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Cooperatives Build a Better Future for All ***Theme for 2024 International Day of Cooperatives***

This year on July 6, cooperatives around the world will celebrate the International Day of Cooperatives with the theme "**Cooperatives Build a Better Future for All.**" Cooperatives will have the opportunity to showcase their current and historical contributions to building a sustainable future, accelerating efforts to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) by 2030. The theme aligns well with the objectives of the upcoming [UN Summit of the Future](#) whose theme is "*Multilateral solutions for a better tomorrow*".

The cooperative identity, values, and principles set a strong system for achieving the SDGs. For the 2024 #CoopsDay, cooperatives can showcase their high standards for **inclusive and sustainable growth** and serve as stewards for **protecting the environment and fighting climate change**. Through **dialogue, democratic governance, and shared ownership**, cooperatives set an example for **peace and stability**, bringing people from diverse backgrounds together on equal terms, and fostering **mutual understanding and respect**. The cooperative youth are empowered to lead the way by giving them opportunities, transferring knowledge, and ensuring **diversity, equity and equality for all**.

The [2023 UN Secretary-General Report](#) on Cooperatives in Social Development acknowledged that cooperatives have a track record of promoting the economic and social development of all people including marginalized groups. Cooperatives consistently show their resilience in times of social and economic crises. The United Nations recognizes the cooperative movement as its key partner in accelerating sustainable development and calls on its member states to support and strengthen cooperatives' entrepreneurial ecosystems. This can increase their capacity to create more social, economic, and environmental impact in society.

"As we celebrate the significant and often quiet contributions of cooperatives, it is also time for us to reflect on what we have accomplished to build a better future, and what we can do better together," says Jeroen Douglas, the Director General of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA). "Let's use this day to be inspired to collaborate, examine all the possibilities to reach the SDG goals, and take action to achieve them."

This day will build the momentum towards the **2025 International Year of Cooperatives**, which was declared by the UN last year.

The ICA will help all who want to celebrate the 2024 #CoopsDay, **with a media kit, that will include the logo, key messages, and other digital resources**. This will be available soon on the CoopsDay website at www.coopsday.coop

About the International Day of Cooperatives

Celebrated worldwide for more than a century and officially proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on the centenary of the ICA in 1995, the International Day of Cooperatives is annually commemorated on the first Saturday of July.

#CoopsDay aims to increase awareness of cooperatives. The event underscores the contributions of the cooperative movement to resolving the major problems addressed by the United Nations and to

strengthening and extending the partnerships between the international cooperative movement and other actors. Since 1995, the ICA and the United Nations, through the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives (COPAC), have jointly set the theme for the celebration of #CoopsDay.

This year's theme is "**Cooperatives Build a Better Future for All,**" and the celebration will mark the 30th International Day of Cooperatives recognized by the United Nations, and the 102nd International Cooperative Day.

Through #CoopsDay, local, national, and international policymakers, civil society organisations and the public in general can learn about the contribution of cooperatives to a just and sustainable future for all.

2025 International Year of Cooperatives

In November 2023, the UN General Assembly adopted the resolution A/RES/78/175 on cooperatives in social development calling for the proclamation of 2025 as an International Year of Cooperatives. The resolution encourages all Member States, as well as the United Nations and all other relevant stakeholders, to take advantage of the International Year of Cooperatives as a way of promoting cooperatives and raising awareness of their contribution to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and to overall social and economic development.

The International Day of Cooperatives will provide a platform to showcase how cooperatives continue playing their significant role in realising the universal goal of building a better world and how they are striving to create a better future for all.