

# Youth Committee Annual Plenary Meeting (APM) 2023

## Meeting Documentation

**4 December 2023**

**14:30 to 16:30 CET**

**Virtual**

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## Agenda

Time	Agenda Item
<b>14:30</b>	Opening of the APM Welcome from the Chairperson Approval of the Agenda
<b>14:35</b>	Approval of the draft minutes
<b>14:40</b>	What has the Youth Committee accomplished since the last APM?
<b>15:00</b>	2024 Work Plan
<b>15:20</b>	Reports from the Regional Committees
<b>16:00</b>	Member engagement breakout groups
<b>16:30</b>	<b>Closing</b>

## General Information

The Annual Plenary Meeting will take place on 4 December 2023 online from 14:30 to 16:30 CET (Brussels time).

Register to attend [here](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lfuCqz8vGNKEStgdAVN5b-VSlYkuc4Z) and zoom will then give you the joining details: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lfuCqz8vGNKEStgdAVN5b-VSlYkuc4Z>

The meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish. Should interpretation be required, please register your interpreter with Gretchen Hacquard at [hacquard@ica.coop](mailto:hacquard@ica.coop).

The Annual Plenary Meeting will be organised in accordance with the Youth Committee Rules: <https://www.globalyouth.coop/en/media/library/governance-materials/ica-youth-committee-rules>

## Voting Procedures

The only persons allowed to participate and vote are eligible representatives of ICA member organisations who have submitted a duly filled **nomination form** signed by a **member organisation** of the ICA 6 weeks before the Annual Plenary Meeting (22 October 2023).

Should a representative not be able to attend the meeting, they can submit a proxy in writing to the Youth Committee secretariat ([hacquard@ica.coop](mailto:hacquard@ica.coop)). For a current list of representatives who you could give a proxy to, please ask the secretariat. A sample proxy letter is provided below.

### Proxy Letter

I hereby authorize <individual name> in <country> to represent me and vote on my behalf at the Youth Committee Annual Plenary Meeting to be held on 3 December 2023 online.

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

All votes will be by show of hand online because there is no election.

## Approval of Minutes

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

## Youth Committee Annual Plenary Meeting 28 September 2022 Online

Ana Aguirre, Chair of the Youth Committee, welcomed the participants and thanked those who are attending. It is very good participation with fifty (50) representatives from 22 countries attended. The Chair explained that there were two main goals to this meeting, an election for the members at large to the ICA YC Executive Committee and a presentation and input session for the 4-year Youth Workplan.

### Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously by show of hand.

## About the ICA Youth Committee

Ana Aguirre explained about the purpose of the ICA Youth Committee and how it is structured.

### Regional Youth Committees

The Regional Youth Committee Presidents were invited to present their activities in their region.

### Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the Youth Network Assembly in 2019 were approved with two against and two abstentions. The minutes from the Youth Committee Annual Plenary Meeting in April 2022 were approved unanimously.

### Election

Among the 9 members that form the ICA YC Executive committee, 4 are members at large, one from each region. The members at large are elected by all the members of the Youth Committee, unlike the Region VPs who are elected in their region. There were 9 candidates for the member at large position to serve the Youth Committee and represent their regions: 2 from Americas, 4 from Africa, 1 from Asia-Pacific and 2 from Europe.

In order to be as inclusive and accessible as possible, the election took place online using an electronic voting system. The system was open for 24 hours, giving all members spread around the globe a chance to cast their votes at a reasonable local time.

The results could not be shared right away because, learning from the past, the Rules of the new ICA YC include a weightage-based methodology to ensure balance among the regions when electing their member at large. Reference Article 8.6 of the [ICA YC Rules](#) to learn how the calculation is done. Below are the final results which were announced on 30 September 2022. The results are displayed as a percentage.

### Results from Africa

<b>Adeyemi Emmanuel BADEJO</b>	<b>Mabruck Ismail MPANGULE</b>	<b>Nareetsile ORAPELENG</b>	<b>Vhuhwavho NEMADANE</b>
<b>31%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>5%</b>

Mabruck Ismail MPANGULE from Tanzania won the Africa position.

### Results from Americas

<b>Jason Rivest</b>	<b>Tatiana Pardo</b>
<b>39%</b>	<b>61%</b>

Tatiana Pardo from Colombia won the Americas position.

### Results from Asia-Pacific

There was only one candidate from Asia-Pacific because the other candidate withdrew. Cecile Jay MASANEGRA won the Asia-Pacific position.

### Results from Europe

<b>Eda KAYADIBINLIOGLU</b>	<b>Mariana HOLYNSKA</b>
<b>68%</b>	<b>32%</b>

Eda KAYADIBINLIOGLU from Turkey won the Europe position.

***Message from the Chairperson following the results of the election***

Gatherings like this, in General Assemblies and general meetings are what we call “celebrations of the cooperative model”. It is at times like this when we really fulfil our duties and rights as members of a cooperative structure. Participation and democracy are like muscles, unless they are exercised, they become weaker.

It is with great joy that we accompany the process of preparing for this election. I am proud that 9 members of the Youth Committee were willing to actively become part of the Executive Committee.

