

**ICA SECTORAL ORGANIZATIONS' QUESTIONS  
TO THE CANDIDATES  
TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE**

**Answers of Jean-Louis BANCEL**

*Based on the International Co-operative Alliance's tripartite governance with its global, regional, and sectoral dimensions, enshrined in its by-laws, we wish to ask the following:*

Question 1: Would you, in principle, be in favor 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?

***JL Bancel :** Since the Roma General Assembly, in which I have been deeply involved as the representative of a sector, where the sectors have been included into the board, I believe it would be of the greatest interest for the global ICA to have a balance representation, in number, between regions and sectors. I trust that, without any preset statutory rules, the sectors will be able to find a balance way to designate their 4 representative to the board depending on the persons and the needs. We have to remember that the ICA Board should globally reflect the diversity of our membership.*

Question 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.

***JL Bancel :** I fully agree with this proposal. I really feel we need that type of meeting to draw the lines of action towards the International intergovernmental institutions such as IMF, World Bank and OECD which are the more reluctant to recognize of the cooperatives' advantages for sustainable development. To go forward down the road of worldwide recognition of cooperatives, we need to be united inside the global ICA every one is important to bring its input.*

*Moreover, I believe this type of meeting would be very important to prepare a "cooperators congress" which I wish to call for meeting.*

Question 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?

***JL Bancel:** I also believe that we have to find new ways to improve the global ICA incomes, in adding other bases more linked with the economic capacity of cooperatives, especially the part becoming from globalised activities, for example in taking into count the importance of subsidiaries in cooperative groups. In my view this added revenues should be shared between all the components of the ICA but a major priority should be given to global sectors to reach a better balance between the components.*