



## Provisional Agenda

### THE ROLE OF COOPERATIVES IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: RECOVER BETTER FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

#### Virtual Expert Group Meeting

2 and 4 June 2021

#### DAY 1 – Wednesday, 2 June 2021

##### Opening Session

##### Welcome and Introductory Statements

8:00 – 8:20

Facilitator: **Ms. Wenyan Yang**, Chief, Global Dialogue for Social Development Branch (GDSDB), Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

Welcome message: **Ms. Daniela Bas**, Director, DISD/DESA

Welcome message: **Mr. Bruno Roelants**, Director General, International Cooperative Alliance

Purpose and background of the meeting: **Ms. Wenyan Yang**, UNDESA

##### Session 1

##### Setting the stage: Cooperatives and recovering better from the COVID-19 Pandemic

8:20 – 9:10

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▪ Presentation: **Ms. Simel Esim**, ILO – *Progress in providing decent work through cooperatives, including the platform economy*

▪ Presentation: **Ms. Marie Bouchard**, UQAM – *Assessing the contribution of cooperatives through internationally comparable statistics*

▪ Presentation: **Mr. Patrick Develtre**, KU Leuven – *Rebuilding and Realizing a resilient global society through cooperatives*

▪ Presentation: **Mr. Gian Nicola Francesconi**, Royal Tropical Institute - *Agricultural Cooperatives and COVID-19 in Southeast Africa. The Role of Managerial Capital for Rural Resilience*

▪ Presentation: **Mr. Raymon Saner**, CSEND – *Cooperatives and the Social and Solidarity Economy*

9:10 – 9:30

Interactive Discussion

##### Session 2

##### International Year of Cooperatives and beyond

9:30 – 10:10

Facilitator: **Ms. Georgia Papoutsis**, ICA

▪ Presentation: **Mr Bruno Roelants** ICA – *Impact of the International Year of Cooperatives*

▪ Presentation: **Mr. Tabani Shoko**, Registrar – *Promoting cooperative growth in Zimbabwe and the role of the United Nations and other partners*

▪ Presentation: **Mr. Ines Pando Avila**, Peru (tbc) – *Promoting Cooperative Growth in Peru and the role of the United Nations and other partners*

▪ Presentation: **Ms. Sebastiana Barros**, Timor Leste (tbc) - *Promoting Cooperative Growth in Peru and the role of the United Nations and other partners*

10:10 – 10:30 Interactive Discussion  
10:30 **Mr. Andrew Allimadi:** Summary and conclusions

## DAY 2 – Friday, 4 June 2021

### Opening Session

8:00 – 8:20:

### Welcome and Introductory Statements

Facilitator: **Dr. Hagen Henry**, University of Helsinki; Chair of ICA Cooperative Law Committee

Welcome message: : **Ms. Wenyan Yang**, Chief, Global Dialogue for Social Development Branch (GDSDB), Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

Welcome message: **Ms. Simel Esim, Head, ILO Cooperative Unit**

Welcome message: **Ms. Florence Raineix, ICA Board member**

### Session 1

### Perspectives on the theory and practice of cooperative law

8:20 – 09.30

Facilitator: **Dr. Hagen Henry**, University of Helsinki;

Presentation: **Dr. Dante Cracogna, University of Buenos Aires;** – *Perspectives from the Americas*

Presentation: **Dr. Morshed Mannan, University of Leiden the Netherlands** – *Perspectives on laws and policy concerning cooperatives on internet platforms*

Presentation:

**Dr. Alphonse Mbuya, Moshi University Tanzania; Member ICA Cooperative Law Committee** – *Perspectives from Africa*

Presentation:

**Dr. Willy Tadjudje, University of Luxembourg; Co-coordinator CLARITY 2.0** – *Perspectives on regional laws – OHADA Uniform Act on Cooperative Societies, 2011 and EU Regulation on European Cooperative Societies, 2003*

Presentation: **Dr. Ifigeneia Douvitsa, Hellenic Open University; Member ICA Cooperative Law Committee** – *Perspectives from Europe*

Presentation: **Dr. Antonio Fici, University of Molise Italy; Member, ICA Cooperative Law Committee** – *Perspectives on social cooperatives*

Presentation: **Dr. Akira Kurimoto, Chairperson, ICA Asia and Pacific Committee on Cooperative Research** – *Perspectives from Asia Pacific*

9:30 – 9: 50

Interactive Discussion

09:50– 10.10

Facilitator: **Mr. P. Santosh Kumar, ICA**

### Session 2

### Observations and policy recommendations to enable supportive legal environments for cooperatives

Presentation: **Santosh Kumar, ICA, - ICA Report from ICA Consultation on Cooperative law**

Presentation: **Dr. Hagen Henry, University of Helsinki;** *Cooperative Law – the translation of cooperative principles into legal rules which respect the legal concept of sustainable development.*

10:10 – 10:30

Interactive discussions

10:30 – 10:35

**Mr. Andrew Allimadi**: Summary and conclusions

10:35 – 10:40

Closing Statements: **Mr. Bruno Roelants**, Director General, ICA