

ILO- ICA JOINT CONFERENCE

COOPERATIVES AND THE FUTURE OF WORK

Geneva, 24 June 2019, from 10 to 17.30

Over the last 100 years, the ILO has been contributing to building a better world by advocating decent work and social justice all around the world. From its very beginning, cooperatives were recognized as an important tool to achieve its mission. This vision was concretely implemented by creating a 'cooperative unit' in 1920 and has been strengthened throughout a century of relationship between the ILO and the cooperative movement.

In facing the new challenges in the changing world of work, the ILO is trying to define how to cope with them in order to improve the work and life of the human being. This will be affirmed by adoption of a Declaration on the Future of Work during the International Labour Conference in June, just before this joint.

Today, work in and through cooperatives not only represents almost 10% of the world's employed population but it also illustrates different ways of organizing work that are human-centred and value-based. This being said, work in cooperatives is no paradise. It suffers from various constraints and difficulties, while meeting the challenges in the changing world of work.

Therefore, it is no coincidence that on the occasion of the ILO centenary, the ILO and the ICA shall reaffirm their one-century mutual engagement and open together a debate on cooperatives and the future of work.

This ILO-ICA Joint Conference will have two complementary parts: a more general part in the morning, and, in the afternoon, a presentation of the cornerstone book "Cooperatives and the World of Work" (Routledge, 2019), resulting from four-years of collaboration among the ILO, the ICA Committee on Cooperative Research and CICOPA, and bringing up a whole array of issues and situations that illustrate the past collaboration and opening the future that the ILO and the cooperative movement will face together. The Delegations from governments, international institutions, cooperative organizations and scholars will gather to celebrate this historical event.

MORNING SESSION: 10H00 – 13H00

PRESENTATION OF THE DAY'S WORK

Vic VAN VUUREN, Director of the Enterprises Department, ILO

Keynote speeches by:

- Guy Ryder, ILO Director-General
- Ariel GUARCO, ICA President

Signature of the ILO-ICA Memorandum of Understanding

COOPERATIVES AND THE FUTURE OF WORK ACCORDING TO TODAY'S TRENDS

Keynote presentation by Jürgen SCHWETTMANN, Independent consultant on cooperative development and former ILO official

Interventions by:

- Reema NANAVALY, SEWA, member of the Global Commission on the Future of Work (via video)
- Governments: Uruguay, South Korea, Iran
- Workers: by ITUC
- International bodies: UNDESA

CONCLUSIONS

Vic VAN VUUREN, Director of the Enterprises Department, ILO

LUNCH BREAK: 13H – 14H30 WITH VIDEOS ON COOPERATIVES BEING SCREENED

AFTERNOON SESSION 14H30 – 17H30: PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLICATION: "COOPERATIVES AND THE WORLD OF WORK" (ROUTLEDGE, 2019)

OPENING SPEECH

Manuel MARISCAL, CICOPA President

PANEL DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE CO-EDITORS

Simel ESIM (ILO), Sonja NOVKOVIĆ (ICA-CCR and St Mary's University), EUM Hyungsik (ICA and CICOPA), Bruno ROELANTS (ICA)

PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOOK CHAPTERS CO-AUTHORS 1

Moderated by Simel Esim

- Work and Cooperatives: A century of ILO interaction with the cooperative movement, by Claudia Sanchez BAJO (University of Buenos Aires);
- The autonomy or heteronomy of cooperative worker ownership, by Manuel GARCÍA JIMÉNEZ (University of Córdoba, Spain);
- Coffee cooperatives and women empowerment in Rwanda's rural areas, by Gisaro M. YA-BITITI (University of Rwanda);

PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOOK CHAPTERS CO-AUTHORS 2

Moderated by Sonja Novkovic

- The changing cooperative landscape in the world of work: A study of women empowerment through participatory strategies in India, by Sudha KORNGINNAYA (Besant Women's College, India)
- Labour transformation and institutional re-arrangement in France, by Melissa BOUDES (NEOMA Business School)

CONCLUDING REMARK

Manuel MARISCAL, CICOPA President

USEFUL INFORMATION

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION
English, French and Spanish

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