

**2022**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**



# THE YEAR IN BRIEF

Reflecting on 2022, we were happy to have returned with physical meetings and conference where the leadership of the ICA-Africa North Africa sub-regional office were able to engage with their counterparts in the northern sub-region to discuss on future engagement and collaborations that will promote cooperatives in North Africa and beyond. Then mid-year, we hosted the 9th Technical Committee of the Africa Ministerial Cooperative Conference in Kenya - that gave countries an opportunity to present on their country progress reports as well as setting the the agenda for the 13th Africa Ministerial Cooperative Conference (AMCCO). This was coupled up by a thematic conference on Accelerating Cooperation among Cooperatives in the Post Covid-19 Era and ICA-Africa statutory meetings (including board meeting, trustees meeting and members forum).

In October, we hosted the 13th Africa Ministerial Cooperative Conference (AMCCO) in Egypt to provide a forum for cooperative policy makers in government and the cooperative movement to review past performance and provide direction for cooperative development in Africa for the next three years. This event also had a number of activities organized around it; the ICA-Africa members' forum, regional board meeting, the 1st African Cooperative Housing Training Program and 4th International Conference for Cooperative Housing.

In governance, we were happy to fill the position of Youth Representative in the ICA-Africa regional board. Where Mr. Abubakar Sadiq Labaran was elected as the 2nd President of ICA-Africa Youth Network in a by-election that took place during the Members' Forum in October in Egypt. Notably, we were pleased by Mr. George Magutu's (Chairman of KUSCCO and ICA-Africa Vice -President) victory, joining the ICA Board as a member at large. Mr. Magutu became the first African cooperator to be democratically elected in the ICA board as a member at large.

Under Youth, we held the second edition of the Global Cooperative Entrepreneurs (GCE) scale-up programme in Kenya with support from We Effect. Qualified youth attended a training in December so that they are able to realize their dreams through the cooperative business model.

In research, in collaboration with the ODCD International Cooperative Research Group, we launched the dissemination cycle of collaborative Research for cooperative resilience program at the Africa policy Forum on Cooperative Resilience What the Evidence Suggests.

2022 also marked the launch of our new strategic plan for the next decade. The Africa Cooperative Development Strategy 2023 – 2033, with the theme 'One Cooperative – One Africa' presenting the path forward for cooperative development in Africa.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated members, the board, staff, partners, and all other stakeholders for their unwavering support as we continue in our mission to foster and develop the cooperative business model in the African region.

# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

## PROMOTION OF COOPERATIVES IN THE NORTH AFRICAN REGION - EGYPT



The leadership of the ICA-Africa North Africa Sub-Regional office and the Chairman of the General Authority for Construction and Housing Cooperatives (CHC) - Dr. Eng. Hossam Rizk, hosted a meeting for the North African Ambassadors in Egypt. The purpose for the meeting was to discuss the future engagement and collaborations that will promote cooperatives in North Africa and beyond.

## ESTABLISHING DEEPER COOPERATIVE TIES



ICA-Africa President, Chief Oriyomi Ayeola paid a courtesy visit to Egypt in the month of March where he met with the leadership of the ICA-Africa North Sub-regional office - Dr. Eng Hossam Rizk and the Director of the Office of Development and Cooperation (ODCO) from Morocco Mr. Youssef Hosni on cooperative development matters in the region. The meeting was anchored on different developmental topics including cooperatives collaborations so as to strengthen the regions cooperative movement; sharing of experiences more so from the agricultural and handicrafts sectors in Morocco and discussions on having a well-structured data platform for cooperatives mostly in the northern part of Africa.

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## THE 9TH TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE AFRICA MINISTERIAL COOPERATIVE CONFERENCE (TCAMCCO).



ICA-Africa organized for the 9th Technical Committee of the Africa Ministerial Cooperative Conference (TCAMCCO) from 24th - 26th May 2022 themed “Accelerating Cooperation among Cooperatives in the Post Covid-19 Era”.

The conference brought together government officials, cooperative leaders and other stakeholders to deliberate on how best cooperatives could foster accelerated cooperation amongst themselves at national, regional and global level beyond Covid-19.

## ICA-AFRICA MEMBERS’ FORUM



ICA - Africa held a physical Members’ Forum on 24th May, 2022 in Mombasa - Kenya.

## AFRICA POLICY FORUM: COOPERATIVE RESILIENCE WHAT THE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS.



ICA-Africa and OCDC International Cooperative Research Group launched the dissemination cycle of collaborative Research for cooperative resilience program at the 9th Technical Committee of the Africa Ministerial Cooperative Conference in Mombasa - Kenya. The research study on, 'Adoption of Climate-Smart Agricultural Practices that Contribute to the Resilience of Small-Scale Farmers' was carried out in five East Africa countries of Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda.

## ICA - AFRICA 41ST REGIONAL BOARD MEETING



ICA-Africa held its 41st Regional Board Meeting on 23rd May, 2022 in Mombasa - Kenya. They were joined by Africoopers In-Tech and ICA-Africa North Africa Sub-regional office representatives to discuss on the Africa Cooperative Development strategy 2023- 2030 and sub-regional updates respectively.

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## GEORGE MAGUTU ELECTED AS ICA BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE.



Mr. George Magutu Mwangi was elected as ICA Board Member at large during the ICA General Assembly 2022 in Seville - Spain. Mr. Magutu is the Chairman of Kenya Union of Savings and Credit Cooperatives (KUSCCO) and also the Vice President of ICA – Africa Board. He becomes the first African cooperator to be democratically elected in the ICA board as a member at large.

