings and credit
Félix Hernán Jiménez Castro, INCOOP, Paraguay
Alberto Bavestrello, FACC, Argentina
Alfredo Arana, COOMEVA, Colombia

15:45-16:00 Exchange with participants

16:00-16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30-18:00 COFIA ASSEMBLY - CLOSED SESSION
**II HOUSING CO-OPERATIVES CONFERENCE**

**Objective of the Activity:** To exchange experiences of the contribution of the co-operative movement in solving problems of access to housing and habitat in the Americas, to analyse the relationship with the State and to promote the organisation of the American Network of Housing Co-operatives

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<td><strong>Conference: How does a housing co-operative integration organisation function?</strong>&lt;br&gt;Anders Lago, Cooperative Housing International, Sweden</td>
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<td><strong>Round Table: The State and co-operatives: the need to work together</strong>&lt;br&gt;Carlos Andrés Mansilla, COOPERAR, Argentina&lt;br&gt;Damián Salamone, Instituto Provincial de la Vivienda, Provincia de Mendoza, Argentina&lt;br&gt;Iván Kerr, Secretaría de Vivienda, Ministerio del Interior, Obras Públicas y Vivienda, Argentina&lt;br&gt;Sebastián Welisiejko, Secretaría de Integración Socio Urbana, Ministerio de Desarrollo Social, Argentina</td>
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CONSUMER CO-OPERATIVES MEETING

Objective of the Activity: Reflection and analysis of the context and challenges facing consumer co-operatives and the tools they possess in responding to members’ needs

11:00-11:15  Welcome and Presentation  
Mario Ramón Olivo, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member  
Moderator: Todor Ivanov, Secretary General CCW, Belgium  
Rapporteur: Mariano Glas

11:15-11:45  Conference: The Future of Distribution  
Susana Marquis, La Investigación que Inspira, Argentina

Peter Hunt, Mutuo, United Kingdom

12:30-13:00  Exchange with participants

13:00-14:00  LUNCH

14:00-14:30  Conference: Consumers today: behaviour, profile and trends  
Guillermo Oliveto, Consultora W?, Argentina

14:30-15:30  Conference: The Co-operative difference: the role of consumers as company owners  
Héctor Jacquet, Cooperativa Obrera, Argentina  
Marcio Valle, Coop, Brasil  
Marjaana Saarikoski, SOK Corporation, Finland

15:30-16:00  Exchange with participants

16:00-16:30  COFFEE BREAK

16:30-18:00  Workshop: Challenges for Consumer Co-operatives  
Mariano Glas, Cooperativa Obrera, Argentina
Objective of the Activity: Share the different national and international experiences regarding cooperative models of insurance and mutual funds, and innovations as a basis for developing promotion of the solidarity economy in the financial field.

WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTUBER 2018, SALON BUENOS AIRES

VII MEETING OF INSURANCE AND MUTUAL COOPERATIVES

Welcome and Presentation
César Guillermo Cruz Roa, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member
Moderator: Leonardo Redolfi, Specialized journalist, Argentina

Conference: “Why are we important in the world of INSURANCE? Our impact and influence in the Global Insurance sector
Rodrigo Aguilar Moya, Subgerente de la Sociedad de Seguros de Vida del Magisterio Nacional, Costa Rica

Exchange with participants

LUNCH BREAK

Conference: Co-operative insurance model in Argentina
Alberto Grimaldi, Executive Director of the Grupo Asegurador La Segunda, Argentina

Exchange with participants

Conference: Investment of undertake capital . The role of insurance in real economy investments with a positive social impact.
Nicolás Tognalli, Gerente de CITES (incubadora tecnológica del Grupo Sancor Seguros)
Alejandro Simón, CEO Sancor Seguros, Argentina.

Exchange with participants

Closing and conclusion of the event by the Moderator
MEETING OF PUBLIC SERVICES CO-OPERATIVES

Objective of the Activity:
To exchange viewpoints on the contribution of co-operatives to solving energy problems, with particular attention to the production and distribution of renewable energy, the sustainable management of drinking water and other essential services, and to organise the Network of Public Services Co-operatives of the Americas.

