
13TH AFRICA MINISTERIAL COOPERATIVE CONFERENCE (AMCCO)

Venue: St. Regis Almasa Capital Convention Center; EGYPT

17th – 20th October, 2022

THEME: Growing Africa Together: The role of African Cooperatives in accelerating Sustainable Development Goals (2030) and the Africa We Want (Agenda 2063)

ICA-Africa and its members in Egypt are hosting the 13th AMCCO conference which will be held from 17th - 20th October 2022 in Egypt at the St. Regis Almasa Capital Convention Center.

AMCCO is a forum that aims to improve the relations between governments in Africa and their respective cooperative movements. This space for engagement was created through the Africa Ministerial Cooperative Conferences that was first held in 1984. At this inaugural meeting held in Botswana, Ministers and cooperative leaders agreed to meet every three years to review progress and set targets for the future. This forum is usually backed by the Technical Committee Meeting of Africa Ministerial Cooperative Conference (TCAMCCO). The committee is made up of cooperative leaders, i.e. commissioners/registrars/directors from different countries. These leaders engage and make discussions between national Cooperative movements and their counterpart governments on topics that are important to Cooperative development in the region.

The theme of the 2022 conference is: **Growing Africa Together: The role of African Cooperatives in accelerating Sustainable Development Goals (2030) and the Africa We Want (Agenda 2063).**

The 2022 conference has six sub-themes:

Theme 1: Governments Support and enabling environments for Cooperatives

- Government support to cooperatives in challenging world
- Continental and financial institutions and cooperatives working environment
- Dealing with challenges facing cooperatives in the construction industry and other cooperative activities
- National, regional and interregional cooperative bodies and their potential in Africa's development.
- Cooperative joint projects (ventures) between African countries.
- Mutual benefits of international projects targeting the African continent.
- Use of technologies and digital transformation to enhance cooperative projects.

Theme 2: “Cooperation among cooperatives”: An integrated socio-economic development model

- Patterns of “cooperation among cooperatives” as an integrated development

model.

- Mechanisms to enhance cooperatives roles in realizing Agenda 2063 & the SDGs2030.
- The role of cooperative financial institutions in achieving “cooperation among cooperatives” for accelerated continental development.
- Best practices and experiences in developing innovative construction systems and low- cost housing construction through “cooperation among cooperatives.”
- Addressing global ultimate challenges (COVID19, War, Value Chain...etc.) through cooperation among cooperatives

Theme 3: Cooperatives and Community Development

- The role of cooperative joint ventures in consolidating economic integration and socio-economic development among African countries.
- The effect of global changes on African cooperative projects.
- Stimulating social participation and empowerment through cooperatives.
- Transforming socioeconomic development through agricultural cooperatives.
- The role of cooperative education and training to create employment opportunities
- Achieving Sustainable Land Management (SLM) and development through locally adapted cooperative policies in line with Africa’s land ownership patterns.
- Best practices and experiences from cooperatives (e.g., with low-income housing).
- The role of Worker Cooperatives in Community Development
- Strengthening Participation of Youth, Women and PWDs in Cooperative Development Agenda

Theme 4: Maximizing the benefits of the “African Continental Free Trade Agreement” (AFCFTA, 2019) through Cooperatives.

- The role and benefits for cooperatives in achieving AFCFTA’s goals in the global marketplace.
- Promoting the role of cooperatives among African countries in the AFCFTA to establish an African single market.
- The role of different cooperative sectors through exploring the best practices in this regard.
- The role of Cairo - Cape town Road (Pan-African Highway) in boosting intra-African trade among cooperatives

Theme 5: Legal and regulatory policy frameworks.

- Exchanging and developing legal, administrative frameworks, codes and regulations in accordance with each country's regulations; legal, administrative, engineering, financial and cooperative conditions.
- International and regional commitment to certified charters relevant to improving, sharing and following- up the cooperative work and knowledge among cooperatives.
- The role of the "International Human Rights System" in building an integrated cooperative society.
- Necessity of policy and legislative reforms to keep abreast with the SDGs 2030 and Agenda 2063 requirements.
- Rethinking on model African cooperative development policy

Theme 6: Cooperatives and Climate Change

- The contribution of cooperatives in climate change adaptation
- The use of renewable energy sources in cooperative projects innovative approaches in planning and architecture to meet environmental needs and achieve sustainability.
- Urban and architectural design approaches in cooperatives to reduce energy consumption and participate in the Global efforts to combat climate change Environmental Impact Assessment of cooperative projects.
- Best practice and experiences of cooperatives.

Submission Guidelines:

Interested authors should submit their abstracts by **2nd September, 2022** at chc.egypt.coop@gmail.com and cc info@icaafrica.coop mentioning as the email's subject "ICA-Africa AMCCO Abstract Submission."

Authors of abstracts of papers addressing the themes of the conference will be selected and requested to submit full papers to be considered for presentation. Priority will be given to policy-and-solution oriented papers. Young researchers, academia and practitioners are encouraged to submit their abstracts. One key objective of the conference being to share knowledge that enables Cooperatives and other stakeholders in Africa to engage effectively in national, regional and international cooperation. **Key dates for the conference are as follows:**

Annotation	Deadline
Deadline for submission of abstracts	2nd Sept
Notification of acceptance of abstracts	10 th Sept
Deadline for paper submissions	21 st Sept
Notification of acceptance of papers	25 th Sept
Last day for registration for presenters	30 th Sept
Conference	17 th – 20 th October

Review Process:

Papers received will be peer reviewed through a blind review process by the co-organizing institutions. The papers will be subjected to plagiarism check, and those which meet accepted standards will be accepted for presentation.

Sponsorship:

Authors will be exempted to pay registration fees; however, they are expected to cover their travel, accommodation and daily subsistence costs. It is expected that where a paper is jointly written by a team of authors, only one author will attend the Conference to make a presentation on behalf of the other authors.

Abstract guidelines

The following should be included in the abstract: Title, name and affiliation of the author(s); contact of corresponding author; a brief background/context and problem; objectives; theoretical anchorage/conceptual framework; methodology; results; conclusions; and recommendations.

Flexibility will be excised to provide for abstracts for papers from different approaches and disciplines. The abstract, which should have a maximum of 300 words, should be submitted in English, in New Times Roman, italicized, single spacing with 3-5 keywords in bold at the bottom of the abstract.

For further information, please read Concept Note on here -

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