



# ICA Youth Committee & Network



#### **About the ICA Youth Comittee**

#### **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.





## **About the ICA Youth Committee**

# **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

adopt and implement youth inclusion strategies

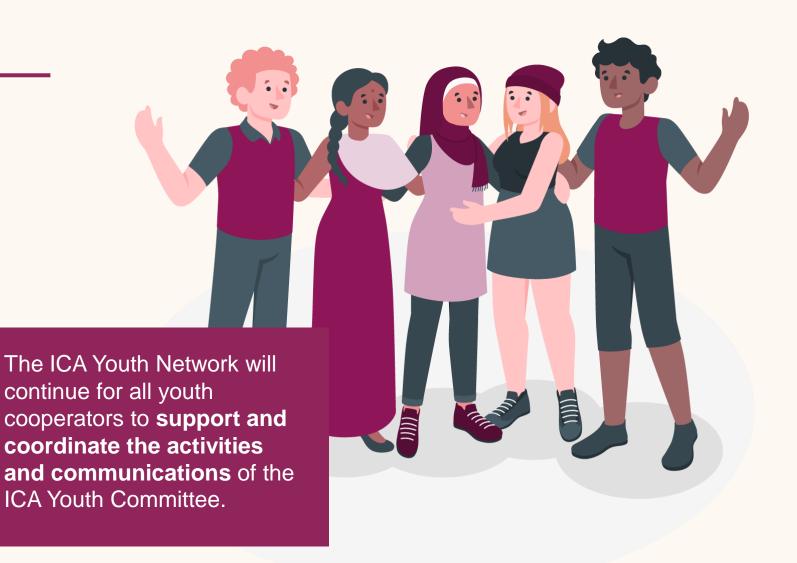


#### **Structure**

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.





#### 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 Comittee**

#### **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 Comittee**

#### **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

**America** 

Since 1997

Formally 2006 Staffed by Carlos Gonzàles **Asia-Pacific** Since 2000 Formally 2006 Staffed by Shree Padmanabhan

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.



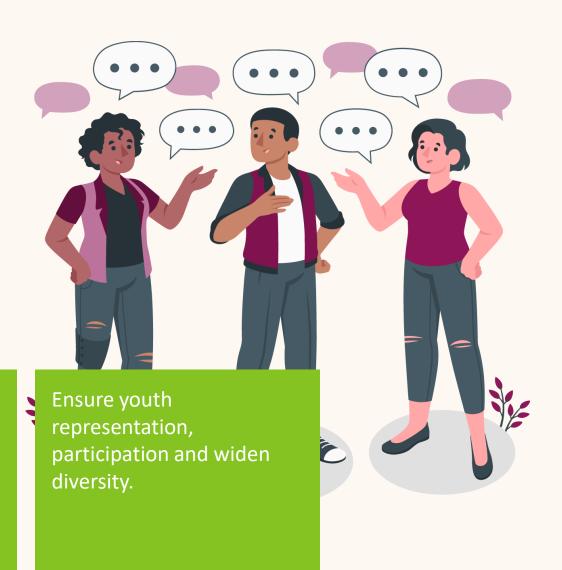


## **Participation & Empowerment**

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.





#### **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.** 



# **Cooperative Enterpreneurship**



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.



#### 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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