



ICA Youth Committee & Network

About the ICA Youth Committee

Vision

Unite, promote, and represent youth in cooperatives at the global level.

Mission

Complement and contribute to the work and initiatives of the ICA in line with the ICA Global Strategy.

Build a cooperative movement in which youth participate on fully equal terms.

Role & Aims

Promote youth and provide advice.

Nurture education, training and information.

Encourage and support youth to play an important role.

Rejuvenate cooperatives with the aim of protecting and promoting the social, cultural, environmental, and economic aspirations of present and future generations.



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Activities

Enact measures to achieve **youth inclusion** within the cooperative movement:

Communicating with the wider Youth Network.

Advising the ICA and its network on matters concerning youth

Promoting cooperative entrepreneurship to empower youth in ICA bodies

Facilitating the participation of youth cooperators.

Encouraging cooperatives to adopt and implement youth inclusion strategies



Structure

During the last four years a lot has been accomplished in the Youth Network:

- Amazing projects
- Strengthened structure

One of the structural changes was the **creation of the ICA Youth Committee** as a formal Thematic Committee of the ICA.

The ICA Youth Network will continue for all youth cooperators to **support and coordinate the activities and communications** of the ICA Youth Committee.



Join the ICA YC



How you can join:

- You need to be under 35 years old.
- You need to be nominated by an ICA member or
- You need to be nominated by a youth representative.

Role of youth representatives:

Represent national youth cooperative movements and youth cooperators at the ICA YC.

Participate in ICA YC meetings and activities.

Recruit new members and liaise with other youth in your country.

Help the ICA YC meet its' goals.

Join the Youth Network

Not connected with an ICA member? Not under 35?

You can still help support and develop the cooperative youth movement by **joining as an adherent**.

Adherents will be added to the mailing list but are not eligible to vote.



Apply **online** at

<https://www.globalyouth.coop/en/become-a-youth-member>



About the ICA Youth Committee

Executive Committee

President elected directly by ICA YC members.

Four Vice-presidents elected by regional youth committees

Four Members at large, one from each region, elected by ICA YC members.

The Role of the Executive Committee is to ensure that the ICA YC achieves its aims and provide overall leadership and management.



About the ICA Youth Committee

Current ICA YC Youth Committee:

President (2022-2026)

Ana Aguirre – Spain

Vice Presidents

Africa Abubakar Sadiq Labaran – Nigeria

Americas Marcelo Portillo – Paraguay

Asia-Pacific Alireza Banaeifar – Iran

Europe Marcelina Zjawińska - Poland

Members at-large (2022-2026)

Africa Mabruck Ismail Mpangule – Tanzania

Americas Tatiana Pardo Peñuela – Colombia

Asia-Pacific Cecile Jay Masanegra – Philippines

Europe Eda Kayadibinlioğlu – Turkey



4 Regional Youth Committees / Networks



Global

Youth Network formed in 2003
Youth Committee formed in 2021
Staffed by Gretchen Hacquard



Africa

Since 2007
Staffed by Erick Obongo



Asia-Pacific

Since 2000
Formally 2006
Staffed by Shree Padmanabhan



America

Since 1997
Formally 2006
Staffed by Carlos Gonzàles



Europe

Since 2015
Staffed by Mathilde Delabie

ICA Youth Committee Work Plan 2022 – 2026

Youth Visibility, Belonging and Representation

Strengthen the position of youth in the cooperative movement.

Increase the presence and the involvement of the youth in the network and the structures of the ICA. Foster a sense of belonging.

The Youth Committee and Network is a reference for cooperative youth and cooperative networks.



Work plan

Participation & Empowerment

Identify youth cooperators in existing cooperatives and involve them in the activities of the Network.

Strengthen regional and national youth networks.

Encourage youth to join the networks at the global, regional and national levels.

Ensure youth representation, participation and widen diversity.



Work plan

Education & Training



Organise a physical global youth gathering providing #coopyouth empowerment and training (GYF).

Produce a youth cooperative leadership and training program to empower and train young leaders worldwide and support their engagement in cooperative organizations and structures.

In 2023:
International Cooperative Leadership Exchange Program – study visits.

Work plan

Cooperative Entrepreneurship



Generate more activity and projects related to youth leadership and empowerment within the movement.

Continue the Replication Project program that enables new youth-lead cooperatives to succeed develop.

Create an online training program in line with the already existing Toolkit and the Coops4Dev Young People and Cooperatives, a Perfect Match?
Report to share the knowledge in cooperatives and youth.

In 2023:
Cooperative Spring Training of Trainers –
train youth to develop youth coops.

Work plan

IT & Tech



Organise an “expert group” that can (co)lead dialogues and participate in spaces generated by the ICA in the digitization and digital development topic.

Develop a vision and a shared understanding of what cooperative technology means to the youth network and what are the spaces, enforcement, values and influences it enforces in the cooperative movement and identity.

Upcoming Events



Annual plenary meeting
in November 2023...



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