## 13TH AFRICA MINISTERIAL COOPERATIVE CONFERENCE



The 13th Africa Ministerial Cooperative Conference (AMCCO) drew participation of about 249 participants from 44 countries. The AMCCOs main objective is to provide a forum for cooperative policy makers in government and the cooperative movement to review past performance and provide direction for cooperative development in Africa.

The highlight was on the commitment from African Cooperative ministers to follow and implement the recommendations of the 13th Africa Ministerial Cooperative Conference as enlisted in the Cairo Africa Ministerial Cooperative Conference Declaration 2022

## THE ROLE OF AFRICAN COOPERATIVES IN ACCELERATING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (2030) AND THE AFRICA WE WANT (AGENDA 2063).



ICA-Africa together with the General Authority for Construction and Housing Cooperative (CHC), organized for a thematic conference on Growing Africa Together: The role of African Cooperatives in accelerating Sustainable Development Goals (2030) and the Africa We Want (Agenda 2063) during the 13th Africa Ministerial Cooperative Conference (AMCCO) in Cairo – Egypt.

### ICA-AFRICA MEMBERS' FORUM.



ICA - Africa held a Members' Forum on 16th October, 2022 in Cairo - Egypt. Some of the items on the agenda were the youth representative by-election, presentation and validation of the Africa Cooperative Development strategy 2023 – 2033, updates from the ICA-Africa South Sub-regional office and others.

### 42ND ICA-AFRICA REGIONAL BOARD MEETING.



ICA-Africa held its 42nd Regional Board Meeting on 16th October, 2022 in Cairo - Egypt.

## ICA-AFRICA LAUNCHED A NEW STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE NEXT DECADE



ICA-Africa launched its strategic plan for the next 10 years, Africa Cooperative Development Strategy 2023 – 2033 theme ‘One Cooperative – One Africa’. The document was unveiled during the 13th Africa Ministerial Cooperative Conference that took place in Cairo-Egypt.

The Africa Cooperative Development Strategy 2023-2033 presents the path forward for cooperative enterprise development in Africa over the next ten years. It is the result of a thorough review of relevant documents, consultations, and refinement process that considers the changing socio-economic context as well as the lessons learnt during the implementation of the 2017-2020 Strategy and previous other strategies. Access the document [here](#).

## ABUBAKAR LABARAN ELECTED AS THE 2ND ICA-AFRICA YOUTH PRESIDENT.



Mr. Labaran was elected as the 2nd President of ICA-Africa Youth Network in a by-election that took place during the Members' Forum on 16th October, 2022 in Cairo-Egypt. He will now fill the position of Youth Representative in the ICA-Africa Regional Board. Read [More](#).



## GLOBAL COOPERATIVE ENTREPRENEURS (GCE) YOUTH AMBASSADOR TRAINING PROGRAM



The 2nd Edition of the Global Cooperative Entrepreneurs Youth Ambassador Training was held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 8th to 9th of December. This experimental mentoring initiative aims to provide support to youth who are interested in starting cooperatives. During the training youth are taken through a three-step process where they are mobilized to work together to address community needs by establishing cooperatives.

## SECTORAL ORGANISATIONS & COMMITTEES

### INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS



The ICA Gender Equality Committee organized a webinar on the 25th November 2022, themed “Cooperatives join activism to end violence against women and girls” where the ICA-Africa GEC Chairperson, Prof. Esther was a speaker.

### THE ICA YOUTH NETWORK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Mabruck Ismail Mpangule from Tanzania Federation of Cooperatives (TFC) was elected to the ICA Youth Committee as a member-at-large during the ICA Youth Committee Annual Plenary Meeting that was held online on 28 September 2022.

# WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

## CENTRAL HOUSING COOPERATIVE UNION (CHCU)- EGYPT

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HOUSING UNION



CHCU is a non-governmental organisation whose members are the cooperative housing societies in Egypt. Their aims are to provide adequate modern housing for middle to low-income citizens at real cost while providing necessary services that would benefit members. All housing cooperatives are under the supervision, assistance and direction of CACU by Egyptian law. The General Assembly is made up of the cooperative housing societies and they elect the Board of Directors. They were previously a member of the ICA from 2009 to 2015 and before that from 1984 to 2005. They ceased membership because the cooperative movement was inactive for a few years due to the uprisings (Arab Spring). They were previously called the Federation of Cooperative Housing (FCH).

## NORTH WEST COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LTD (NWCA LTD) - CAMEROON.



NWCA is an apex of a three-tiered cooperative network with 35,000 smallholder peasant farmers. The farmers are grouped into 43 cooperative produce marketing societies at the base and 13 secondary cooperative unions spread throughout 34 subdivisions of the North West region of Cameroon. NWCA's objective is production, processing and marketing of members produce mainly coffee. They are involved in the coffee value chain from farm to shelf. NWCA has exported green coffee for over 30 years. They play an active role in the socioeconomic development of their members through social, economic, and infrastructure development. They are one of the biggest production, processing and marketing cooperative networks in Cameroon. Find More about [NWCA](#).

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# WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

## COOPÉRATIVE CENTRALE D'ÉPARGNE ET DE CRÉDIT DU KIVU (COOCEC-KIVU) - DRC.



COOCEC-KIVU is a grouping of primary savings and credit cooperatives. It remains the only COOCEC operational in the Democratic Republic of Congo out of a dozen that existed in the 1990s. COOCEC-KIVU was the mother of nearly 95 percent of the primary savings and credit cooperatives in Kivu (a region of the country), most of which fell into disrepair as a result of the war and others that collapsed as a result of poor management. Currently, COOCEC-KIVU is operating with seven accredited COOPEC's in membership and are accompanying two additional who are in the process of seeking their accreditation. It has nearly 25,000 individual savings members and 2,000 borrowers.