11:00-11:15 Welcome and Presentation
Olivia Poblete, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member
Moderator: Ángel Echarren, COOPERAR, Argentina
Rapporteur: Federico Lutz

11:15-12:15 Panel: The State and public service co-operatives
Alejandro Sruoga, Secretary of Energía Eléctrica Argentina
Mario Vitale, Representante cooperativas eléctricas argentinas
Guillermo Moser, General Secretary, FATLyF, Argentina

12:15-13:00 Exchange with participants

13:00-14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00-14:40 Panel: Current challenges in co-operative electricity
Martin Lowery, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, United States
Mario Carmelo Paz, Cooperativa Rural de Electrificación, Bolivia

14:40-15:00 Exchange with participants

15:00-15:40 Panel: Co-operatives and the management of river basins
Rubén Angel Ely, Femicap, Argentina

15:40-16:00 Exchange with participants

16:00-16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30-18:00 Workshop: Network of Public Services Co-operatives of the Americas
MEETING OF PUBLIC BODIES FOR CO-OPERATIVE PROMOTION, DEVELOPMENT, SUPERVISION AND CREDIT

WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2018, SALON RIÓ PARANÁ

Objective of the Activity: To promote co-operative integration and audit strategies as a joint effort by public bodies and the regional co-operative movement

11:00-11:30 Welcome and Presentation
Marcelo Collomb, President INAES, Argentina
Ramón Imperial, President of Co-operatives of the Americas
Georgia Papoutsi, Policy Coordinator, International Co-operative Alliance
Moderator: Gustavo Bernini
Rapporteur: Claudia De Lisio

11:30-11:45 Participants introduced
Attendees

11:45-12:15 Panel: Co-operative Integration
Marcelo Collomb, Presidente INAES, Argentina
Juan Carlos Rivas, Subdirector Ejecutivo, IPACOOP, Panama
Graciela Fernández, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member
Carlos Acero, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member
Apolinar Ortiz, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member

12:15-13:00 Exchange with participants

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-14:45 Panel: Regulation and Self-Regulation of Co-operatives
Carlos Debiaggi, INAES, Argentina
Adriana Porcires Cortés, Coordinator of the Co-operative Division, internal audit of the nation, Uruguay
Héctor Córdova, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member
Luis Puig, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member

14:45-16:00 Exchange with participants

16:00-16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30-17:30 Panel: Prevention of asset laundering.
Jorge Mosteiro, INAES, Argentina
Jorge Andrés López, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member
Apolinar Ortiz, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member

17:30-18:00 Exchange with participants

17:30-18:00 Presentation and Signing of the Buenos Aires Declaration
Ramón Imperial, President of Co-operatives of the Americas
CO-OPERATIVES OF THE AMERICAS
PLATFORM FOR DEVELOPMENT:
THE ROLE OF CO-OPERATIVES IN DEVELOPMENT

Objective of the Activity: Within the framework of “the co-operatives in development” project financed by the European Union, it has been proposed to institutionalise the exchange of experiences among the stakeholders in the Region that are dedicated to international cooperation for sustainable development, and to create a platform for these stakeholders - the foreign Co-operative Organisations that develop international projects within the Region - and to communicate with the Thematic Committee of the International Co-operative Alliance in order to contribute towards the UN Agenda 2030.

11:00-11:15
Welcome and Presentation
Danilo Salerno, Director, Co-operatives of the Americas
Marc Noël, Director of the Coops4dev Project and Head of the Co-operatives
Rapporteur: Fernando Bragado

11:15-11:30
Presentation of the Project co-financed by the European Union
Luisa Fernanda Gallo Herrán, Director of the Coops4dev Project, Co-operatives of the Americas

11:30-12:00
Agenda 2030, cooperatives and sustainable development
Representative of the European Union Delegation, Argentina
Francisco Garcia, Head of Cooperation, European Union Delegation, Colombia
Carlos Barandiaran, Grupo Mondragon and coordinator of the ECOMUN Project, Colombia

12:00-12:30
Participation of the private sector and its relationship with the cooperative sector within the framework of the Agenda 2030
Carla Decker, NCBA-CLUSA and Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member

12:30-13:00
LUNCH

13:00-14:30
Round Table (closed event)
Communications Group, Coordinator: Fernando Bragado, Communication Coops4dev Project
Group of projects, Coordinator: Luisa Fernanda Gallo Herrán, Project Director Coops4dev, Cooperativas de las Américas
Platform Group, Coordinator: Danilo Salerno, Director Co-operativas de las Américas

