

**Answers to questions from the Alliance's Sectoral Organization
Liason Group (SOLG) on the occasion of Dr Aquino's candidature for
the office of Alliance president**

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1. Would you, in principle, be in favour of examining the possibility of having 4 sectoral representatives on the board of the International Co-operative Alliance (rather than the current 2) with a rotation among the 8 sectoral organizations, possibly grouped in pairs of two such as agriculture-fisheries, consumer-housing, bank-insurance, industry-service/health, the intent being to match the current 4 regional representatives of Africa, Asia-Pacific, America, and Europe?

I think that all the 8 sectoral representative may have a sit on the board of the Alliance, and it is not necessary a rotation among then. Functionally, the opinions, experiences, know-hows, reports of problems and guidelines or forwarding solutions occur more productively with the presence of all, in addition, in this way it is more informative.

2. Would you be in favour of organizing a one-day session between the SOLG and the board in 2016? The agenda would include an opportunity for an in-depth strategic discussion on the sectoral organizations' contribution to the International Co-operative Alliance's mission and its work.

Yes, of course, as I said before, I agree that we may make the necessary adjustments of the by-laws of the Alliance to permit the participation of all sector organizations on the board meetings. And I really agree that we must do a deep discussion of the importante roles of the sector and also, discuss with each sector, their strategic planning and the relationship among then and the goals of the Alliance.

3. Do you agree that further efforts should be deployed to gradually improve the financing of the sectoral organizations in order to enable them to better contribute to the International Co-operative Alliance's mission?"

We have work hard in finding a way to redistribute the budget among the regions and the sectors. I agree that the contribution fee of the members has to be redistributed based on a Project of the development of the co-operative movement around the world, and not just by a fixed rate among sectors and regions. We need to develop the co-operative movement all around the world and specially where the movement is weak or need our help. We need to strive to have also new sources of funds, whether Governments, foundations, in the United Nations and other sources, to the development of global programs in cooperatives.