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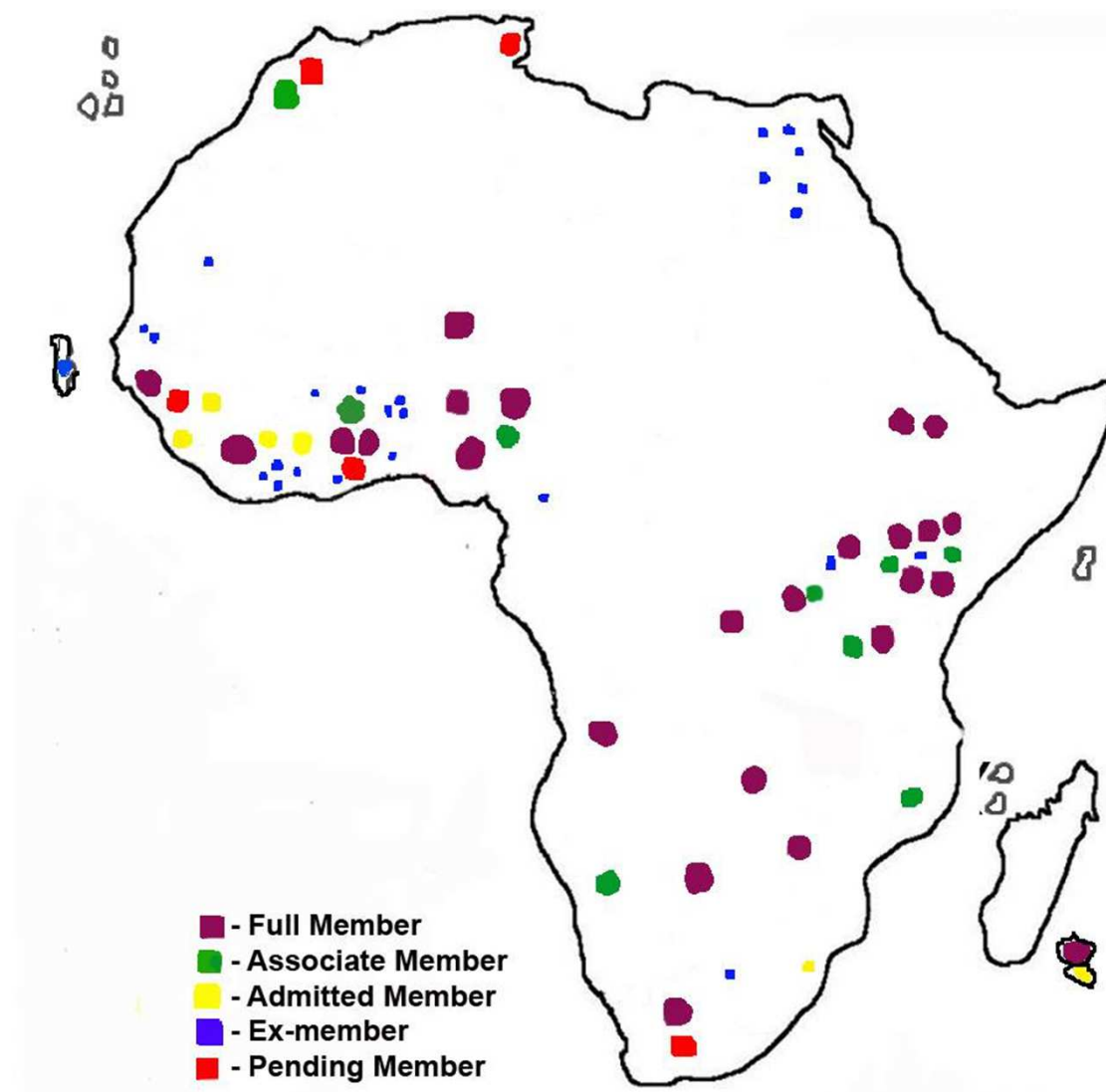
**Assessing the success of activities since the International Year of
Cooperatives**

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Who are we!

