Agenda

Day 1 Tuesday, 3 May 2011

09:00-09:30 Registration

Opening Ceremony

09:30-10:15 Chair: Mr. Donald Lee, Chief, Social Perspective on Development Branch, (UN DESA/DSPD)

Welcome Address
Mr. Miyegombo Enkhbold, Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of the National Committee of the International Year of Cooperatives

The International Year of Cooperatives and Cooperatives in Social Development
Mr. Donald Lee, Chief, Social Perspective on Development Branch, (UN DESA/DSPD)

The International Labour Organization and Cooperatives in Social Development
Mr. Peter Poschen, Director, Job Creation and Enterprise Development Department (EMP/ENTERPRISE), (International Labour Organization (ILO)

Developing an Action Plan
Ms. Felice Llamas, Focal Point on Cooperatives, Social Perspective on Development Branch, (UN DESA/DSPD)

Strategy and Policy on the Development of Cooperatives
Mr. Nyamaa Enkhbold, Vice-Chairman of the Parliament of Mongolia and President of the Mongolian National Cooperators’ Association

10:15-10:35 Break

MORNING BREAK

Understanding Cooperatives: Promoting Effective Research

10:35-12:05 Session 1

Understanding Cooperatives through Research
Objective: Understand the current state of research efforts on cooperatives and develop strategies to strengthen and expand research efforts.

Chair: Mr. Hagen Henry, Research Director, University of Helsinki

Understanding Cooperatives Through Research
Ms. Lou Hammond Ketilson, Chair, Committee on Cooperative Research, International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)

Current State of Cooperative Research in Asia and Future Strategies
Mr. Akira Kurimoto, Director & Chief Researcher of the Consumer Co-operative Institute of Japan

Roundtable Discussion
Guiding questions:
- What are the gaps in knowledge and understanding of how cooperatives grow thrive and contribute to development?
- What specific steps can be taken to promote research and knowledge sharing?
- How will research be funded?
- How can research be relevant to policy making?
- What collaborative/institutional arrangements will strengthen research efforts?

Rapporteur: Ms. Astrid Hurley
12:05-13:05  LUNCH BREAK

Break

13:05-14:35  Session 2

Understanding Cooperatives: Developing Global Statistics and Comparable Data
Objective: Identify relevant statistics and data to compile, as well as strategies to gather and collate them at the global level.

Chair: Ms. Lou Hammond Ketilson, Chair, Committee on Cooperative Research (ICA)

Promoting Effective Research
Ms. Ann Hoyt, Director, University of Wisconsin Urban Cooperative Initiative (University of Wisconsin – Madison)

Peter Poschen, Director, EMP/ENTERPRISE (ILO)

Guiding questions:
- What are the relevant statistics and data to collect; who are the end-users?
- How will the data be collected, compiled and disseminated? Who collects data?
- How will data collection and processing be funded?
- What are the challenges to obtaining reliable information on cooperatives?

Rapporteur: Ms. Astrid Hurley

14:35-14:50  Break

AFTERNOON BREAK

14:50-16:05  Session 3

(Closed, drafting session)

Understanding Cooperatives: Toward a Research Strategy
Objective: Outline a draft research strategy based on Sessions 1 and 2 as input to the international plan of action.

Chair/facilitator: Ms. Felice Llamas, Focal Point on Cooperatives, Social Perspective on Development Branch, (UN DESA/DSPD)

Break out groups 1 and 2 (simultaneous deliberations)
Facilitators/rapporteurs: (TBD)

Plenary: Roundtable discussion and synthesis of inputs
Rapporteur: Ms. Astrid Hurley

END OF DAY 1

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Day 2  Wednesday, 4 May 2011

Cooperatives: Promoting Good Practices and Addressing Internal Challenges

09:00-11:30  Session 4

Discovering What Works: Operational Strategies
Objective: Identify good practices by cooperatives, across various sectors, which are conducive to cooperative growth and socio-economic development; identify common and unique practices within and across sectors.