14:30-16:30
COFFEE BREAK

16:30-17:00
Presentation by Group Speakers

17:00-17:30
Official launch of Regional Platform for Co-operative Development
H.E. Aude Maio-Coliche, Ambassador of the European Union in Argentina
Anders Lago, Global Platform Coordinator
Danilo Salerno, Director, Co-operatives of the Americas

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THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2018

08:00 - 12:00  
ACCREDITATION FOR THE XIII REGIONAL ASSEMBLY OF CO-OPERATIVES OF THE AMERICAS

08:00 - 18:00  
REGISTRATION FOR THE V SUMMIT

09:00 - 10:30  
TRACK 2 LECTURE: “CO-OPERATIVES AND A FINANCIAL SYSTEM FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”, Salon Gran Panamericano

**PEDRO PAÉZ PÉREZ**, Member of the Committee of Experts of the President of the UN General Assembly on the Reforms of the International Monetary and Financial System - “Stiglitz Commission”


He graduated as an Economist at the Pontificia Universidad Catolica of Ecuador, he carried out the thesis “Crisis, Social Struggle and Capital Mutations”.

Ph.D in Economics with his thesis “An Optimal Control Framework for the design of Alternative Macroeconomic Policies” at the University of Texas at Austin.

Author of several articles dealing with the global economy, Latin American and social issues

**ELOY MEALLA**, Theologian

Degree in Philosophy from the Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires.

Professor in Theology at the Catholic University of Argentina.

He has postgraduate studies in Co-operation and Development at the University of Barcelona.

He is a consultant in several social organizations and in training and social development programs.

He is also a professor at Universidad del Salvador, National University of Moreno, at

10:30 - 11:00  
**AWARDS CEREMONY JOSÉ ANTONIO CHAVEZ AWARD**

11:00 - 12:30  
PARALLEL SESSIONS

12:30 - 14:00  
LUNCH

14:00 - 18:00  
XIII CO-OPERATIVES OF THE AMERICAS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY (CLOSED SESSION)

14:00 - 18:00  
PARALLEL SESSIONS

- Public Policy: “The State and Co-operatives in the face of Global Challenges”
- Education Forum
- IT and Communication Forum
- Good Governance and CSR Forum
- Workshop on the construction of a solidarity model and regional-development
- IV Farming Meeting
- Co-operative Law Forum

18:00 - 20:00  
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE CO-OPERATIVES OF THE AMERICAS BOARD (CLOSED SESSION)

*Free registration*
Objective of the Activity:
To debate the relationship between the State and Co-operatives in the context of new global challenges, and public policies that will contribute to the development of the co-operative movement.

11:00-11:15  Welcome and Presentation
Maria Eugenia Pérez Zea, President of the Committee of Gender Equity, International Cooperative Alliance
Moderator: Pablo Barbieri, FACC, Argentina
Rapporteur: Alejandro Marinello

11:15-11:45  Conference: The view from the ICA on the relationship between the State and Co-operatives
Ariel Enrique Guarco, President of the International Co-operative Alliance

11:45-12:10  Conference: Importance of co-operatives in sustainable development
Claudia Sánchez Bajo, Researcher at universities in China, Germany, Brussels, Italy and Canada

12:10-12:30  Conference: State-Co-operative relationship in Europe
Giuseppe Guerini, CECOP, CICOPA-Europa

12:30-14:00  LUNCH

14:00-14:45  Conference: Public policy and co-operatives in the Americas
Dante Cracogna, Co-operative Law Committee of Co-operatives of the Americas

14:45-15:30  Conference: Tax treatment of co-operatives
Rubén Masón, Co-operative Tax Specialist

15:30-16:00  Exchange with participants

16:00-16:30  COFFEE BREAK

16:30-17:30  Conference: Recommendations by international organisations
Bruno Roelants, Director General, International Co-operative Alliance
Vic Van Vuuren, Director, Departamento de Empresas, OIT

17:30-18:00  Exchange with participants and Closing remarks

18:00  Closing
Objective of the Activity: To exchange experiences and identify proposals with respect to the relationship between co-operatives and universities, co-operative education and sector organisations, for presentation to Co-operatives of the Americas

11:00-11:15 Welcome and Presentation
Norberto Donoso, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member
Moderator: Luis Alvez, FCPU, Uruguay
Rapporteur: Oscar Alpa

