

Choose cooperatives, choose equality:
Paths to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
Side event to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

Wednesday, 8 July 2015
13.15 - 14.45 (1:15pm - 2:45pm)
Conference Room 5
UN Headquarters
New York

PROGRAMME

- 13.15 **Welcome: “Equality in cooperative ownership as a path to sustainable development”**
Tamara Vrooman, CEO, Vancity, Canada (International Co-operative Alliance)
Representative of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
Sharon Brennen-Haylock, Director, Liaison Office with the United Nations, Food & Agricultural Organization
- 13.30 **Statements from officials and Member States**
Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations (video address)
Emilia Gatto, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representation of Italy to the UN
Antonio de Aguiar Patriota, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the UN (invited)
(Floor is open to all Member State representatives in attendance)
- 14.15 **The cooperative perspective**
Dr. Esther Gicheru, Director of the Institute for Co-operative Development, Research and Extension,
Co-operative University College of Kenya
- 14.30 **Presentation of the COPAC policy brief on gender equality and women’s empowerment in cooperatives**
- 14.40 **Conclusions**
Kevin Cassidy, Senior Communications and External Relations Office, Office for the United Nations,
International Labour Organization
Representative of the World Farmers' Organisation
Tamara Vrooman, CEO, Vancity, Canada (International Co-operative Alliance)

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