

# Youth Network Assembly 2018 Official Meeting Documentation 25 October 2018 Buenos Aires, Argentina

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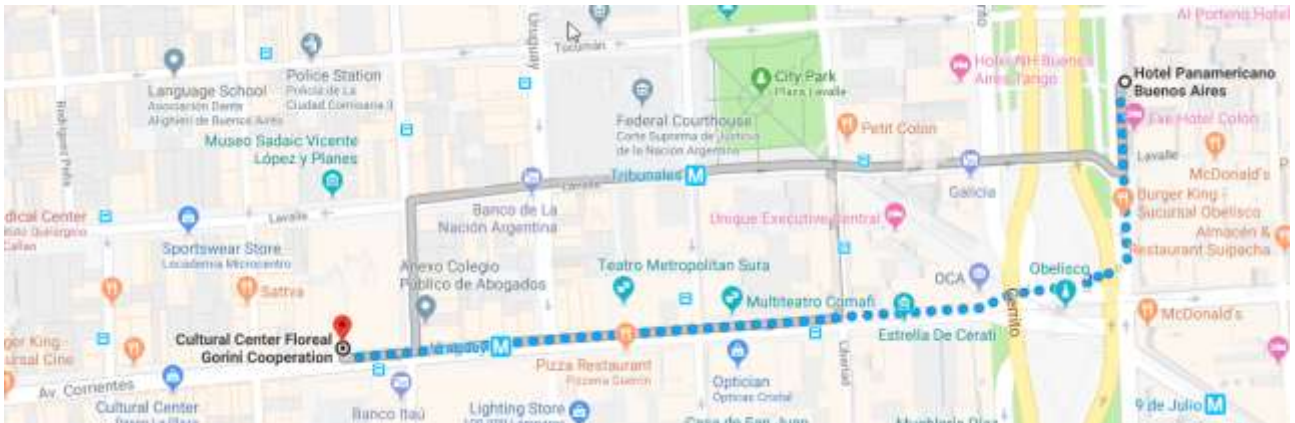
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## Agenda

Agenda Item	Time
Workshop on global youth initiatives	09h30
Break & Pick up voting materials	11h45
Opening of the Assembly and Welcome from the Chairperson	12h15
Approval of the draft minutes from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	
Explanation of the election and presentation of the Election Committee	
Election to fill vacant seats on the Executive Committee	
Count and results of the Election	
Assembly Adjourned	12h45
Lunch for the participants will be served in a cooperative restaurant located in the vicinity of the Cultural Center of Cooperation.	13h00

## Information

The Youth Network Assembly will take place at the Centro Cultural de la Cooperación, Av. Corrientes 1543, Ciudad de Buenos Aires, Argentina.



This meeting will take place in conjunction with the V Co-operative Summit of the Americas. It is a 15 minute walk from where the Summit will take place.

The meeting will be conducted in English. Should interpretation be required, please bring your interpreter with you.

## Reference Documents

The Assembly will be organised in accordance with the Youth Network Constitution. Please note we will not be distributing copies of any of the documentation. Please bring these with you to the meeting.

## Voting Procedures

The only persons allowed to vote are members who have submitted a duly filled **nomination form** signed by a member organisation of the ICA. 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.

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 25 October 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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

All other individuals who attend the Assembly are observers.

Members who wish to vote should arrive at 11h45 to pick up their voting materials. Members will not be able to pick up their materials after Assembly 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 for the election for the Executive Committee. Members will receive ballots to allow you to elect the nomination. The vote will be secretly counted by counters nominated by the members present. There will be one observer nominated by the ICA.

Following the count, the results will be announced during the meeting. The observer will collect the ballots. 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, Youth Network Assembly 2017, 14 November 2017, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

#### Agenda

The agenda was approved as follows:

Agenda Item	Time
Pick up voting materials	13h30
Welcome from the Chairperson	13h45
Approval of the draft minutes from Quebec 2016	13h55
Approval of the draft minutes from election of the President	
Election to fill vacant seat on the Executive Committee	14h00
Report on activities since November 2015	14h10
Adoption of a #CoopYouth Manifesto	14h30
Break	15h00
Adoption of a Strategic Plan for the Youth Network	15h30
Assembly Adjourned	16h00

#### Welcome

Gabriela Buffa introduced herself and thanked all of the participants for attending this important meeting. She asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves.

Buffa introduced Sébastien Chaillou, the new Chairperson elected by the Youth Network electronically in October 2017. Chaillou was invited to make a presentation. Members marked their approval by applause for winning the presidency.

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Buffa thanked the Executive Committee members for all of their hard work during the year, as well as Gretchen Hacquard, the coordinator for the Youth Network.

The Youth Network has a total of 75 eligible voters of which 16 were present and an additional 29 votes were given by proxy. Therefore a quorum of 60 percent was reached.

Approval of the Minutes

The draft minutes from Québec 2016 were unanimously approved by show of voting card.

