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Agenda

Agenda Item	Time
Pick up voting materials	14h30
Welcome from the Chairperson	15h00
Approval of the Minutes from Antalya 2015	15h10
Ratification of Vice Chairpersons	15h15
Election to fill vacant seat on the Executive Committee	15h20
Approval of proposed amendments to constitution	15h30
Assembly Adjourned	15h35
Youth Network Workshop	15h40

Information

The Youth Network Assembly will take place at the Québec City Convention Centre, located at 1000, boul. René-Lévesque in Québec City, Canada (<http://convention.qc.ca/en/attending-event/getting-here>). When you arrive at the convention center, the meeting room will be displayed on the digital signage boards onsite.

This meeting will take place in conjunction with the 3rd International Summit of Cooperatives. It is not necessary to register to attend the Summit in order to attend the Meeting of Members, although registration and participation in the Summit is encouraged. For information on hotels, visa, transport, and to register for the Summit, visit <http://www.intlsummit.coop/>. There will be a Young Leaders Programme with a reduced registration fee during the International Summit, which is a great opportunity for youth: <https://www.sommetinter.coop/en/young-leaders-program>.

This meeting is primarily to fill any vacancies on the Executive Committee and to make clarifying amendments to the constitution. The majority of decisions and reporting will be reserved for the biennial Assembly that will be held in conjunction with the Global Conference of the International Co-operative Alliance, which will next occur 14-17 November 2017 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Visit www.malaysia2017.coop for more information.

The Youth Network Workshop will immediately precede the Assembly in the same room.

There will be no interpretation provided during this meeting. Should interpretation be required, please bring your interpreter with you.

Reference Documents

The following links and publications contain information relevant to the Youth Network and this Assembly:

- Youth Network Constitution: <http://ica.coop/sites/default/files/attachments/GVC%20-%202014%2006%2005%20-%20Youth%20Network%20Constitution%20FINAL.pdf>
- Youth Network Newsletters which include updates on our activities during the year:
 - August 2016 : <http://createsend.com/t/t-D3185E19AC89B904>
 - May 2016 : <http://createsend.com/t/t-037E9DF1FAFFF68F>
 - End of Year 2015 :
<http://ica.coop/sites/default/files/attachments/youth%20network%20newsletter%20end%202015.pdf>
- Youth Network Website : <http://ica.coop/en/alliance-youth-network>

Please note we will not be distributing copies of any of the documentation. Please bring these with you to Québec City.

Voting Procedures

The only persons allowed to vote are members who have submitted a nomination form. Members will be those persons up to 35 years inclusive and associated to organizations belonging to the Alliance. Individuals will need to submit a form to the Youth Network secretariat. This form must be signed by a member organisation of the Alliance.

Should a member not be able to attend the meeting, they can submit a proxy in writing to the Youth Network secretariat (Hacquard@ica.coop). For a current list of members who you could give a proxy to, please ask the secretariat. A sample proxy letter is provided below:

Sample Proxy Letter

I hereby authorize <individual name> in <country> to represent me and vote on my behalf at the Youth Network Assembly to be held on 13 October 2016 in Québec City, Canada.

(include your signature, full name, contact email, and country)

All other individuals who attend the meeting are observers.

Members who wish to vote should arrive 30 minutes before the start of the meeting to pick up their voting materials. Please bring your duly signed membership form with you in order to pick up your voting materials. Members will not be able to pick up their materials after meeting has started. When picking up the voting materials, members will be asked to sign that they picked up their materials.

All votes will be by show of voting card, except if there is a call for a paper vote. Should this be

required, members will receive generic ballots which they can use to make their vote by checking either yes, no, or abstain. Should there be a call for a paper vote, these will be secretly counted by:

- the observer assigned by the Alliance, and
- two persons nominated by the members.

Following the count, the results will be announced during the meeting. While the votes are being counted, the meeting will continue.