Chair: Mr. Donald Lee, Chief, Social Perspective on Development Branch, (UN DESA/DSPD)

Status of Oromia Coffee Farmers Cooperative Union (OCFCU)
Mr. Tadesse Meskela, General Manager, Oromia Coffee Farmers Cooperative Union (presented by Jürgen Schwettman, ILO Deputy Regional Director for Africa)
The Role of Cooperatives in the Financial and Rural Sectors in Germany
Mr. Christian Albrecht, Director DGRV Program Vietnam, Audit Expert DGRV Program South East Asia, German Cooperatives and Raiffeisen Confederation (Reg. Assoc.) / Deutscher Genossenschafts- und Raiffeisenverband (DGRV)

Proactive Cooperative Banks in Local Development: Socio-Economic Problem Solving, Growth and Community Building
Ms. Cynthia Giagnovaco, Research Fellow, University of Almería

The Experience of Cooperative Insurance in Kenya, in Particular, and Africa in General
Mr. Nelson Kuria, Group Managing Director/CEO, The Co-op Insurance Company Group (CIC Kenya)

Cooperatives Response to Natural Disasters (Japan)
Mr. Akira Kurimoto, Director & Chief Researcher of the Consumer Co-operative Institute of Japan

Roundtable Discussion
Guiding questions:
- What are the challenges/obstacles faced by these cooperatives?
- What are the drivers of cooperative success or failures in these experiences? What elements promoted or hindered cooperative growth?
- How did these cooperatives contribute to socio-economic development?
- What elements enhanced or detracted from their contributions to socio-economic development?
- What principles/guidelines are specific for certain types of cooperatives?
- What principles/guidelines apply to most cooperatives?

Rapporteur: Ms. Astrid Hurley

11:30-11:45
Break

MORNING BREAK

11:45-13:15
Session 5

Addressing Internal Challenges: Capacity Building
Objective: Identify priority capacity-building areas that will promote and strengthen cooperatives, e.g., advocacy skills, promotional skills, consultancy skills, administrative skills and governance issues.

Chair: Mr. Vincent Martin, Acting FAO Representative, China

Leadership, Capacity Building and Governability in Cooperatives
Mr. Armando Costa Pinto, Swedish Cooperative Centre, Regional Director for Europe and Asia

Cooperative Development in Viet Nam: Success and Challenges
Mr. Nguyen Minh Tu, Director General, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Department of Cooperative Sector Development, Viet Nam

Capacity Building for Africa’s Cooperatives and Social Economy Organizations
Mr. Jürgen Schwettman, ILO Deputy Regional Director for Africa

Roundtable Discussion
Guiding questions:
- What capacity building initiatives should be given priority?
- What is the role of apex organizations/governments/cooperatives in building capacity?
- How can ICT be utilized to build capacity?
- What principles/initiatives are specific for certain types of cooperatives?
- What principles/initiatives apply to most cooperatives?

Rapporteur: Ms. Astrid Hurley
13:15-14:15  LUNCH BREAK

Promoting Cooperative Development: Raising Public Awareness

14:15-15:45  Session 6
Promoting Cooperative Development: Strategic Approaches to Public Awareness
Objective: Identify and assess ways and means to raise public awareness about cooperatives

Chair/facilitator: Ms. Felice Llamas, Focal Point on Cooperatives, Social Perspective on Development Branch, (UN DESA/DSPD)

Promoting Cooperative Development: Strategic Approaches to Public Awareness
Mr. Khadbaatar Zoljargal, Vice-Minister of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry, Mongolia

Raising Public Awareness: A Media Perspective
Ms. Johanna Son – Regional Director for IPS Asia Pacific

Leveraging the International Year of Cooperatives
Mr. Donald Lee & Ms. Astrid Hurley, Social Perspective on Development Branch, (UN DESA/DSPD)

Roundtable Discussion
Guiding questions:
• What are effective strategies to promote cooperatives? What are the constraints to promoting cooperatives?
• What is the current perception of cooperatives by the general public? Are they seen as viable and profitable business enterprises?
• What is the role of education in promoting the development of successful cooperatives?
• What is the role of ICT in promoting cooperatives?
• What is the role of the media in promoting cooperatives?

Rapporteur: Ms. Astrid Hurley

15:45-16:00  AFTERNOON BREAK

16:00-17:30  Session 7
(Lasted, drafting session)
Leveraging Cooperative Experiences
Objective: Summarise principles/guidelines for good practices, as well as capacity-building strategies for overcoming internal challenges; outline a promotion strategy; draft input to the international plan of action.