11:15-13:00 Presentation of the position papers developed at the Virtual Preparatory Forum on each of the themes:
Presents: Daniel Plotinsky, Co-operatives and school system document
Comments: Javier Di Biase, Foundation Grupo Sancor Seguros, Argentina

Presents: Javier Calderón, Document cooperative and University
Comments: Mirta Vuotto, “Red Latinoamericana de Investigadores en Cooperativismo”

Presents: Gabriela Nacht, Document education co-operative and organizations co-operatives
Comments: Ricardo García Peredo, Foundation CRE, Bolivia

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-16:00 Simultaneous workshops: three groups per theme

16:00-16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30-17:30 Conclusions
Speackers

17:30 -18:00 Work Network
Objective of the Activity:
To reach an agreement on strategic communication at a national and regional scale, starting with the debate on the production and ownership of information and communication, the experiences of self-managed journalism and the common criteria of organisational communication.

11:00-11:15  Welcome and Presentation
Sherlock Allen, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member
Moderator: Leire Luengo, International Co-operative Alliance
Rapporteur: Adriana Gutierrez

11:15-12:30  Panel: Communication and the solidarity economy. The challenge of empowering communities in the age of global networks
Leire Luengo, International Co-operative Alliance
National Group of officers of visibility Coops4dev
Nicolas Schonfeld, TAL, Televisión América Latina
Martin Becerra, Investigador CONICET, Argentina
Moderator: Nahum Mirad, Mutual Conexión, Argentina

12:30-13:00  Exchange with participants

13:00-14:00  LUNCH

14:00-15:00  Panel: Internet and ITC at the crossroads. The challenge of building democracy on the web
Enrique Amestoy, Libre Coop, Uruguay
Vicente Aguiar, Colivre, Brasil

15:00-15:15  Exchange with participants
Moderator Leandro Monk, Gcoop, Argentina

15:15 – 16:15  Panel “4play, Convergence and Concentration. The challenge of distributing convergent services to communities”
Ariel Fernandez Alvarado, CATEL, Argentina
Antonio Roncoroni, Fecosur, Argentina
Moderator: Alberto Calvo, COLSECOR, Argentina

16:15 – 16:30  COFFEE BREAK

16:30 – 17:30  Round Table: Integrating communication, communicating integration. The challenge of making ourselves visible.
Federico Amigo, Cooperativa Por Más Tiempo, Argentina
Jorge Conalbi Anzorena, Cooperativa Dypra, Argentina
Andrés Roel y Leandro Santamaria, productora audiovisual, Intergalactic, Uruguay
Moderator: Laura Coria, FCPU / Mutual Conexión, Uruguay

17:30-18:00  Presentation of the collated output of the workshops and close
Leire Luengo, International Co-operative Alliance
Nahum Mirad, Mutual Conexión, Argentina
GOOD GOVERNANCE AND CO-OPERATIVE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FORUM
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FACE OF GLOBAL CHALLENGES

Objective of the Activity: To raise awareness and build capacity on the themes of Good Governance and Co-operative Social Responsibility, which are among the global challenges for the co-operative movement as a model for economically, socially and environmentally sustainable development.

11:00-11:20 Welcome and Presentation
Pedro Morales, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member
Moderator: Liliana González, CADIC, Argentina
Rapporteur: Fermín Aseguinolaza

11:20 – 12:10 Panel: Experiences in savings and credit cooperatives
Ricardo Sapei, Banco Credicoop, Argentina
Ivar D. Solsona Pelullo, Cooperativa Artigas, Uruguay
Gisela Guichón, Cooperativa Artigas, Uruguay
Carlo Scarzanella, AGCI, Italia

12:10 - 12:30 Exchange with participants

12:30-14:00 Almuerzo

14:00-14:45 Panel: The Co-operative and RSCoop role in the face of global challenges
Luis. A. Castillo, CESOPOL, Argentina
Edgardo Form, IMFC, Argentina
César Bone, FUCAC, Uruguay

14:45-15:00 Exchange with participants

15:00-15:45 Panel: Good Governance and RSCoop in co-operative business groups
José Vicente Torres, COOMEVA, Colombia
Isabel Larrea y Alberto Grimaldi, Grupo Asegurador La Segunda, Argentina

15:45-16:00 Exchange with participants

16:00-16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30-17:00 Conference: Co-operative Social Responsibility in the Face of Global Challenges
Ariel Guarco, President International Cooperative Alliance

17:00-17:30 Exchange with participants

17:30-18:00 Workshop on Good Governance, RSCoop and Summit Tracks
### Workshop on the Solidarity Model and Territorial Development

**Objective of the Activity:** To exchange viewpoints and debate the construction of a solidarity model from the perspective of territorial development, based on the analysis of innovative case studies from various countries of the continent

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Objective of the Activity: To strengthen the strategic alliance between Family Farming and Agricultural Co-operatives with the aim of guaranteeing the food security and sovereignty of populations, with a global sustainability framework.