If ballots need to be used, the observer will collect them. The ballots remain in the possession of the observer until counted. Each ballot will be counted twice, by different individuals. Results will be tallied on a summary sheet and signed by each of the individuals present at the count. The summary sheet will be preserved by the global office until the next election. The ballots will be destroyed following the election. During the counting of votes, candidates and members are not entitled to be present nor to be advised of the number of votes cast for a specific candidate. The observer will announce the results of the election.

Approval of the Minutes

The approval of the minutes will be conducted by show of voting card. The Chair will give the opportunity for members to express their vote in favour, against or to abstain.

DRAFT MINUTES

International Cooperative Alliance Youth Network Meeting and Assembly Tuesday, 10th November 2015 Antalya, Turkey

From 8:00 to 9:00, Seok-ju Kang (Agricultural Adviser to the International Co-operative Alliance) assisted the Youth Network in passing out the voting materials.

I. Meeting Welcome

The meeting started at 9:30. with around 40 participants.
Note taker: Annie McShiras from USA.

Gabriela Buffa (Youth Representative to the Alliance global Board) and Ahsan Ali Thakur (member of the Executive Committee) made the following opening remarks:

- Remembrance for Jose Antonio Chavez Villanueva, the previous Youth Representative, who died in a car accident this year.
- Agenda was reviewed and approved
- A summary was provided about the Alliance Youth Network, history and aims.

II. Overview of Alliance Youth Network

1. Executive Committee

- a. The Executive Committee was appointed by the Youth Network at the Alliance Global Conference and General Assembly in Cape Town. This meeting was chaired by José Antonio Chavez. The Executive Committee was elected to serve from

November 2013 to the next Global Conference in 2015.

- b. The Executive Committee meets virtually every 2 months
- c. The Executive Committee uses tools like the Lumio platform to discuss and take decisions.

2. History

- a. The Alliance Youth Network started in 2003, and was formalised with a constitution in 2013.
- b. The Alliance has four regions: Asia-Pacific; Americas; Africa and Europe. Each region has a youth co-ordinator. Asia-Pacific and the Americas have well-established youth networks. The Africa and Europe youth networks are in formation. Gretchen Hacquard is the network co-ordinator. The Executive Committee thanks her for her collaboration in the organization of this meeting.

III. Overview of the Regional Youth Networks

3. Americas Youth Committee. Presented by Gabriela

1. The youth committee is integrated by young representatives from the following countries: Dominican Republic, Colombia, Argentina, Puerto Rico, Peru, Uruguay, Paraguay Honduras, Mexico, Colombia. Its mission is to promote real and effective participation of youth in cooperative organizations.
2. Plan 2015-2016: Technology (virtual communication), events (meetings, internships, video conferences), external influence (partnerships, obtaining resources), structures (development of national committees), external dissemination (social media), and advocacy (contact with governments, public policy advocacy).

4. Asia Pacific Youth Committee. Presented by Ahasan.

1. It started in 2000 and it was formalized in 2006.
2. Among its objectives: strengthen cooperation through internships, training activities and networking among the youth; encouraging young people to become active members and leaders of cooperatives.
3. The youth committee is integrated by young representatives from the following countries: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal, China, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Mongolia, Iran.
4. A recent conference “moving towards sustainable growth and development in the Cooperative Decade” was held in Bangkok.

5. The Young European Co-operators Network. Presented by Sebastien Chaillou

1. The network is integrated by young representatives from the following countries: Italy, France, Spain, and the UK.
2. On April 2015 they launched the network with the Workshop: Let’s build Cooperatives Europe Network of Young Cooperators. After that, in September they held a conference in Bologna where 80 young people from 12 countries met to defined priorities and a plan of action.
3. The network has four working groups: governance & financial, advocacy, education and business opportunities.

