

Cape Town International Convention Centre, Room 2.41-2.46, 31st October 2013

Growing cooperatives globally

Cooperative contributions to international development

English, French and Spanish interpretation provided. It will be possible to speak in Italian.

Workshop | 9.00 – 13.00

Growing cooperatives - The gender factor

Women produce up to 80 per cent of the food in Africa but benefit little from agricultural extension services, receive less than 10 per cent of the credit offered to small-scale farmers and own only one per cent of the land. Financial, agricultural and producer cooperatives already do a great deal to help women and men to improve their livelihoods. However, achieving gender equity in membership and in leadership still remains a challenge for many cooperatives.

Welcome by ICA Africa and Cooperatives Europe | 9.00 – 9.15

The gender factor in cooperative development challenges | 9.15 – 10.30

Moderation: Simel Esim, ILO

Lilian Ugwanyi – Chief Lecturer, Department of Cooperative Economics and Management
federal Polytechnic Nekede Imo State, Nigeria

Tumukunde Aimée – Executive Secretary, National Cooperatives Confederation of Rwanda

Leonard Msemakweli – General Secretary, Uganda Cooperative Alliance

Justine Akpoue Akoue – Deputy Director, Cuma Benin

Coffee break | 10.30 – 11.00

Group Sessions | 11.00 – 13.00

Sub-Group 1 - Empowering the local producers- the gender factor.

Sub-Group 2 - Strengthening the power of cooperatives – local, regional and international value-chains and collaborations

Lunch break and networking | 13.00 – 14.00

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Conference | 14.00 – 17.30

Private sector in development – The cooperative impact

Cooperative networks have played a crucial role in development processes, opening the path for synergies and collaboration. In parallel, International Institutions are focussing more and more on the policies and strategies linked to the private sector. To which extent have networks created an added value, and which is the place cooperatives do have in private sector policies?

Introductory welcome | 14.00 – 14.10

Jeffrey Ndumo – Chief Director, Co-op development in Trade and Industry Ministry, South Africa

Moderation: Leonard Msemakweli, UCA

Impact of the cooperative networks | 14.10 – 15.40

Sifa Chigoye – Director, ICA Africa

Klaus Niederlander – Director, Cooperatives Europe

Paul Hazen – Director, OCDC

James Mwai – Acting Executive Director, Fairtrade Africa

Coffee break | 15.40 – 16.10

View-points on the Private Sector in Development – the cooperative impact | 16.10 – 17.30

Denis Herbel – Coordinator Capacity Building, FAO

Simel Esim – Head of the Cooperative Branch, ILO

George J. Magai – Director, Trade & Markets, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)

Richard Young – Head of Development Cooperation, EU Delegation (tbc)

Cocktail & networking time | 18.00 – 20.00

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