

PROGRAMME

International Symposium

Cooperatives and the Sustainable Development Goals:

A Focus on Africa

(Draft as of 04 August 2014)

Date: 2 September 2014

Conference Venue:
FES Berlin, Conference Hall 2
Hiroshimastr. 28
D-10785 Berlin

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- 9.00 **Official Opening**
Manfred Öhm, Head, Africa Department, FES (tbc)
Jürgen Schwettmann, Director, Partnerships and Field Support
Department, ILO
Dirk Lehnhoff, President, Cooperatives Europe
- 9.15 **Cooperatives and the Sustainable Development Goals I**
- Presentation 1: The Cooperative Movement and Sustainability
Rodrigo Gouveia, Director of Policy, International Co-operative Alliance
(ICA) – 15 minutes
- Presentation 2: Cooperatives as Builders of Sustainable Development:
Applied to Industrial, Artisanal and Service Producers' Cooperatives
Elisa Terrasi, Development and Studies Officer, CICOPA – 15 minutes
- Discussant: Maryam Niamir-Fuller, Special Advisor to the Executive
Director on Post-2015 and Sustainable Development Goals, UNEP (tbc)
– 15 minutes
- Chair: Jürgen Schwettmann, Director, Partnerships and Field Support
Department, ILO
- Open Discussion – 45 minutes
- 10.45 Coffee Break

11.15 **Cooperatives and the Sustainable Development Goals II**

Presentation 1: Cooperatives and the Sustainable Development Goals
Prof. Fredrick Wanyama, Maseno University Kenya – 20 minutes

Presentation 2: Survey on Cooperatives and the SDGs
Simel Esim, Head, Cooperatives Unit, ILO – 10 minutes

Discussant: Prof. Dr. Markus Hanisch, Humboldt University of Berlin,
Division of Cooperative Sciences – 15 minutes

Chair: Ghislaine Saizonou-Broohm, Equality and Social Protection
Coordinator, ITUC Africa

Open Discussion – 45 minutes

12.45 Lunch Break

13.45 **New Cooperative Movements in Africa**

Presentation 1: Overview: New Coop Development in Africa
Dr. Shane Godfrey, Senior Researcher at the Institute of Development
and Labour Law, University of Cape Town – 10 minutes

Presentation 2: Successes and Challenges of Cooperatives in Africa
Jürgen Schwettmann, Director, Partnerships and Field Support
Department, ILO – 15 minutes

Discussant: Dr. Sifa Chiyoge, Regional Director, ICA Africa – 15 minutes

Chair: Heiner Naumann, Resident Representative, FES Namibia

Open Discussion – 55 minutes

15.30 **New Cooperative Movements in the Global North**

Presentation: The Case of Energy Coops in Germany
Dr. Julia Veßhoff or Andreas Wieg, DGRV – 20 minutes

Presentation: Dirk Lehnhoff, President, Cooperatives Europe – 15
minutes

Chair: Prof. Dr. Markus Hanisch, Humboldt University of Berlin, Division
of Cooperative Sciences

Open Discussion – 25 minutes

16.30 Coffee Break

16.45 **Reflection on Possible Cooperation Between Germany/EU and Partners**

Moderator: Prof. em. Dr. Hans-H. Münkner, Institute for Cooperation in Developing Countries, Philipps-Universität Marburg

Panel Discussants:

Dr. Stefan Schmitz, Head of Division, Special Unit „One World – No Hunger“, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) (tbc)

Dr. Gerd Fleischer, Head of Section Agricultural Trade, Agribusiness, Standards, GIZ

Jürgen Schwettmann, Director, Partnerships and Field Support Department, ILO

Dr. Sifa Chiyoge, Regional Director, ICA Africa

Dr. Paul Armbruster, Head, International Relations Department, DGRV

Karin Roth, former Parliamentary State Secretary for Transport, Building and Urban Development

18.15 End of Conference / Reception