6. Africa Region. Presented by Kwanele

1. Formation approved by the Regional Assembly in November 2014
2. Challenge: resources
 - a. Young people need more resources to come together and travel to meet in

person

3. Still in process: getting support from ICA Africa
 - a. Goal: Be fully functioning by 2016

IV. Report on Activities 2015

Project: Collaborative Social Network

1. This project is in process. A call for consultants to undertake a feasibility study was sent this year and the executive committee has been interviewing different consultants. We are looking for new proposals.
2. Potencial tools:
 - a. Work in Networks
 - b. Exchanges
 - c. Training
 - d. IT
 - e. Collaboration

Project: Research on Global Diagnostic of Youth

1. The call for applications for an intern or interns to complete the research project is open.
2. Objective: global mapping of youth related to the cooperative movement for the database and the collaborative social network project
3. Objective 2: To know who we are, where we are, what we are doing, and how to stay in contact and work together.

V. Membership

1. To be a member it is necessary to download the Form from the website:
<http://ica.coop/en/youth-network>
2. Current members:
 - 10 from the Americas
 - 8 from Asia/Pacific
 - 6 from Europe
 - 1 from Africa
3. 1,000 people are on the youth network mailing list

VI. Quorum

Total members: 25. Quorum must be 13 people

Number of members present in the room: 16 plus one proxy. Total: 17

The quorum has been reached.

VII. Constitution of the Youth Network

1. The constitution was amended based on recommendations made to the draft which was submitted at the meeting in Cape Town, South Africa in November 2013. This constitution was accepted by the Board of the Alliance on 6 June 2014.
2. Ratified with 13 votes

VIII. Ratification of Vice Chairpersons

1. The Vice Presidents are already elected by their region and need ratification at the global level.
2. Carlos Medrano (Americas) and Sukesh Zamwar (Asia Pacific)
3. Ratified with 13 votes

IX. Elections for the Executive Committee

1. Each candidate presented themselves.
 - 2 from the Americas: Emily Lippold Cheney (US), Juan Brandao (Panama)
 - 1 from Europe: Mattia Affini (Italy). He couldn't be present.
 - 1 from Asia-Pacific: Ahsan Ali Thakur (Pakistan)

2. The Alliance named Dr. GN Saxena as the Election observer. He was the Director of Cooperative Development for IFFCO (India), a member of the Alliance.

3. Result:
 - a. Ahsan ali Thakur and Mattia Affini: elected with 13 votes.
 - b. Emily Lippold Cheney (US): elected with 14 votes
 - c. Juan Brandao (Panama): 1 vote (not elected)

We thank all the participants and congratulate the newly elected members.

X. Special issue: Earthquake in Pakistan

- Ahsan: presentation on situation in Pakistan

XI. Working Groups

The participants were asked to break up into working groups and discuss the following:

1. What is the meaning of a network for you? How can you better network?
 2. Best ways the regions can network to get work done together?
 3. Social platform?
 4. Suggest ideas/proposals?
 5. Do you think it is important to have information about cooperative youth?
- Each group had a presenter and notetaker

XII. Working group report-backs

1. Group 1:

Presented by Revita, Philippines. Note Taker: Noor Azlinn Zahariman - Malaysia. Members: Padam PD. Pokharel - Nepal; Noor Shafeeza Zainuddin - Malaysia; Rhiannon Colvin - United Kingdom; Martin Stedt - Sweden and Juan Brandao - Panama.

- a. For us, the meaning of networking is an exchanging of ideas and thoughts. It is to learn from each other and apply the knowledge back home, for lobbying purposes. It is also to make people understand the youth's needs. It is a mobility of resources in order to hear every voice of the youth. And last, an avenue where people meet their common interest that will lead to the success of the young cooperative generation.
- b. Yes, we think regions should act together. It is for the reason to get together and to understand each region's activity, not only during General Assembly. The united people acting together, building together and moving together towards success will be a great measurement on how young co-operators will produce great results in the future for the respective regions.
- c. Needs of youth: discounted registration, shared knowledge and resources
- d. Social platform: We need a social platform. More for contacts & information
- e. Ideas/proposals
 - i. Directory of youth cooperatives

- ii. Travel log for youth
- iii. Contribution of ICA to youth network
- iv. Exemptions or better discounts for conferences that involved youth participation, scholarships for registrations, etc

f. Yes, we believe that it is important to have information about the co-operative youth. It is because the information that will be provided is a great help and a tool to make decisions that can create an impact to the development of the programs. It will be a ... to every youth leaders in promoting social and financial aspects of information needed. This would make the youth more productive to have an efficient and effective plans and programs for the Youth Network.