### **Executive Committee Elections**

Andrea Sangiorgi from Italy was unanimously elected as the at-large member in the European Region. The following individuals were ratified as Vice Presidents for their region since they were elected as the Chairperson in their region:

- Hilda Ojall from Africa
- Ahsan Thakur from Asia-Pacific

There are now vacant seats for members-at-large in the Africa and Asia-Pacific region. There is also a vacant seat for the Vice President in the European region due to the election of Sébastien Chaillou as Chair.

### **Report on activities since November 2015**

Buffa presented the Youth Network, the work it has been doing, the changes in 2008 that allowed for successful execution of the United Nations International Year of Co-operatives and for the Alliance to engage in the comprehensive planning that resulted in the Blueprint for a Co-operative Decade. The presentation is available at <https://youtu.be/7wFIUIsZHBg>.

Presentations were then made by representatives from each of the Regional Committees: Ahsan Ali Thakur, Adary Oviedo, Sebastien Chaillou and Hilda Ojall.

Ahsan Ali Thakur presented the book on the Coop History of Pakistan named, "Cooperation in Cooperatives: Future Solution to Socio-Economic Problems".

### **Adoption of a #CoopYouth Manifesto & Strategic Plan for the Youth Network**

We are young people, we have been gathering in different countries, different continents and would like to express and share our thoughts.

We take part in different co-operative models, and we are all committed to the co-operative movement.

We appear and we are diverse and yet stand united as a young generation.

We want to promote youth empowerment through engagement with co-operatives.

Emily Lippold Cheney presented this work. The Youth Network Executive has, over the past few months, analysed the many different statements and manifestos that have come out of different co-op youth events over the past few years. They have picked out the following key statements that are repeated in many or all. It is proposed that the attendees work with these statements in the morning session to begin drafting a manifesto that we will push for adoption in various national, regional and

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global assemblies of the movement. We also recommend working to prioritise these statements to become the strategic plan for the Youth Network for the next few years.

The participants were asked to move into four breakout groups to discuss four different topics:

### **AUTONOMY** (Sebastien)

Despite we're bylawed by the regional sector, it is important to choose ownership! We are part an ICA body so we need quotas. We need direct participation. We need balance between the governance of ICA and the youth national associations that join us.

### **REDISTRIBUTION** (EMILY)

Create a model to redistribute wealth that provides better participation

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-ICA

-COOPS

-Youth

Give grants, mandatory allocation for youth. Money can be get from qualified coops to invest in programmes to improve capacity, building projects, training skills and financial management, sustainability. Implement a re-grant that is subject to performace indicators (create a KEEP PERFORMACE INDICATOR to obtain accountability!)

### **PARTICIPATION** (Ahsan)

Use online platforms, social media, rumia (unknown social media), strengthen networks representing regional and national members, connect to already existing networks, communicate clearly and describe what is urgent. Motivate people to participate, re-Brand coops and the youth movement. Impact hearts and minds of people. Utilise social media management tools.

Use hashtag: #coopyouth

### **REPRESENTATION** (Gaby)

Qualities representatives should have and haven't.

-Have:

Capacity and ability to represent, justice, democratically elected, potential, good spirit, be honest, responsible, and share, transparent, committed, respectful, dedicate time for the necessary activities,

-Haven't:

Lack of communication skills, too much of a personal interest, lack of priority for youth activities, lack of knowledge,

Participants were then asked to go back into the breakout groups to discuss what the Youth Network should be doing.

### **FIT IN THE EXISTENT ACTIVITIES**

#### **COMMUNICATION**

Big point suggested: each region has different social media: Wapp, line, etc.

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Social networks should be diverse. Communicate to different audience through different medias.

Transitioning the newsletter by emails to newsletter in website and blogs. Stablish brand ambassadors, people who instigate Brand coops around de world.

## **COORDINATION**

A lot of things are already aimed, they just need to be in place to close the gap and enjoy the full benefit. I believe this way we will be more coordinated.

Crossed actors' collaboration: they have a funding that can support the youth. If they're willing, that money could fund youth. Bring together various actors.

Exchange information should be done off line and online. Committees of the ICA should support us. There is a lot of knowledge but it need to be coordinated. Make an online visibility campaign.

## **PARTICIPATION**

Spent years creating programmes, statements. Being an active participant for the ICA board.

Net surplus allocation for youth.

Cover expenses on youth reps to participate.

Those who can't participate should participate online.

Bursary system to cover expenses on youth reps.

Constantly draft position papers on issues. Take a position on every statutory issue by participating in every single committee.

Provide templates of policy proposal for youth. Different languages.

## **CONSULTATION**

Get all Youth participants emails. Map youth initiatives, getting statistics for ICA, do research, have an inventory of existent coops. Include youth national associations, support youth in national ICA board, figure out if there is strong youth organisations, show strength, show assets. Surveys need people who can properly fulfill surveys, find good contacts to fill surveys.