11:00-11:15  Welcome and Presentation  
José Alves de Souza, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member  
Danilo Salerno, Director, Co-operatives of the Americas  
Moderator: Ignacio Vila, COOPERAR, Argentina  
Rapporteur: Carlos Carballo

11:15-11:40  Conference: vision of agricultural co-operatives around the world  
Kim Ki-Hoon, Vice Secretario General ICAO

11:40-12:00  Conference: IFFCO, a history of cooperation among cooperative: of recipients of aid to diversify the business model  
Aditya Yadav, Board Member Alianza Cooperativa Internacional,

12:00-12:40  Institutional panel: Public policy for the co-operative agriculture sector and family farming  
Alberto Ramírez, FAO/RLC  
Caio Rocha, IICA

12:40-13:00  Open debate: lessons for the Americas

13:00-14:00  LUNCH

14:00-14:40  Conference: Agricultural co-operatives: towards a proposal for sustainable production  
Genes da Fonseca Rosa, Unicafes, Brasil  
Márcio Lopes de Freitas, OCB, Brasil

14:40-15:40  Co-operative panel: integration to close cycles of production-consumption  
Florencia Doná, AFA, Argentina  
Javier Rodríguez, COOPERAR, Argentina  
Amelia Moro, CONCOPAR, Paraguay  
Fernando Sganga, REAF, Uruguay

15:40-16:00  Open debate: lessons for the Americas

16:00-16:30  COFFEE BREAK

16:30-18:00  Discussion: towards a regional program for the cooperativization of family farming  
Luis Frachia, Coordinador, Redacoop

11:00-11:10  Welcome and Presentation  
Carla Decker, Co-operatives of the Americas Board Member  
Moderator: Dante Cracogna, Co-operative Law Committee of Co-operatives of the Americas  
Rapporteur: Gustavo Sosa

11:10-11:25  Presentation: investigation of cooperative legal frameworks from a global perspective  
Marc Noel, Director of the Coops4dev Project and Head of the Co-operatives of the Americas Project

11:25-12:10  Conference: European Cooperative Law in the present  
Gemma Fajardo, Universidad de Valencia, España

12:10-12:30  Exchange with participants

12:30-13:00  Presentation: Annals of the Continental Congress of Cooperative Law,  
Graciela Fernández, CUDECOOP, Uruguay

13:00-14:00  LUNCH

14:00-14:40  Conference: Cooperative Taxation  
Jorge Hernando Leal, CONFECOOP, Colombia

14:40-15:00  Exchange with participants

15:00-15:40  Panel: The problems of the performance of the regulatory bodies and of the accounting profession  
Mildred Santiago Negrón, Liga de Cooperativas, Puerto Rico  
Mario De Conto, Co-operative Law Committee of Co-operatives of the Americas

15:40-16:00  Exchange with participants

16:00-16:20  COFFEE BREAK

16:20-16:50  Conference: Insertion in the bodies of design and execution of public policies  
Gerardo Montes, CUDECOOP, Uruguay

16:50-17:20  Conference: Social and solidarity economy: trends in legislation in Latin America and the Caribbean  
Mario Saúl Schujman, AIDCMESS

17:20-17:30  Exchange with participants

17:30-17:40  Presentation: Continental Conference on Co-operative Law 2019  
Dante Cracogna, Co-operative Law Committee of Co-operatives of the Americas

17:40-18:00  Exchange with participants
THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2018

14:00 - 18:00  XIII CO-OPERATIVES OF THE AMERICAS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Salon LOS JARDINES, (CLOSED SESSION)

18:00 - 18:30  DELIVERY CERTIFICATES “BUEN GOBIERNO Y BALANCE SOCIAL”

18:00 - 20:00  EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE CO-OPERATIVES OF THE AMERICAS BOARD (CLOSED SESSION)

FRIDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2018

08:00 - 14:00  PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES GIVEN OUT

09:00 - 10:30  TRACK 3 LECTURE: “INTEGRATION OF THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY TO MEET GLOBAL CHALLENGES”, Salon Gran Panamericano:

JAVIER GOIENETXEA, President of the Higher Council of Co-operatives of Euskadi

Member of the Higher Council of Co-operatives of Euskadi on behalf of Erkide, the Federation of Worker Co-operatives of Euskadi.

