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# Co-operatives: Empowering people for sustainable development and zero hunger

Milan, 12 - 14 July 2015 – Event Programme

## Day 1 (12 July) Palazzo delle Stelline Congress Centre

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- 14.00 – 14.30**      Opening session
- Dame Pauline Green, President, International Co-operative Alliance
  - Marco Venturelli, Deputy Secretary General, Confcooperative, Italy
  - Akira Banzai, President, JA Zenchu, Japan
- 14.30 – 15.00**      Keynote speech: Feeding nine billion people while ensuring sustainability
- Rodrigo Castañeda, Chief, Partnerships Unit, Office for Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- 15.00 – 17.50**      Round-Table 1  
Agricultural cooperatives: Supporting family farming and rural communities to enhance agricultural production and diversity
- Panel on national perspectives:
- Toru Nakaya, Vice-President, JA Zenchu, Japan
  - Márcio Lopes de Freitas, President, Organização das Cooperativas Brasileiras, Brazil
  - George Angala, Chairman, Uganda Cooperative Alliance
  - Ola Hedstein, Director General, Norwegian Agricultural Cooperatives
- Break
- Introductory remarks  
6th industrialisation of small-scale farming supported by collaboration among industry, government and academia in rural areas – actions in rural communities all over the world for coexistence of various types of agriculture
- Kunio Tokuoka, Executive Chef, Kyoto Kitcho, Japan
- Panel on cooperative case studies:
- Gianluca Salvatori, CEO, European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprise (Euricse), Italy
  - Nora Ourabah Haddad, Coordinator, Cooperatives and Producer Organizations Partnerships, FAO
  - Luciano Centonze, Desk Officer for East Africa, Cefa Onlus, Italy
  - Livio Leonesi, Alpe del Garda, Italy
- 19.00**              Cocktail dinner (Marriott Hotel)  
Featuring traditional Japanese agricultural products



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## Day 2 (13 July) Expo 2015, Auditorium of Cascina Triulza

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<b>Morning</b>	Visit Expo Milano 2015 (free)
<b>15.00 – 15.15</b>	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Giorgio Mercuri, President of Fedagri, Confcooperative</li></ul>
<b>15.15 – 16.30</b>	Round-Table 2 Ensuring environmental sustainability in agriculture and food retail <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Davide Cozzarolo, Marketing Manager, SIGMA, Italy</li><li>• Angel Sanchez, General Manager, Conserve Italia</li><li>• Hironobu Shiwachi, Director, Center for International Program, Tokyo University of Agriculture, Japan</li><li>• Tarun Bhargava, Deputy General Manager, Indian Farmers Fertiliser Co-operative Limited (IFFCO), India</li><li>• Francesco Russo, Social Policies Coordinator, Coop Italia</li></ul>
<b>16.30 – 16.50</b>	Coffee break
<b>16.50 – 18.05</b>	Round-Table 3 Sustainable production and consumption: Avoiding food losses and food waste in the supply chain <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Takeshi Miyaji, Environmental Policy Department, Japanese Consumers' Co-operative Union</li><li>• Huseyin Polat, Senior Adviser, National Cooperative Union of Turkey</li><li>• Robert van Otterdijk, Agro-Industry Officer, Rural Infrastructure and Industries Division, FAO</li><li>• Julien Frémont, Member of the Board, Terrena, France</li><li>• Augusto Renella, Executive Manager, Naturitalia, Italy</li></ul>
<b>18.30 – 19.00</b>	The Making of Grana Padano Cheese
<b>19.00 – 21.00</b>	Picnic dinner



## **DAY 3 (14 July) Expo 2015, Auditorium of Cascina Triulza**

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**10.45 – 10.55**

Opening session

- Rodrigo Gouveia, Director of Policy, International Co-operative Alliance

**10.55 - 12.00**

Round-Table 4

Securing the food supply chain: Innovative practices to link producers and consumers

- Seok-ju Kang, Agricultural Adviser, National Agricultural Cooperative Federation, South Korea
- Lea Rankinen, Vice-President, Corporate Responsibility, SOK Corporation, Finland
- Mauro Bordoli, CEO, CRAI Supermarkets, Italy
- Carlo Dellasega, Director General, Federazione Trentina, Italy

**12.00 – 13.00**

Round-Table 5

Ensuring an appropriate policy environment: Trade agreements and the post-2015 development agenda

Statements from:

- Salvatore Cicu, Member of European Parliament (IT-EPP), Committee on International Trade
- Axel Pougín de la Maisonnette, Trade Affairs Manager, Unit D2 for EU/ACP Economic Partnership Agreements, DG Trade, European Commission
- Giuseppe Tripoli, Director General of International Policies and Promotion of Trade, Directorate-General, Ministry of Economic Development, Italy
- Shigeshi Onishi, Executive Director, JA Zenchu, Japan
- Jamie Morrison, Senior Economist and Deputy Coordinator of Strategic Objective 4 - Trade and Markets Division, FAO
- Pekka Pesonen, Secretary General, Copa-Cogeca

**13.00 – 13.30**

Closing session

With the participation of Maurizio Martina, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies

- Dame Pauline Green, President, International Co-operative Alliance
- Toru Nakaya, Vice-President, JA Zenchu, Japan
- Maurizio Gardini, President, Confcooperative, Italy
- Giuseppe Sala, Commissioner of the Government of Italy for Expo Milano 2015, Milan Expo