- ❖ International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) is a non-governmental organisation representing the Cooperative Movement worldwide. It unites cooperatives worldwide and is the custodian of cooperative values and principles.
- ❖ The **ICA** is the voice of cooperatives worldwide
- ❖ It was established in 1895 to promote the cooperative model. Today cooperative members represent at least **12% of humanity**. As businesses driven by values and not by the remuneration of capital, the **3 million cooperatives** on earth act together to build a better world.

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Strategic Goals

To achieve Inclusive Growth

Strategic Goal 1: Access to finance

Strategic Goal 2: Education and Skills

Strategic Goal 3: Member services

Strategic Goal 4: Infrastructure

development

Strategic Goal 5: Regional integration

Strategic Goal 6: International

Participation in Trade and Investment

Strategic Goal 7: Knowledgebase

Development

Strategic Goal 8: Intellectual Property

Strategic Goal 9: Organization

Development and Capacity Building

ICA-EU Partnership (Coops4dev)

In March 2016, ICA entered into a partnership with the European Commission as part of its commitment to support the Civil Society Organizations active in international development. The partnership was achieved thanks to the work of Cooperatives Europe Development Platform (CEDP), promoting the potential of cooperative enterprises in development and thus earning cooperatives recognition within the relevant EU development policies over the recent years. In 2012 cooperatives were formally recognized as important civil society actors by the EU, covering areas such as social inclusion and economic empowerment. The project is to run until 31 August 2020.



ICA-EU Partnership (Coops4dev)

The ICA-EU partnership aims to bring the co-operative model to the next level within international development policies and programs. It is built around activities focused on increasing visibility, enhancing advocacy, sharing capacity building, strengthening co-operative development networking, and supporting all these with evidence from exhaustive research.

Acting as partners, the regional and global offices of the ICA are driving the actions, in collaboration with members, civil society organizations, international institutions and the EU. Find out more about the role co-operatives play in development by following **#coops4dev**



ICA-EU Partnership (Coops4dev)

Expected Outcomes of the EU Partnership

R1: The capacity of the ICA to represent and provide services is strengthened.

R2: The knowledge on the cooperative model and the legal framework for co-operatives in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America has improved.

R3: The technical, institutional, and political capacity of the national member federations is strengthened.

R4: The networking activities of co-operative organizations active in development at regional and global levels are enhanced.

R5: The advocacy intervention and the political dialogue on global, regional, and national levels are supported and strengthened.

R6: New alliances with CSO actors at national, regional, and global levels are set up; existing co-operation with CSO actors is strengthened.

R7: A joint visibility strategy of the co-operative federations is developed and implemented.

ICA Staff Training



Regional Thematic Research



REVIEW OF THE EXISTING INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES [ICT] IN CO-OPERATIVES IN AFRICA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A FLEXIBLE, USER-FRIENDLY INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM



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Capacity Building on Establishing and Strengthening Federations Training



June, 2017 - Kenya



Focus on Advocacy



Capacity Building on Policy Dialogue and Co-operative Related Themes



Focus on Advocacy



Training on Functioning and Advocacy towards European Delegations

Focus on Gender



Mainstreaming Gender into Co-operative Leadership and Governance

Knowledge and Experience Sharing between Members



Aim: to formally introduce EU-ICA project to stakeholders from the Africa region, and have an in-depth discussion on the region's priorities, implementation modalities and workplan for the next 4 years.

Empowering the Agricultural Cooperative Sector in Africa



Consultative meeting on Establishment of AAACO

Participation in EU Policy Forum on Development



Where: Gaborone, Botswana
Participants: CSOs, LAs & EU institutions & 5 members of ICA Africa

Aim: Engagement in a multi-stakeholder political dialogue with key development actors



Focus on Youth



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3rd Africa Co-operative Youth Conference

30th Oct, 2018
The George Hotel;
Manzini - Eswatini

Moving from Ideas to Youth Empowerment: Fostering Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy Education through School Co-operatives in Africa .



International Co-operative Alliance - Africa
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Centre for Financial Inclusion



Aim: Education & Youth entrepreneurship
Participants: 104
Countries: 11

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