The Higher Council of Co-operatives of Euskadi is the maximum organ of promotion and diffusion of the Basque co-operative movement. It is a public entity of consultative nature and adviser to the Basque public administrations.

It is formed by 7 representatives of the Federations of Co-operatives, 3 representatives the Universities of Deusto, of the Basque Country and Mondragon and 3 representatives of the Departments of Agriculture, Work and Education of the Basque Government

JUAN ANTONIO PEDREÑO FRUTOS, President of CEPES

President of the Union of Co-operatives of the Region of Murcia, UCOMUR

President of the Spanish Business Confederation of Social Economy, CEPES

President of Social Economy Europe, SEE
FRIDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2018

11:00 - 12:30  
SIGNING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS FOR THE INTEGRATION OF THE COOPERATIVE SECTOR,  
Teatro El Nacional Sancor Seguros

LECTURE, Teatro El Nacional Sancor Seguros:  
MARCO MARZANO DE MARINIS

Partnership and Resources  
Mobilization Office (PRM) in the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD; by its initials in Spanish)

CLOSING CONFERENCE, Teatro El Nacional Sancor Seguros:  
ARIEL GUARCO

President of the Internacional Co-operative Alliance  
President of the Co-operative Confederation of the Argentine Republic (Cooperar; by its initials in Spanish)

12:30 - 13:00  
PRESENTATION OF THE NEW BOARD OF CO-OPERATIVES OF THE AMERICAS,  Teatro El Nacional Sancor Seguros

13:00 - 13:30  
PRESENTATION OF THE DECLARATION OF THE V CO-OPERATIVE SUMMIT AND CLOSING STATEMENTS,  
Hotel Panamericano Lobby

FREE AFTERNOON

20:00 - 00:00  CLOSING DINNER
The cultural and economic effects of the Second World War, combined with the emergence of new artists and a more accepting social context all contributed to the explosion in popularity of tango in Buenos Aires from 1940. The result was an entire cultural movement named the Golden Decade. During that time, more than fifty orchestras played every night in cabaret theatres, clubs, cafés, restaurants and dance halls. The peak of tango’s popularity was so huge and all-consuming that even the major sports clubs such as River Plate, San Lorenzo, Racing Club and the inimitable Luna Park opened their doors to ecstatic crowds, seduced by the mania that had the whole of Buenos Aires, the “City of Tango” in its grip.

A little over five decades later, Tango Porteño recreates that magical, mysterious golden age when tango reigned supreme as the grand passion of the entire Argentine society. Tango Porteño takes the spectator on a journey back in time to those glorious years when every corner of Buenos Aires lived and breathed tango. Tango Porteño is a fabulous space where the leading lights of tango’s Golden Decade live on together. The big orchestras of Canaro, Fresedo, Piazzolla, De Caro, Gobbi, Biagi, De Angelis, Di Sarli, D’Arienzo, Lomuto, D’Agostino and, of course, the unforgettable Troilo and Pugliese, honed their skills in a atmosphere of fierce yet healthy competition. They fought for top billing at venues such as Chanteclair, Armenonville, Marabú, Tabaris, Tibidabo, and many more that were swallowed up by the relentless transformation of the city.

Tango Porteño has revived that essence and captures it in one unique and unforgettable place. That pivotal time in the history of tango has been magically recreated in the luxurious setting of a building that dates back to the very same era, a former cinema-theatre belonging to Metro Goldwyn Meyer. The much-loved old Metro, just a few metres from the Obelisk, is transformed today into Tango Porteño, a place that combines the most refined atmosphere possible with the faithful deco style of the golden age, complemented by an artistic company, five-star productions and an array of gastronomic delights that pay homage to the era they represent. It couldn’t be any other way, because Tango Porteño is the image of Buenos Aires, the “City of Tango”.

In this fabulous setting, we invite participants to join us on Friday night for dinner and a tango show, rounding off the V Co-operative Summit of the Americas in fittingly passionate style.
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