Chair/facilitator: Ms. Felice Llamas, Focal Point on Cooperatives, Social Perspective on Development Branch, (UN DESA/DSPD)

Break out group 1 [Promoting Good Practices and Addressing Internal Challenges] and 2 [Strategic Approaches to Raising Public Awareness] (simultaneous deliberations)
Facilitators/rapporteurs: (TBD)

Plenary: Roundtable discussion and synthesis of inputs

Rapporteur: Ms. Astrid Hurley

END OF DAY 2
Day 3  Thursday, 5 May 2011

Promoting Cooperative Development: Raising Public Awareness

09:00  Depart to the Tsonjin Boldog (Chinggis Khan statue Complex), 60km from Ulaanbaatar
10:00-11:00  Site Visit to Tsonjin Boldog
11:00  Depart to Ulaanbaatar
12:00-14:00  LUNCH
14:00-16:00  Mongolian Exhibit on Cooperatives (Opening Ceremony and Viewing)
16:00-17:00  Site Visit to cooperative based in Ulaanbaatar
17:00-18:30  Traditional Concert

END OF DAY 3

Day 4, Friday, 6 May 2011

Beyond 2012: Policy and Planning

09:00-10:45  Session 8
Creating Effective Policy and Legal Space: Improving Existing Policy Structures
Objective: Review government laws and regulations for cooperatives and identify effective strategies for, and existing obstacles to, maximising available policy and legal space for leveraging cooperative operational capacity and socio-economic contributions, e.g. legislations and programmes on taxation and incentives.

Chair/facilitator: Mr. Donald Lee

International Guidelines for Cooperative Policy and Legal Space
Mr. Hagen Henry – University of Helsinki

Cooperative Policy in the Philippines
Ms. Lecira Juarez – Consultant, Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on Cooperatives, Philippines

Legal and Fiscal Policy for Sound Cooperative Development
Mr. Dante Cracogna
(presented by Mr. Hagen Henry)

An Introduction to Spain’s Social Economy Law
Ms. Cynthia Giagnovaco – Research Fellow, University of Almería

Roundtable Discussion
Guiding questions:
- What policies and legislations are effective for cooperative growth?
- What policies have allowed communities and Governments to most effectively leverage the potential contributions of cooperative enterprises to development?
- Do programmes on taxation and incentives help cooperatives?
- What can be improved about existing policy and legal frameworks to further promote cooperative formation and growth?
- What are the obstacles to implementing effective policy and legal frameworks, and how can these be addressed?

Rapporteur: Ms. Astrid Hurley

10:45-11:00  MORNING BREAK
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| 11:00-12:00  | Session 9             | **Creating Effective Policy and Legal Space: Outlining Recommendations**  
**Objective:** Outline policy recommendations based on discussion in Session 8; draft input to the international plan of action.  
Chair/facilitator: Felice Llamas, Focal Point on Cooperatives, Social Perspective on Development Branch, (UN DESA/DSPD)  
Break out groups 1 and 2 (simultaneous deliberations)  
Facilitators/rapporteurs: (TBD)  
Plenary: Roundtable discussion and synthesis of inputs  
Rapporteur: Ms. Astrid Hurley |
| 12:00-13:00  | Break                 | LUNCH BREAK                                                                                                                                  |
| 13:00-14:15  | Session 10            | **Beyond 2012: Finalizing an International Plan of Action on Cooperatives**  
**Objective:** Participants will finalize a first draft of a plan of action for cooperatives in development for 2012 and beyond.  
Chair/facilitator: Ms. Felice Llamas, Focal Point on Cooperatives, Social Perspective on Development Branch, (UN DESA/DSPD)  
Plenary: Roundtable discussion and synthesis of inputs  
Rapporteur: Ms. Astrid Hurley |
| 14:15-14:30  | Break                 | AFTERNOON BREAK                                                                                                                                |
| 14:30-15:30  | Session 11            | **Conclusions and Closing Remarks**  
Donald Lee, Chief Social Perspective and Development Branch (UN DESA/DSPD)  
END OF DAY 4                                                                                                                                 |

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