

# **Youth Committee Annual Plenary Meeting (APM) 2025**

## **Meeting Documentation**

**3 July 2025**

**10:00-11:00**

**Manchester, United Kingdom**

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## Agenda

<b>9:40</b>	<b>Arrive at 1 Angel Square</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>10:00</b>	Opening of the APM Welcome from the Chairperson Approval of the Agenda
	Approval of the draft minutes
	2025 Work Plan
	Election of the President
	Reports from the Regional Committees & Announcement of new Vice President for Europe
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Closing</b>

## General Information

The Annual Plenary Meeting (APM) will take place on **3 July 2025 from 10:00 to BST at The Co-operative Group Headquarters, 1 Angel Square, M60 0AG, Manchester, United Kingdom.**

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For security reasons to enter the premises, please inform Gretchen Hacquard at [hacquard@ica.coop](mailto:hacquard@ica.coop) if you will attend.

Please **arrive by 9:45am** so that you have enough time to get through security and collect your voting materials.

The APM will take place in conjunction with the Festival of Cooperatives which you can learn more about [here](#). It will not be possible to participate online.

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

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>.

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 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.

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 Manchester, United Kingdom on 3 July.

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

Most votes will be by show of hand except for the election which will be by secret ballot.

## 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

**3 July 2024**

**New Delhi, India**

Ana Aguirre, Chair of the Youth Committee, welcomed the participants and thanked those who are attending. Nine representatives were present.

The agenda was approved unanimously by show of hand.

Ms. Ana Aguirre, President of the ICA Youth Committee, discussed the 2024 accomplishments and the 2024 Work Plan of the Youth Committee. The accomplishments and work plan can be downloaded in the meeting documents available here:

<https://globalyouth.coop/en/events/annual-plenary-meeting>

Regional reports from Africa, Americas, Asia and Pacific, and Europe were also presented by their respective representatives.

The next Annual Plenary Meeting will take place in 2025, date to be announced.

## 2025 Work Plan

ACTIONS	KPIs
<b>YOUTH</b> Action 1 - Increase membership through activities such as encouraging members of the regional youth committees to join and participate in the global Youth Committee Action 2 - Encourage the creation and development of youth cooperatives and develop youth leadership in the cooperative movement through onsite and hybrid <a href="#">Cooperative Spring Training of Trainers</a> programs. Action 3 - Organise an Annual Plenary Meeting Action 4 - Coordinate regular online Executive Committee meetings Action 5 - Encourage youth participation in IYC activities	<b>YOUTH</b> KPI 1 - Increase membership of the Youth Committee by 10% net KPI 2 - 3 onsite, online and/or hybrid Cooperative Spring trainings KPI 3 - 1 onsite or online Annual Plenary Meeting KPI 4 - 6 online Executive Committee meetings

## Election of the President

The purpose of this meeting will be to fill the vacancy of the current President of the Youth Committee, Ana Aguirre, until the end of the term in 2026. Three candidates were determined to be eligible by the Elections Committee.

### Dulce BUSTAMANTE from the Philippines



31 years old.

Atty. Dulce S. Bustamante-Delmo is the Executive Director of the Union of Legitimate Service Contracting Cooperatives in the Philippines, a cooperative union whose main advocacy is for the development, training, and support to labor service cooperatives.

She also serves as the Chairperson of the ICA-AP Committee on Youth Cooperation and the ex-officio Vice-President for Asia Pacific of the ICA Youth Committee. She is also a founding member of Young Entrepreneurs Service Cooperative, the first youth cooperative in their local region.

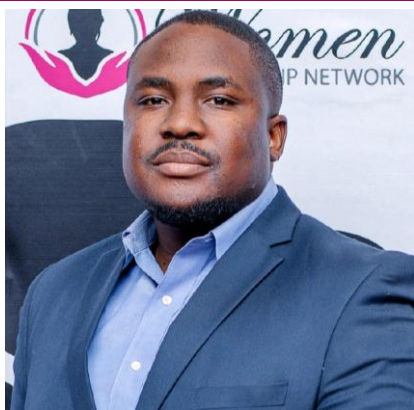
She is also the Managing Partner of a law firm based in the Philippines.

As a cooperator, she has taken on various roles as trainer and program implementor especially in the development of laboratory and youth cooperatives. Now in the labor and service sector, her advocacy is to promote cooperative laws and framework locally and internationally. Her expertise includes youth development, labor service, governance, and cooperatives.

**Read the letter of motivation here:**

<https://cloud.ica.coop/index.php/s/PFK9nezBHCLz5iS>

## Tinotenda NYAMUKUWA from Zimbabwe



30 years old.

Tinotenda Ronald Nyamukuwa is a 30-year-old business leader and passionate advocate for grassroots empowerment, with over five years of experience supporting youth and women entrepreneurs. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Information Systems and a Master of Technology in Strategy and Innovation. A multi-award winner, Tinotenda co-founded Zimbabwe's first ICT cooperative and played a key role in a national initiative to build a database connecting cooperatives across the country, in collaboration with ZINAHCO—an affiliate of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA). He currently serves as Secretary of TechUnity, where he champions innovation for cooperatives.

**Watch the candidate video here:**

<https://cloud.ica.coop/index.php/s/GX75CXPJEpAf8a8>

**Read the letter of motivation here:**

<https://cloud.ica.coop/index.php/s/EQHjw5363KMYHat>

## Harsh Mukeshbhai SANGHANI from India



20 years old.

I'm Harsh Mukeshbhai Sanghani, a passionate cooperator building 21st-century solutions through 100-year-old ancient values. From empowering farmers as Yuva Agriculture Minister of Gujarat to launching the *Youth in Cooperatives* movement, my journey has always been about unlocking the full potential of cooperative models—beyond tradition, into transformation.

I believe the future of cooperatives lies not just in agriculture and finance, but in AI, cybersecurity, climate tech, and digital infrastructure. That's why I've championed farmer-owned Carbon Credit Cooperatives and helped prototype cooperative

models in frontier sectors. My advocacy at the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2025 positioned cooperatives as the fastest route to achieving the SDGs.

If elected President of the ICA Youth Committee, I will work to launch the Global Digital Cooperative Incubator, the Youth Cooperative Leadership Academy, and a global Youth Cooperative Policy Forum—making youth not just participants, but pioneers.

2025 is the International Year of Cooperatives. Let's make it the year youth take the lead.

**Together, we can build a world where every solution begins with “we.”**

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<https://cloud.ica.coop/index.php/s/5Bx4m67rNwR9pJW>

**Read the letter of motivation here:**

<https://cloud.ica.coop/index.php/s/NSRQr9jD6EtqYEi>

## Membership Recruitment

Membership recruitment for the ICA Youth Committee is always ongoing. To recruit new members:

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

Yes, that's right, as a member, you can nominate up to 10 youth representatives from your own country!

Download the form from the ICA YC website: <https://globalyouth.coop/en/newsroom/news/join-new-ica-thematic-committee-youth>

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*--- 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-YC-APM-event-2025> ---*