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The future and present of our Co-operative movement and the Africa continent is in our hands. We can choose to be spectators and blame everyone else for our status quo or being actors and sacrifice together to change our destiny”

Dr. Chiyoge Sifa
Regional Director of The Alliance Africa

Our co-applicant partners in Africa are the following:

KENYA

The Co-operative University of Kenya (CUK).

RWANDA

National Co-operative Confederation of Rwanda (NCCR)

ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe National Association of Housing Cooperatives (ZINAHCO)

TANZANIA

Moshi Co-operative University (MoCU)

Tanzania Federation of Co-operatives (TFC)

UGANDA

Uganda Co-operative Alliance (UCA)



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CO-OPERATIVISM IN THE WORLD

"We represent 1,200 million co-operative members. It is likely that no other economic, social and political movement in the world has grown as much we have in the last 200 years, yet the growth is not the most important. We consume, produce and use the planet's resources in solidarity with our environment and communities. That is why we are a key actor in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals"

Ariel Guarco
President of the International Co-operative Alliance

+1,200M
people associated to
co-operatives

1 out of 6
people on the planet
is a co-operator

280M

people employed
around the world
(representing 10% of the
global employed population)

\$2.398B

per year in turnover by the 300 biggest co-operatives in 28 of the
countries registered in the World Co-operative Monitor

We contribute to sustainable economic growth and quality and stable employment



**International
Co-operative
Alliance**

Founded in 1895, the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) is a non-governmental organization that unites, represents and serves co-operatives worldwide. The ICA directly represents 700 million people through, approximately, 312 members from 109 different countries.

The ICA works with global and regional governments and organisations to create the legislative environments that allow cooperatives to form and grow and advocates for a distinctive business model based on international values and principles. It has also been the first NGO having obtained the consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council in 1946.

To implement its activities, the International Cooperative Alliance is organised in a Global Office based in Brussels and four Regional Offices (Africa, Americas, Asia-Pacific, and Europe).



The Alliance Africa is one of the four regional offices of the International Co-operative Alliance that serves, unites and represents member organizations in Africa by promoting and strengthening autonomous and viable co-operatives through capacity building and policy advocacy for the socio-economic benefit of its members.

With a total membership of 37 organizations across 22 countries, The Alliance Africa addresses human development needs of existing and potential co-operatives in Africa with special focus on participation (women and youth), sustainability, identity, legal framework and co-operative capital.



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The communication from the European Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions from September 2012, entitled 'The roots of democracy and sustainable development: Europe's engagement with civil society in external relations', explicitly recognized co-operatives as a relevant civil society actor.

‘CO-OPERATIVES IN DEVELOPMENT: People-centred businesses in action’

It is a Framework Partnership Agreement between the International Co-operative Alliance (the global office and its four regional offices) and the European Commission, that aims to promote and give visibility to co-operatives in international development. Within the framework of this partnership, we conduct research projects, visibility actions, capacity building initiatives, we strengthen the networking among our members, Civil Society Organisations and international institutions. Through international development actions with regional and global impact, we also promote the co-operative model as a key development actor for the sake of the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations Agenda 2030.

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