2. **Group 2:** Constantinos Vassilia, Kwanele M., Sébastien Chaillou, Louis Cousin, Marie-Josée Paquette, Annie McShiras, Emily L. Cheney

Presented by Kwanele, South Africa

- a. Network: Sharing expertise, knowledge, and building relationships & trust among members
 - i. Open opportunities for youth to access information and resources
 - ii. As a form of empowerment
- b. Organize ourselves in local/regional levels & regions
 - i. Step by step guide to assist region in creating their own network
- c. Needs: resources & financing for young people to attend gatherings
 - i. Models for funding--how can we learn from each other around how we are financing our own movements & networks?
 - ii. Share common goals to partner w. other regions about how to resource ourselves
 - iii. Identify and communicate the needs of young people & the benefits of joining the international movement to be able to work with them
- d. Why is there a lack of participation of young people?
 - i. Lack of information
 - ii. Lack of resources to access opportunities to participate.
- e. Research project:
 - i. It is indeed needed. It would help make the case to larger institutions that a cooperative youth network is needed.
- f. Idea: Mentorship program
 - i. Connect ICA elders with ICA youth
- g. Idea: More translation at conferences

3. Next step: Develop ideas into formalized document for proposals/strategy

XIII. Proposed amendments to the Constitution

- 1. President, VPs and eligible nominees for the Executive Committee are members with voting rights
- 2. Quorum: issue of lack of participation
 - a. Remove Quorum?
 - b. Requirement of regional representation?
 - c. Online participation through Lumio?
- 3. Article III: Membership
 - a. Proposed amendment: membership not limited to those with ICA membership but rather to youth that are members of cooperative organizations and believe in the

cooperative principles

- b. Motion to open membership up so there is more youth participation
- c. Motion to divide membership:
 - i. Committee membership
 - ii. Network membership
 - 1. → Could be distinguished from each other

Action: Executive Committee will come forward with proposed Amendments regarding membership and quorum.

XIV. Invited guest

Gabriela introduce Pauline Green, President of the International Co-operative Alliance, with a short message from her.

- 1. Pauline Green: Problem with Uber: No benefit to workers, service providers, or users
 - i. Young people can help educate Uber and other new tech services about better ownership models for a real collaborative economy.
 - ii. “We need to strengthen incentives for companies like Uber to embrace the cooperative model”.
 - iii. “How do we infiltrate the people who are users and workers to create co-operatives instead?”

- b. Great Britain: non-profit cooperative schools (1000 strong)
- c. Launching public awareness campaign via CCA Global Partners
 - 1. “Co-op: Building a Better World Now”.
- d. Cooperative businesses will be a part of the G20 process
 - 1. To create visibility for the cooperative movement
 - 2. To bring human beings back to the table at the global economy
 - 3. Infiltrate the elites
- e. Statement upcoming for Paris on climate change
 - 1. seeking youth contribution to this

XV. Video presentation.

Trailer of “Working together for a cooperative future” was created in a collaborative manner. The film shares the experiences, challenges and motivations of young cooperators from Japan, Argentina, Italy, France, United States, Spain, Brazil, Poland and South Africa.

V. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

List of youth members who voted in Antalya:

Name	Languages	Super-region	Country
Mr. Martin Stedt	English	Europe	Sweden
Mr. Ahsan Ali Thakur	English	Asia-Pacific	Pakistan
Ms. Noor Azlinn	English	Asia-Pacific	Malaysia
Ms Noor Shafeeza	English	Asia-Pacific	Malaysia

Mr. Padam Prasad Pokharel	English	Asia-Pacific	Nepal
Ms. Emily Lippold Cheney	English	Americas	United States
Ms. Gabriela Ana Buffa	Spanish	Americas	Argentina
Mr. Juan Brandao	Spanish	Americas	Panama
Mr. Dario Farcy	Spanish	Americas	Argentina
Ms. Justine Ballon	French	Europe	France
Mr. Sebastien Chaillou	French	Europe	France
Mr. Girish Sharma	English	Asia-Pacific	India
Mr. Nikko Revita	English	Asia-Pacific	Philippines
Mr. Payam Imani	English	Americas	United States
Ms. Annie McShiras	English	Americas	United States
Ms. Rhiannon Colvin	English	Europe	UK
Mr. Constantinos Vassiliou	English	Europe	Cyprus

Other participants:

Santosh Kumar, Asia Pacific office.
Kwanele Mkhwanazi, South Africa.
Egenen Cakir, Dr-Koop, Turkey.
Louis Cousin, Co-operatives Europe.
Marie-Josée Paquette.

Special thanks to:

Seok-ju Kang for helping us to organise the voting materials.
Annie McShiras for her work taking notes during the meeting.
Nikko Revita for his contribution taking pictures.

Executive Committee Elections

Vice Presidents

The Vice Presidents are the Presidents of their regional youth committee. They are already elected by their region and therefore only need to be ratified at the global level. The ratification of the Vice Presidents will be conducted by show of voting card. The Chair will give the opportunity for members to express their vote in favour, against or to abstain.

The current Vice Presidents for ratification are the following:

Africa: vacant, to be filled in November 2016

Americas: Mr Aquileo Meno, nominated to represent the Americas Youth Committee on the Global Youth Network instead of their President Mr Carlos Medrano

Europe: Mr Sébastien Chaillou

Executive Committee At Large

There is one open seat on the Executive Committee for a member at-large in the Africa Region.

The nominees for the Executive Committee will each be given no more than five minutes to make a presentation before the vote. The election of the at-large candidates will be by show of voting card since the number of candidates is less than the available seats. The Chair will give the opportunity for members to express their vote in favour, against or to abstain.

The following are the eligible candidates:



Hilda Ojall

Nominated by: Kenya Union of Savings & Credit Cooperatives Limited (KUSCCO)

Country: Kenya

Date of birth: 16 February 1988

About: Born of a co-operative family, I developed a great admiration and inspiration in working with youth and youth member owned institutions. Currently working with The Kenya Union of Savings and Credit Co-operatives Ltd under Risk Management Services. I am a certified Credit Union Development Educator (ADE) Having completed the D.E program. I am an educator of Credit Union /Saccos addressing different issues across Africa that affect Saccos and specifically youth. Currently working on a youth mentorship program, member of the ICA Alliance Youth Network.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

The constitution of the Youth Network was drafted for input at the Youth Network meeting in Cape Town in 2013, was amended and implemented, and further discussion was had in Antalya in 2015. There have been a number of proposed changes to the constitution which have been tabled to become part of a global consultative process including the role of the Youth Network of the International Co-operative Alliance, to be fully discussed at the Assembly in 2017.

The approval of the proposed amendments to the Youth network Constitution will be conducted by show of voting card at one time. The Chair will give the opportunity for members to express their vote in favour, against or to abstain.

Should the members present dispute a particular proposed change, the President will table that particular change for further consideration by the Executive Committee.

Any additional proposed amendments should be sent in written form to Mrs Gretchen Hacquard, Youth Network Secretariat, at hacquard@ica.coop for discussion at the next meeting to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2016.