For the 4 members that won the election, congratulations and welcome. As I also said when I was elected only a couple of months ago, this is just the beginning. To those who were not elected, please do not feel defeated, feel equally welcome. The Youth Committee is in a phase of growing and strengthening, and all hands, heads and hearts are needed for this mission.

I hope to see all of you, all members, taking an active position and feeling aligned with the workplan we shared during the meeting. This is a guide, a map that I hope may serve us as an orientation in the coming years.

We hope to see you all soon!

**Proposed Four Year Work Plan**

The Chair presented the proposed four-year work plan which was adopted without amendment.

The Chair thanked the participants for attending.

## Accomplishments

The ICA Youth Committee has accomplished a lot since the last Annual Plenary Meeting. Below are some highlights:

### Representatives

This has been the first year since the election of the new president, the members-at-large and three Vice Presidents:



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## Activities

### ● [Coop Spring Train the Trainers](#)

After the completion of the [Coop Spring Toolkit](#) there was a clear need to not only publish it openly but to create a training program for youth that could be amplifier on the reach and use of the material. The worked with Emily Lippold in the development of a train the trainer workshop online program in March. Out of 54 selected participants, 10 completed the programme to become certified Coop Spring trainers.

### ● [YLEP - Youth Leadership Exchange Program](#)

The goal was to generate two pilot programs of up to 8 people in Spain and the USA. More than 100 people from all the 4 regions applied to be selected for the two trips. The first Pilot was successfully ran in June in Spain including visits to the Cooperative ecosystem in Basque Country as well as Madrid. More information [here](#).

The second Pilot of this program happened in the USA the first week of October at the same time as the NCBA-CLUSA IMPACT conference giving our youth the chance to interact with other young (and not so young) leaders of the cooperative movement.

### ● [Youth Committee Communication material](#)

The Youth Committee worked with a professional designer to help make a presentation that the Youth Committee could use to explain who they are and what they do. You can read it [here](#).

### ● [Replication Project Youth Stories](#)

We worked with our colleagues at CoopNews to create a story compilation article that shared the results of the [Replication Projects](#):

- [Enhacing Organic Food Cropping Cooperative \(ENOFOCC\)](#), Cameroon
- [Revolusolar](#), Brasil
- [PerMaTa Cooperative](#), Indonesia
- [Young People's Multi-purpose Cooperative Society Society \(YPMCS\)](#), Zimbabwe
- [The Guild](#), Turkey
- [Od.coop](#), Poland
- [Red Root Artist Cooperative](#), Philippines

### ● [Digital and Platform Cooperatives](#)

After the mandate of the 2017 General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur, and following the work started by Ed Mayo, and in the minds of the pandemic impact in the raise of the digital transformation and re-conception, the Youth Committee decided to set among its working Pillars the development of a line of work on Digital and Platform coops.

The first activity came together in collaboration with the ICA Member CENECOP, when they decided to develop and new center for fostering the creation of digital cooperatives, CICD (Centro de Incubación de Cooperativas Digitales) with an event launched in mid-March. 6 international youth, including a member of our Youth Executive Committee, decided to join their brain power to this initiative and while working together create a Recommendation Paper to share with the Cooperative Movement and to join the effort of the ICA in this line of work.

The Youth Committee President also participated in the COODING Event in September, organised by CICOPA, where participants discussed cooperative digital innovation.

### ● [Participation in the UN High Policy Forum](#)

Since some months ago our Youth Representative Ana Aguirre sits in the Youth Dialogue Platform of the European Commission. Early July she was invited to take part in the Round Table of Intergenerational Dialogue on leveraging skills and investment to achieve the SDGs an special event in the context of the High Policy Forum 2023 at the United Nations Head Quarters in New York City.

## 2024 Work Plan

The Youth Committee proposes the following activities in 2024:

1. Engage members in achieving the Youth Committee Work Plan
2. Explore the creation of a Coop Spring MOOC
3. Create orientation packs:
  - a. How does the Youth Committee work to enable participation
  - b. How can youth representatives represent youth in the ICA and connect with members in their country?
4. Explore continuation of the Youth Leadership Exchange Program in 2025
5. Begin implementation of the youth activities in the partnership project with the European Commission.

## Member Engagement

The Youth Committee will focus on six main activity areas in 2024 and we need help from all members to reach our goals! During the Annual Plenary Meeting, we will be calling on all members of the Youth Committee to volunteer to help with one of the following projects from the Youth Committee Work Plan 2022-2026 [here](#). We will break out into 6 breakout groups during the Annual Plenary Meeting based on the six topics so that you can meet with the coordinator and begin collaboration. If you have any interest in or expertise in any of the following areas, join the breakout group!

1. Fundraising
2. Communications
3. Meeting preparation
4. IT & Tech
5. Youth Leadership Exchange Program
6. Coop Spring MOOC

--- *The official version of the text of the meeting documentation is the English version. A complementary AI translation is provided in Spanish. All language versions of the meeting documentation are available at <https://globalyouth.coop/en/events/ica-youth-committee-annual-plenary-meeting> ---*

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