

## ILO- ICA JOINT CONFERENCE

# COOPERATIVES AND THE FUTURE OF WORK

ILO Headquarters, Room II, R3 South, Geneva - 24 June 2019, 10:00 -17:30

*Over the last 100 years, the ILO has been contributing to building a better world by advocating decent work and social justice around the world. From its very beginning, the ILO recognizes cooperatives as an important tool to achieve its mission. This vision was reflected in the ILO constitution. It was also implemented by creating a 'cooperative unit' in 1920. The ICA has had a general observer status at the ILO since then.*

*The ILO and its constituents are exploring strategies to shape the future of work in facing the new challenges. This will be affirmed by the adoption of a Declaration on the Future of Work at the International Labour Conference in June, just before this joint conference.*

*Today, work in and through cooperatives represents almost 10 per cent of the world's employed population. It also illustrates different ways of organizing work that are human-centred and value-based. This being said, work in cooperatives suffers from various constraints in responding to the challenges in the changing world of work.*

*Therefore, on the occasion of the ILO centenary, the ILO and the ICA affirm their one-century long partnership and engage in a debate on cooperatives and the future of work.*

*This ILO-ICA Joint Conference will have two complementary parts: a general introduction in the morning, and a presentation of the book "Cooperatives and the World of Work" (Routledge, 2019) in the afternoon. This book is a culmination of four years of collaboration between the ILO, the ICA Committee on Cooperative Research and CICOPA. It brings up a wide array of issues and situations that illustrate the past collaboration and reflect on the future that the ILO, its constituents, and the cooperative movement will act upon. Delegations from governments, social partner institutions, cooperative organizations and researchers will gather for this historical event.*

**MORNING SESSION: 10H00 – 13H00**

**COFFEE BREAK: 11.15 – 11.45**

#### PRESENTATION OF THE DAY'S WORK

Vic VAN VUUREN, Director, Enterprises Department, ILO

Keynote speeches by:

- Guy RYDER, Director-General, ILO
- Ariel GUARCO, President, ICA

Signing of the ILO-ICA Memorandum of Understanding

#### COOPERATIVES AND THE FUTURE OF WORK ACCORDING TO TODAY'S TRENDS

Keynote presentation by Juergen SCHWETTMANN, Independent consultant on cooperative development and former ILO official

Interventions by:

- Reema NANAATY, President, SEWA, member of the Global Commission on the Future of Work
- Governments: Rwanda, Uruguay, South Korea, Slovenia
- Workers, by ITUC
- Employers, by IOE
- International bodies: UNDESA, FAO, UNDP

#### CONCLUSIONS

Vic VAN VUUREN, Director of the Enterprises Department, ILO

*LUNCH BREAK: 13H – 14H30 WITH VIDEOS ON COOPERATIVES BEING SCREENED*

**AFTERNOON SESSION 14H30 – 17H30: PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLICATION: "COOPERATIVES AND THE WORLD OF WORK" (ROUTLEDGE, 2019)**

**COFFEE BREAK: 15.30 – 16.00**

#### OPENING SPEECH

Manuel MARISCAL, President, CICOPA

#### PANEL DISCUSSION OF THE CO-EDITORS

Simel ESIM (ILO), Sonja NOVKOVIĆ (ICA-CCR and St Mary's University), Hyungsik EUM (ICA and CICOPA), Bruno ROELANTS (ICA)

#### PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOOK CHAPTERS CO-AUTHORS 1

*Moderated by Sonja NOVKOVIĆ*

- Work and Cooperatives: A century of ILO interaction with the cooperative movement, by Claudia Sanchez BAJO (University of Buenos Aires);
- The autonomy or heteronomy of cooperative worker ownership, by Manuel GARCÍA JIMÉNEZ (University of Córdoba, Spain);
- Coffee cooperatives and women empowerment in Rwanda's rural areas, by Gisaro M. YA-BITITI (University of Rwanda)

## PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOOK CHAPTERS CO-AUTHORS 2

*Moderated by Simel ESIM*

- The changing cooperative landscape in the world of work: A study of women empowerment through participatory strategies in India, by Sudha KORNGINNAYA (Besant Women's College, India)
- Labour transformation and institutional re-arrangement in France, by Melissa BOUDES (Institut Mines-Telecom Business School, LITEM, University Evry, IMT-BS, University Paris-Saclay)

## CONCLUDING REMARK

Reema NANAVALY, President, SEWA, member of the Global Commission on the Future of Work

### USEFUL INFORMATION

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION  
English, French and Spanish

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