Ideas achieved in this session will be included in our strategic plan, things will be presented during the plenary sesion. All this will address growth and challenges of the youth committee.

## **Next Meeting of the Youth Network**

The Youth Network would like to organise a Global Youth Summit in 2018. The next meeting of the Youth Network will take place during the week of the next General Assembly of the International Co-operative Alliance.

## **Executive Committee Elections**

There are two open seats on the Executive Committee, one for a member at-large in the Africa Region and one for a member at-large in the Asia-Pacific region. The Executive Committee is elected every four years, so these candidates will fill the seats until the full election at the next Youth Network Assembly in 2019.

It is not necessary for a nominee to be present in order to win the election.

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The following are the eligible candidates for **Africa**:



### **Albert Akwasi Boakye**

**Nominated by:** Ghana Co-operative Council

**Country:** Ghana

**Date of birth:** 7 December 1987

**About:** Albert Akwasi Boakye aged 30, is the Deputy Secretary-General of the Ghana Co-operative Council. This is the supra-national apex of all cooperatives in Ghana, with nine (9) National Apex Co-operative Associations affiliated to the Council. Currently, he is a member of the committee drafting the New Co-operative Bill in Ghana. He is among the few people who has been advocating for the involvement of the youth in leadership roles in Co-operatives. Awareness creation of Co-operatives Principles, Values and Benefits has been his recent core function to the youth in various Co-operative organizations and Non- cooperative organizations.



### **Koffi Kobenan Maurice**

**Nominated by:** Fédération des Unions des Sociétés Coopératives des Producteurs de la Filière Coton de Côte d'Ivoire (FPC-CI Coop CA)

**Country:** Côte d'Ivoire

**Date of birth:** 1 October 1990

**About:** Mr. KOFFI is Agroeconomist, Graduate of the School of Agronomy of INPHB in Yamoussoukro; graduated in Management and Technology of Modern Agriculture in Israel. He was a research assistant on the project "post-harvest loss, causes and solutions" sponsored by FAO and led by the School of Agronomy in Yamoussoukro. Mr. KOFFI was operating manager at an agropastoral farm in 2016 before joining the FPC-CI where he is Technical Assistant of the General Director, in charge of projects, agricultural and socio-economic issues. He also represents his boss in agricultural technical meetings.



### **Hussein Ibrahim**

**Nominated by:** Somali Union Co-operative Movement (UDHIS)

**Country:** Somalia

**Date of birth:** 25 June 1988

**About:** Hussein Ibrahim is the Cooperative Development Director at UDHIS. He received his MBA from Sudan International University. He has been working with UDHIS since April 2017. Hussein currently supervising and leading the staff of the cooperative research, information and training division, and cooperative project development division while he works in close collaboration with the Administration, Finance, Planning and Registration departments ensuring successful performance in cooperatives development. Hussein assists UDHIS projects and programs in the evaluation and refinement. He worked with UDHIS six month as voluntary for cooperatives establishment. He feel honest and integrity for his youth cooperative leadership.

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The following are the eligible candidates for **Asia-Pacific**:



### **Alireza Banaeifar**

**Nominated by:** Iran Chamber of Cooperatives (ICC)

**Country:** Iran, Islamic Republic of

**Date of birth:** 17 July 1987

**About:** I am Alireza Banaeifar, MBA Graduate, and currently working as the International Affairs Manager of Iran Chamber of Cooperatives (ICC) since 2016. I finished my master's degree in Business Administration at Istanbul University in Turkey. During my term at ICC, I have succeeded in organizing business delegations to/from other countries, holding committee meetings in different areas of activity with the presence of foreign ambassadors in Iran and their commercial attaché. I have also been an active and passionate member of ICYC in Asia-Pacific and have participated in different committee meetings, online meetings and workshops. I am currently executive manager and head of organizing team for hosting the 13th ICA-Asia Pacific regional assembly in Tehran, taking place in November 2018.



### **Ryan Miquiabas Huesca**

**Nominated by:** Aurora Integrated Multipurpose Cooperative (AIMCooP)

**Country:** Philippines

**Date of birth:** 14 December 1984

**About:** Mr. Huesca joined AIMCooP in 2007. Rose from the rank, this year is his 3rd year as Chief Operating Officer. In 6 years in the administrative function, development and representation for the laboratory (youth) coop members remains his legacy. This gave birth to partnership with Department of Education on Financial Literacy. Partnership of AIMCooP with the Philippine Government like Social Security System, Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Trade & Industry are his initiatives. Leading the team as Management Representative to ISO Certification for business sustainability and customer satisfaction since 2015.

## **Next Meeting of the Youth Network**

The next meeting of the global Youth Network will be during the Global Youth Forum - Cooperative Entrepreneurship to take place in Summer 2019 in Sri Lanka. The global Youth Network will also need to organize an Assembly to elect all members-at-large which takes place every four years. This could take place during the Global Youth Forum or during the ICA General Assembly and Global Conference to take place in September or October 2019.

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