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International Co-operative Alliance



- Founded in 1895
- 267 members
- 96 countries
- Global Office in Geneva
- Regional Offices
 - Brussels, Belgium;
 - Nairobi, Kenya;
 - San Jose, Costa Rica;
 - New Delhi, India

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The Co-operative “Ask” to the UN



- That our specific and unique legal and financial framework of a co-operative is fully acknowledged and recognised in public policy and regulation
- The model is given equal promotion to the shareholder model
- That there should be a greater diversification of the global economy, to ensure a level playing field for the member-owned model of business.







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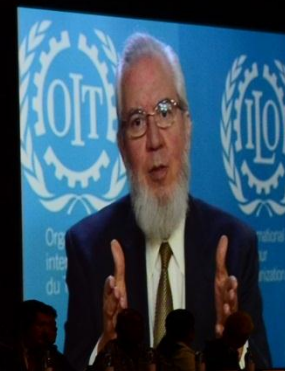
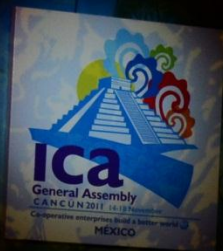
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2011



“Co-operatives could be the fastest growing enterprise by the end of the decade”

Vision for 2020





*“Co-operatives are successful,
values-based businesses owned by
their members.”*

2012 – **OUR** opportunity to tell the world
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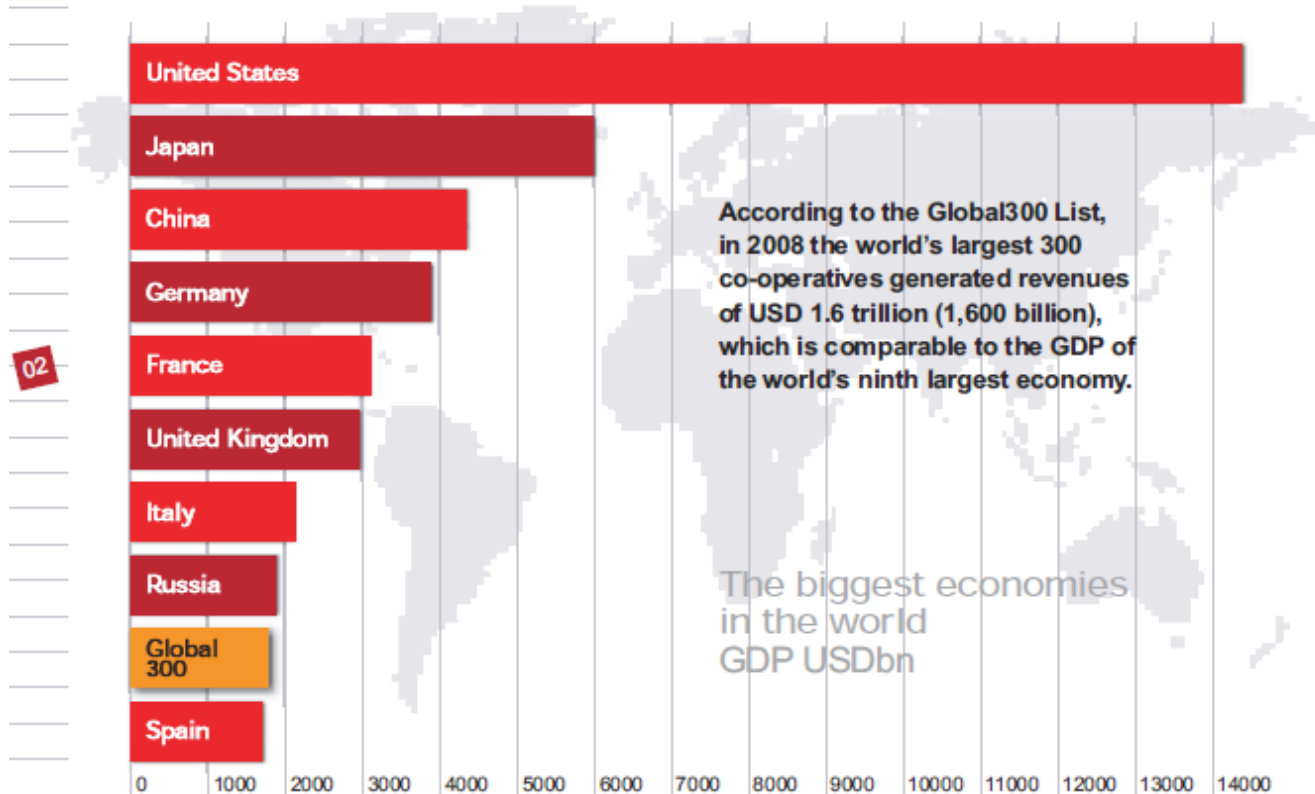


Global300 – co-ops are successful

The world's 300 largest co-operatives

This is the fourth Global300 List identifying the largest co-operative/mutual enterprises in the world.

This year, we've adjusted our methodology to align it with other international lists. For example, we are using gross rather than net revenue for co-operative banks. As a result rankings with the Global300 list may vary significantly, mainly in the banking sector, from previous years.



Co-ops are values based



Co-ops are owned by their members



WELCOME

2012 has been recognised as the International Year of Co-operatives by the United Nations. This is an acknowledgement by the international community that co-operatives drive the economy, respond to social change, are resilient to the global economic crisis and are serious, successful businesses creating jobs in all sectors.



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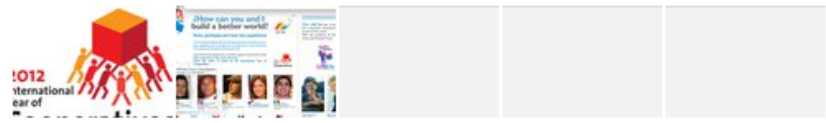
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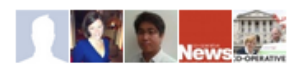
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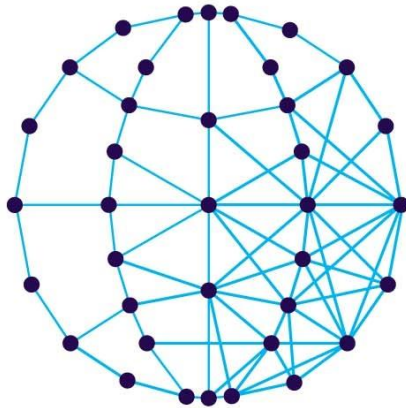
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