Below are the proposed changes which have been made in order to provide clarification and simplification to the constitution. Subtractions are shown in the first column crossed out and in red and text that has been moved is shown in blue. Additions are shown in the second column in green.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

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<p>movement or want to develop it. In this case, to participate in the Alliance Youth Network, they should be promoted by a member organization.</p> <p>In either of the two cases mentioned in a) and b) above, the request should be sent to the secretariat who will be responsible for maintaining the registrar of members.</p> <p>Members and adherents may submit proposals and projects, through the secretariat, for consideration by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>There will be no membership fee. However, participation in various activities may require a registration fee.</p> <p>Article IV: STRUCTURE The Alliance Youth Network will have the following structure:</p> <p>a) Executive Committee: shall consist of a President who is the Youth Representative on the Alliance Board (Alliance ByLaws, Article 23, paragraph 4), Vice Chairpersons who are the elected from each Regional Youth Committee or Network, and other members at large who are nominated by Alliance members, but no more than one member at large from each region. The minimum must be 3 members.</p> <p>The Executive Committee shall be made up of youth who will not exceed the age of 35 during their time in office and shall serve for a period of four years. Elections shall be held at every fourth year. Retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election provided they meet the age criteria at the time of election. Special elections will occur to fill vacancies during the Alliance Youth Network meeting which is held as part of the Alliance global conference. The members at large can only be elected by those representatives of Alliance members who attend the election. The President is elected by the Assembly and the other members are only ratified. The nominees do not have to attend the meeting.</p>	<p>The request for membership should be sent to the secretariat who will be responsible for maintaining the registrar of members. Member organisations of the Alliance can amend the voting members representing them prior to each Assembly of the Youth Network.</p> <p>There will be no membership fee. However, participation in various activities may require a registration fee.</p> <p>Article IV: STRUCTURE The Alliance Youth Network will have the following structure:</p> <p>a) Executive Committee: shall consist of the following voting members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President who is the Youth Representative on the Alliance Board (Alliance ByLaws, Article 23, paragraph 4), 2. Vice Chairpersons who are the elected from each Regional Youth Committee or Network, and 3. Members at Large who are nominated by Alliance members, but no more than one member at large from each region. <p>The minimum must be 3 members.</p> <p>The Executive Committee shall be made up of youth who will not exceed the age of 35 during their time in office and shall serve for a period of four years.</p> <p>b) The secretariat shall be designated by the Director General of the Alliance.</p>

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<p>b) Any discount on the tuition required for attending the global conference of the Alliance according to age, will be decided by the Alliance Board when deciding registration fees.</p> <p>c) Any person who supports and is interested in youth co-operatives may request to be added to the mailing list of the Alliance Youth Network and may attend as an observer at meetings, conferences, seminars or panels of the Alliance Youth Network without prejudice to age. A written request must be sent in advance to the Secretariat to be properly registered.</p> <p>FINAL COMMENT To begin the functions of the Youth Network, it appointed an Interim Executive Committee nominated by members of the Alliance during the 2013 Global Conference & General Assembly held in Cape Town. This Interim Executive Committee will serve until the next global conference and general assembly to be held in 2015.</p> <p>Approved: 6 June 2014</p>	<p>c) Any person who supports and is interested in youth co-operatives may request to be added to the mailing list of the Alliance Youth Network as an adherent. Adherents will be persons that although they are not associated with members from Alliance, support the co-operative youth movement or want to develop it. Adherents may be consulted with and make recommendations. Adherents may attend as an observer at meetings, conferences, seminars or panels of the Alliance Youth Network without prejudice to age. A written request must be sent in advance to the Secretariat to be properly registered.</p> <p>FINAL COMMENT To begin the functions of the Youth Network, an Interim Executive Committee was nominated by members of the Alliance during the Youth Network Meeting of the 2013 Global Conference & General Assembly held in Cape Town. This Interim Executive Committee served until 2015.</p> <p>Approved: The first draft of this constitution was approved by the Youth Network on 2 October 2013.</p> <p>An amended constitution based on feedback received in Cape Town was approved by the Alliance Board on 6 June 2014.</p>

Next Meeting of the Youth Network

The next meeting of the Youth Network will take place during the week of the next General Assembly of the International Co-operative Alliance in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during the week of 14-17 November 2017.