

Dear Chair and Esteemed Selection Committee Members,

I am Mojtaba Eskandari, holding a Bachelor's in Political Science and a Master's in International Political Economy, and I am honored to submit my candidacy for the Youth Committee of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA). My decision is driven by three key motivations:

1. Strategic Belief in Youth as Drivers of Cooperative Transformation

Engaging with over 104,000 cooperatives in Iran has revealed to me that youth are the engine of innovation and entrepreneurship in this sector. However, this immense potential requires an international platform to flourish. The ICA Youth Committee can provide precisely such a platform, and I am eager to contribute to building it.

2. Lived Experience within Iran's Cooperative Ecosystem

As an International Relations Specialist at the Iran Chamber of Cooperatives (ICC), I am directly engaged with the challenges and opportunities of a vast and unique cooperative system. This experience has given me deep practical insights that could be valuable to other committee members. I can share Iran's localized cooperative experiences while introducing global best practices to improve our domestic ecosystem.

3. Passion for International Networking and Knowledge Exchange

Inviting and Participating in the Future Leaders Assembly (Istanbul), BRICS Summer School (Moscow), and UNCTAD Youth Conference (Switzerland) reinforced my conviction that solving common cooperative challenges depends on cross-border connections and direct knowledge exchange. This committee provides the ideal platform to realize this goal, and I am committed to actively expanding these networks.

With these motivations and my academic-executive capabilities, I am confident in my ability to contribute effectively to the ICA's mission and respectfully seek your support for my membership.

Sincerely,
Mojtaba Eskandari