



Invitation - 25th September 2014

Coop Break - Cooperatives and Sustainable Development: Challenges for the Post-2015 Agenda

The Coop Break is an initiative of the Cera-Group and Coopburo in partnership with Cooperatives Europe. Twice a year a timely issue related to cooperative entrepreneurship or cooperative development is presented and discussed. Anyone interested in these subjects can attend the Coop Break, which is usually organized in Brussels.

As we approach the Millenium Development Goals (MDGs) target date of 2015, we should think about the post-2015 global development agenda.

In this Coop Break, **Simel Esim**, Head and Senior Technical Specialist at the Cooperatives Unit, International Labour Organization, will discuss the key roles cooperatives could play in this agenda.

Franky Depickere, Chairman of the International Raiffeisen Union and CEO of the Cera-Group, and **Marc Noël** of Cooperatives Europe, will focus on the contribution their organizations make to sustainable cooperative development and their plans to strengthen this commitment.

Programme

- 11.30 a.m.** Welcome and introduction by **Franky Depickere**, Chairman of the International Raiffeisen Union and CEO of the Cera-group
- 11.35 a.m.** Key roles of cooperatives for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by **Simel Esim**, Head and Senior Technical Specialist at the Cooperatives Unit, International Labour Organization (ILO)
- 12.20 p.m.** 'Cooperatives in Development': the networking, partnership-building initiative of the Cooperatives Europe Development Platform and its website, by **Marc Noël**, Cooperative Development Manager, Cooperatives Europe
- 12.35 p.m.** International Raiffeisen Union and the Cera-Group: committed to cooperative development by **Franky Depickere**, Chairman and CEO
- 12.50 p.m.** Questions and answers
- 1.00 p.m.** Walking lunch

Date and time: 25th September 2014, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Place: The Philantropy House, 94 Rue Royale, 1000 Brussels - Belgium

Attendance is free. May we ask you to confirm your participation before 18th of September 2014 on www.coopburo.be.

