



**THE 13TH AFRICA MINISTERIAL COOPERATIVE CONFERENCE
CAIRO - EGYPT
17th -20th OCTOBER 2022**

**CAIRO DECLARATION
FOR REGIONAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT**



We, the ministers responsible for Cooperative development in Africa, assembled in Cairo, the Arab Republic of Egypt from 17-20th October 2022 for the 13th AMCCO to review the implementation of the agreed Cooperative Programme of Action of the 12th AMCCO in Abuja Nigeria and to commit to key actions, looking into the future, and priorities to expeditiously achieve the goals and objectives of the Cooperative movement in Africa.

BEING AWARE: Of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and other crisis in aggravating global poverty, hunger and inequality and the **cooperative business model's resilience against such shocks.**

NOTING: That Cooperatives can bring accelerated development in both rural and urban areas with appropriate Cooperative driven infrastructure for agricultural, banking, insurance, transport, housing, consumers, savings and credit through, wealth creation, job creation, access to markets, finance and acting as a partner in the achievement of the Africa Union Agenda 2063 and the 2030, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

BELIEVE: That the fundamental role of governments in aligning and providing an enabling environment and supportive services to aid in Cooperative Development in line with their country's strategic development road maps, AU agenda 2063 and the 2030 SDGs.

AFFIRMING: That given the prevailing conditions of the rural, peri-urban and urban masses in the Africa region and convinced that meaningful development must embrace the needs expressed by citizens. Cooperatives being people-centred, value-based businesses offer the best enterprise alternative for sustainable livelihoods.

ACKNOWLEDGING: That necessary steps should be taken to provide appropriate physical infrastructures, enact appropriate legislations and policies to enable Cooperative development in the African continent;

CONSIDERING: That Cooperative movement will play a great role in enhancing collaboration, partnerships and interlinkages particularly through trade, entrepreneurial skills, knowledge transfer, markets and their power of networks among member countries in line with the AU Agenda 2063 and the 2030 SDGs in improving the quality of life for all.

SUPPORTING:

- Appraisal of the First Ten-Year Implementation Plan (FTYIP) of Agenda 2063 (2013 – 2023) to identify the cooperative challenges and opportunities among African countries.
- The continued recognition by UN agencies of the role of cooperatives in achieving sustainable development by incorporating cooperatives into the SDGs' indicators, targets, and funding mechanisms.
- The promotion of the cooperative identity across African countries and recognition of cooperatives as actors in development in the region.
- Re-defining a new economic paradigm that enhances sustainable development through appropriate incentives to cooperatives
- Creation of enabling environment for cooperation would create momentum for the economic growth of cooperatives, as well as providing direct benefit to the members and contribute to the growth of national economies.

PLEDGE: That due assistance shall be given to Cooperative movement, particularly enhancing the capacity of the ICA-Africa through the governments contributions to the Africa Endowment Trust Fund as per the 9th AMCCO resolutions but also to national structures in the field of manpower development, women and youth programmes, finance, establishment of national and regional Cooperative institutions such as Cooperative banks, colleges, insurance and agro-based entities, housing and health systems organisations for cooperative members.

DECLARE: on this 19th day of October 2022 here in Cairo, the Arab Republic of Egypt that the future efforts for Cooperative development in the region be **DEDICATED** to:

- Cooperation among Cooperatives
- Access to markets and Coop to Coop trade
- Inclusive Participation in Cooperatives
- Empowering Cooperative development policies and legal frameworks
- Climate Change
- Digitalization
- Cooperative Entrepreneurship
- Education, Skills and Knowledge

- o Access to Finance
- o Facilitate access to affordable health services to promote well-being for all
- o Facilitate access to affordable housing services for all
- o Research and Innovation
- o Partnerships and Collaborations
- o Establish an effective monitoring and evaluation mechanisms

RESOLVE: To abide by the above and to continue meeting every three years with mid-term reviews and to appraise progress made.

In approval of the Declaration, we, the ministers and leaders of delegations present here in CAIRO, the Arab Republic of EGYPT do hereby append our signatures:

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