



COOPERATIVE FACILITY FOR AFRICA

Regional Seminar on Cooperative Policy and Law Manzini, Swaziland: 23rd to 25th June 2008

Tentative Programme

MONDAY 23 June

- 08.30 Registration
- 09.00 Introductions
- 09.30 Official opening
- 10.15 **Tea/Coffee Break**
- 10.45 Cooperatives: Some key concepts - *by Hagen Henry*
- 11.30 Cooperative Law/ Other related laws – a broad view - *by Hagen Henry*
- 12.30 Cooperative Policy and Law: Their application and impact on the structure and performance of cooperatives - *by Hagen Henry*
- 13.00 **Lunch Break**
- 14.00 Cooperative Policy and Law: Their application and impact on structure and performance of cooperatives (continued)
- 15.00 Discussion
- 16.00 Status of Cooperative Policy and Law in Eastern and Southern Africa - *by Jan Theron*



TUESDAY

24 June

- 08.30** Towards appropriate cooperative policies and laws:
- Identifying weaknesses and flaws in policies and laws
- Participatory procedures in policy and law formulation and revision
- Popularization of newly formulated/revised cooperative policies and laws - *by Hagen Henry*

Group Work: *"Identifying weaknesses and flaws in our policies and laws"*

10.45 Tea/Coffee Break

11.00 Presentation and discussion of group reports

12.00 Group Work: *"Ensuring maximum stakeholder participation in our policy and law formulation"*

13.15 Lunch Break

14.00 Study Visits

WEDNESDAY

25 June

08.30 Presentation and discussion of group reports on *"Ensuring maximum stakeholder participation in our policy and law formulation"*

10.45 Tea/Coffee Break

11.00 Country-based Group Work: Preparation of Country Action Plans (featuring policy and legal obstacles or weaknesses to be removed and improvements to be made; strategies to be used; time frame; partnerships; and nature of support that might be required from COOPAfrica in implementing plans.

12.30 Presentation and discussion of country group reports



13.45 Lunch Break

14.30 The way Forward

15.30 Conclusions

16.15 Closure