

Call for Photos

Photo Exhibitions

in celebration of UN International Year of Cooperatives 2025

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The ILO Cooperative, Social and Solidarity Economy (COOP/SSE) Unit is happy to announce the launch of photo exhibitions in celebration of the [UN International Year of Cooperatives 2025](#). This year also marks the [COOP/SSE Unit's](#) 105th anniversary at the ILO.

We invite ILO colleagues in the field and in headquarters to submit photos that illustrate the contributions of [cooperatives](#) and the broader [SSE](#) in promoting decent work, social justice, and sustainable development.

The exhibitions will be held at the ILO headquarters in Geneva. They will also be accessible virtually via the ILO website, ILO COOP/SSE social media, and other digital platforms. Additionally, the submitted photos may be featured in future ILO publications and communications (please refer to the detailed Terms and Conditions below).

Themes of photos

We welcome photos from associations, cooperatives, mutual societies, self-help groups, social enterprises and related entities supported through ILO initiatives. These photos should illustrate thematic areas including, but not limited to:

- Care economy
- Crisis response
- Elimination of child labour
- Formalization of the informal economy
- Green economy (e.g., recycling, renewable energy)



- Labour migration and forced displacement
- Occupational safety and health (OSH)
- Platform economy
- Rural economy
- Skills development and capacity building
- Technology and innovation
- Women empowerment and gender equality
- Youth employment

Submission requirements

- **Resolution:** Please submit the highest resolution possible of your photos for professional printing. At least 1024 pixels or larger (tall or wide) or around 300 pixels per inch (at least 1 MB).
- **Formats:** High quality PNG or JPEG
- **Photo information form:** Please use the attached [photo submission form](#) to provide a photo caption, country taken, date taken, name of photographer and organizational affiliation. The form can be filled either in English, French or Spanish.
- **Photo submission:** Please send your photos along with the filled submission form for the photo information to coop@ilo.org and copy yiqing@iloguest.org. In case you have multiple photos, please compress them in a zip file and transfer to coop@ilo.org and yiqing@iloguest.org using WeTransfer (<https://wetransfer.com/>).
- **Extended deadline for submission:** **15 June 2025**

Selection criteria

The selection criteria for the Photo Exhibitions are as follows:

- Relevance to collective actions taken by cooperatives and other SSE entities
- Relevance to the above-mentioned themes
- Connection to support provided by the ILO
- Geographic representativeness
- Compliance with the above-mentioned submission requirements
- Creativity will be considered an asset

Terms and Conditions

- All intellectual property rights (moral rights and economic rights) in the submission will remain vested in the contributors.
- The contributors hereby grant the ILO a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use, adapt, and publish any photos submitted under this call, in connection with the ILO's activities.
- Where the ILO publishes any of the photos, the ILO will endeavour to ensure that the name of the contributor and/or affiliated organization are mentioned. Moreover, the ILO will respect the moral rights of the participants (e.g. ensuring that the work is not distorted or modified in a detrimental way to the contributor and his/her reputation).
- The contributor declares that any photos in the submission were taken by him/her or his/her organization, that he/she received permission to use them in his/her submission, and that the photos may be used by the ILO as provided for in these Terms and Conditions. The contributor also declares that, where required, permission to submit the photos has been given by his/her employer.
- The contributor declares that he/she has directly received valid consent from the subject(s) appearing in any photo that covers the use of their image as part of this call. Where the contributor is using any images taken by a third party in accordance with the preceding paragraph, the contributor declares that he/she has received written confirmation from that third party that such valid consent has been received. In all cases, where the subject(s) in the images do not have the capacity to consent on their own, the contributor declares that this permission has been given by an authorized person (e.g. parents or legal guardians of the subject(s)) and is valid in accordance with applicable laws.
- The participants warrant that they have abided by any applicable laws and by the rules of conduct of their respective professional association or society in the creation and submission of the entries.