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Information Note and Provisional Programme

International Symposium on Cooperatives and International Law

Peace, Social Justice and Sustainable Development

24 October 2025

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09h30 – 16h30 CET

The Peace Palace, The Hague, Netherlands

Hybrid event organized in cooperation with International Cooperative Banking Association and the ICA-EU Financial Framework Partnership Agreement

Provisional Programme [09h30 - 17h30 CET]

09h30 – 10h00	<u>Inauguration and Statements to mark the United Nations Day by recognizing Cooperative Enterprises in Sustainable Development</u> <i>Ms. Corrine Vargha, Head of International Labour Standards Department of the ILO; (7)</i> <i>Dr. Rose Karimi, Regional Director, ICA Africa; (5)</i> <i>Mr. Osamu Nakano, ICA Sectoral Organization on Industrial and Service Cooperatives; (5)</i> <i>Dr. Ariel Guarco, President of the ICA (5)</i> <i>Moderated by Prof. Hagen Henry, Chairperson ICA Cooperative Law Committee</i>
10h00 – 10h30	<u>The role of the International Court of Justice in upholding universal values of Human Rights and building peaceful societies</u> <i>Key note addresses by</i> <i>Judge Mahmoud Hmoud, Member, International Court of Justice</i>
10h30 – 11h00 Incl. 10 mins Q.A	<u>The Cooperative Movement and Public International Law</u> <i>Address by Prof. Hagen Henry, Chairperson of the ICA Cooperative Law Committee</i>
11h00-11h15 Incl. 5 mins Q.A	<u>Life and times of the Financial Conduct Authority of the United Kingdom</u> <i>Presentation by Mr. Ian Adderly, Technical Specialist, FCA and Board Member, The Co-operative Heritage Trust, UK.</i>
11h15 – 11h30	Tea/Coffee Break
11h30 – 12h20	<u>Panel on Cooperative Education and Training</u> <i>Prof. Tine De Moor, Erasmus University, Rotterdam; Prof. Mathias Nkhuni, Moshi Co-operative University; Prof. Paola Iamiceli, President, European Research Institute on Cooperatives and Social Enterprises; Frederico Costa Santos, Member of the Juridical Department, CASES - António Sérgio Cooperative for the Social Economy.</i> <i>Moderated by Dr. Ifigeneia Douvitsa, Member, ICA Cooperative Law Committee and co-Founder, Ius Cooperativum Association</i>
12h20 – 12h30	<u>Results of the CHI-ICA International Legal Research and Analysis Initiative (ILRAI) on Housing Cooperatives</u> <i>Tomasz Marzec, Lawyer and Scholar at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland _____ and Mr. Ajibola Akanji, Attorney, Lecturer at Lead City University, Ibadan and Member ICA Cooperative Law Committee</i>



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12h30 – 13h20	<u>Panel on the Law on Cooperative Housing</u> <i>Dr. Ann Apps, University of Newcastle and CLC-Member; Ms. Lieve Jacobs-CERA- Belgium; Dr.Fernando Delgado Soares Netto, TBC, Sustainable Economies Law Centre; Mr. Ajibola Akanji, Lead City University, Ibadan</i> Moderated by Mr. Blase Lambert, ICA Board Member for Cooperative Housing
13h20 – 14h00	Lunch Break
14h00-14h07	<u>Global Digital Compact and the UN Pact for Future</u> Insights by Dr. Morshed Manan, Lecturer in Global Law and Digital Technology, Edinburgh Law School
14h07 – 14h20	<u>Regulating Platform Economy: Workers' Interests and Legal Perspectives in the contexts of the ILO Convention and Recommendation</u> <i>Monica Viviana Tepfer, Legal Officer and Project Legal Coordinator, International Trade Union Confederation</i>
14h20 – 14h32 (Inc. 3 mins for Q/A)	<u>Cultural Heritage and the role of Communities: A Global Perspective</u> <i>Ms. Ritika Khanna, Member, UNESCO Global Network of Facilitators for Intangible Cultural Heritage</i>
14h40-15h30 (Inc. 5 mins for Q/A)	<u>Regional Harmonization of Laws Experiences from ICA Regions</u> <i>Dr. Willy Tadudje, University of Yaonde; Mr. Carlos Gonzales, ICA Americas; Mr.Naveen Singh, ICA Asia and Pacific; and Prof. Alphonse Mbuya, Mashi Co-operative University and Member ICA CLC; Prof. David Hiez, University of Luxembourg and Member ICA CLC.</i> Moderated by Prof. Hagen Henry, Chairperon, ICA Cooperative Law Committee
15h30-15h45	Tea/Coffee Break
15h45 – 16h35	<u>A Discussion on Cooperative Capital, Taxation and Audits</u> <i>Prof. Ger Van der Sangan, University of Tilburg, Dr. Ifigeneia Douvitsa, Member, ICA Cooperative Law Committee, Prof. Eric Meyer, University of Munster, and Mr. Bhima Subrahmanyam, President, International Cooperative Banking Association</i> Moderated by Dr. Ann Apps, University of Newcastle
16h35-16h45	<u>Statement on Peace: A Cooperative Perspective</u> <i>Mr. Guiseppe Guerini, Vice President, International Cooperative Alliance and President, Cooperatives Europe</i>
16h45-1700	<u>Framing issues regarding creating a supportive environment for cooperatives</u> <i>Statement by Mr. Andrew Allimadi, Chairperson, COPAC with an introduction to the recommendations of the UNGA concerning cooperatives, adopted during its 80th sitting in September 2025.</i>
17h00-17h30	<u>Announcing the 2026 Cooperative Law Summer School</u> <i>Prof. Sonja Novkovic, Saint Mary's University, Canada</i> <u>Vote of thanks</u> <i>Mr. Jeroen Douglas, ICA Director-General; Prof. Hagen Henry, Chairperson, ICA Cooperative Law Committee</i>

Participation: Register before 20 October 2025

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