Uniting, representing and serving cooperatives worldwide

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The process

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The scope

- Multi-sectoral: agriculture, industry, services
- Different development situations: transition from informal to formal economy, platform cooperatives, etc.
- Different types of focus: history, the bigger global work picture, ILO’s fundamental principles and rights at work, gender, relations with the trade unions, enterprise restructuring, integration of multiple stakeholders
- Different types of work: salaried work, worker ownership, self-employed, independent workers
- Wide geographic coverage: Brazil, India, Rwanda, Italy, France, Finland, USA
The conclusions

- Quantitative contribution: 10% of global employment, plus indirect
- Capacity to innovate
- Sustainability and resilience
- Democratic control and equality
- Challenges: isolation, compliance with labour standards, restructuring and clustering, internationalization
- Solutions
  - Reinforce the meso-level
  - Alliances and partnerships
  - Advocacy on policy and legislation
- How to better insert the cooperative identity into the wider body of international standards