International Conference on Statistics of Cooperatives

Measuring Cooperatives and Beyond

DATE
Friday, 30 June, 2023
10:30-17:50 (KST) / 03:30-10:50 (CET)

VENUE
Busan Exhibition & Convention Center (BEXCO)
55 APEC-ro, Haeundae-gu, Busan, Republic of Korea

REGISTRATION
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Background:

Getting reliable and comparable statistics on cooperatives is challenging in most countries of the world as well as in the global level, despite the impact cooperatives have on their members and the economy. ILO’s Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation, 2002 (No. 193) states that national policies should “seek to improve national statistics on cooperatives with a view to the formulation and implementation of development policies”. On the 19th Session of the International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS) in 2013, a Resolution concerning further work on statistics of cooperatives was adopted with a view to carry out further developmental work on the measurement of cooperatives.

The ILO, in collaboration with its constituents and a number of national and international partners, worked towards developing the Guidelines concerning Statistics of Cooperatives, that was adopted at the 20th ICLS in October, 2018. The guidelines were then approved by the Governing Body of the ILO in March 2019. The objective of the guidelines is to facilitate the development of a set of statistics on cooperatives that will provide an adequate information base for a wide range of descriptive, analytical and policy purposes related to cooperatives. The guidelines cover concepts and definitions, types of cooperatives, statistical units, and other relevant topics, including work in cooperatives. The guidelines also call for the ILO to conduct further work on their implementation.

This has led to the cooperative statistics component of the Strengthening Social and Solidarity Economy Knowledge Base project funded by the Ministry of Employment and Labour (MoEL) of the Republic of Korea. The project aims at applying and testing the guidelines into different national contexts, in particular in five countries: Korea, Italy, Costa Rica, Turkiye and Tanzania. Five national researchers, in close consultation with officials from their national statistical offices (NSOs), public ministries, federations, research and education institutions related to cooperatives, compared between the statistics available and used in each country with the guidelines. The findings can guide on how to better align national statistics with the guidelines. In addition, improvements can be made to the guidelines through development of a manual on implementation of the guidelines.

The lessons learned from the country cases and a global study for recommendations and future plans to the guidelines will be presented at the ILO’s conference on statistics of cooperatives, which will take place in coordination with the Korean 5th Social Economy Fair in Busan, Republic of Korea (from 30 June to 2 July 2023). The event will be conducted both in person and online, with simultaneous translation provided (English to Korean).
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| 10:30 - 10:35 | High-Level Opening (Opening Remark)                                   | Rie Vejs-Kjeldgaard  
Director, Enterprises Department, ILO                                  |
| 10:35 - 10:40 | Welcome Remark                                                         | Seongkweun Lee  
Vice Mayor for Economic Affairs, Busan City                               |
| 10:40 - 10:45 | Congratulatory Remarks                                                 | Seungwon Lee  
Director of Future Vision and Strategy Bureau  
Korean Ministry of Economy and Finance (MoEF)                              |
| 10:45 - 10:50 | A Keynote Speech                                                       | Hyungon Jung  
President, Korea Social Enterprise Promotion Agency (KoSEA)             |
| 10:50 - 10:55 | Country case studies on cooperative statistics - Part 1                | Ariel Guarco  
(in video message)  
Director-General, International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)               |
| 10:55 - 11:25 | LUNCH                                                                 | Joyup Ahn  
National Consultant for Korean case                                       |
| 11:25 - 11:55 | Country case studies on cooperative statistics - Part 1                | Orkun Dogan  
National Consultant for Turkish case                                      |
| 11:55 - 12:25 | LUNCH                                                                 | Ahmed Makbel  
National Consultant for Tanzanian case                                   |
| 12:25 - 12:55 | Introduction to the Int'l Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS)    | Ritash Sarna  
Head of Management & Support Unit, Statistics Department, ILO            |
| 12:55 - 15:00 | LUNCH                                                                 | Chiara Carini  
National Consultant for Italian case                                      |
| 15:00 - 15:20 | Country case studies on cooperative statistics - Part 2                | Carlos Gonzalez  
National Consultant for Costa Rican case                                 |
| 15:20 - 15:50 | LUNCH                                                                 | David Hunter  
Senior Consultant and Managing Director, StatClass Sàrl                  |
| 15:50 - 16:20 | Country case studies on cooperative statistics - Part 2                | Global study on Cooperative statistics                                    |
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| 17:00 - 17:45 | Panel Discussion: “Challenges and opportunities in developing statistics of cooperatives” | Chair: Simel Esim  
Head of Cooperatives Unit, Enterprises Department, ILO  
Panelists:  
Hyungsik Eum (Global Advisory Committee, GAC)  
Director of Research, International Cooperative Alliance  
Sylvain Schetagne (Global Advisory Committee)  
Workers’ group representative  
Gianluca Salvatori (Italian NAC)  
General Secretary, European Research Institute on Cooperatives and Social Enterprises (EURICSE)  
Jonggul Kim (Korean NAC)  
Professor of Global Social Economy Studies  
Hanyang University  
Flora Bilauri (Tanzanian NAC)  
Program Director, Tanzania Cooperative Development Commission (TCDC)  
Alejandro Ortega (Costa Rican NAC)  
Executive Director, Instituto Nacional de Fomento Cooperativo (INFOCOOP)  
Melih Toprak (Turkish NAC)  
Trade Expert, Turkish Ministry of Trade |
| 17:45 - 17:50 | Closing Remarks                             | Simel Esim  
Head of Cooperatives Unit, Enterprises Department, ILO |

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