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NAIROBI DECLARATION FOR REGIONAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT



We, the Ministers responsible for Cooperative Development in Africa, meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, for the 14th Africa Ministerial Cooperative Conference (AMCCO), convened under the theme: "From Commitment to Action: Leveraging Global, Regional, and Local Partnerships for Sustainable Cooperative Development in Africa," reaffirm the central role of cooperatives in achieving inclusive, just, and sustainable development across our continent.

Building on the 2022 Cairo Declaration and the Cooperative Programme of Action agreed upon at the 13th AMCCO, we commit to translating political will into measurable actions that accelerate job creation, economic inclusion, resilience, and sustainable cooperative development in Africa.

WE RECOGNIZE:

- The proclamation of 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives, underscoring the sector's contribution to sustainable development.
- That cooperatives build a better world by offering inclusive and intergenerational solutions in agriculture, finance, housing, health, insurance, transport, consumer services, climate change and renewable energy: creating jobs, wealth, and community-focused growth.
- That cooperatives are indispensable partners in achieving Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with governments responsible for ensuring enabling policy, legal, and institutional frameworks.
- The historic role of AMCCO since 1984 as the premier continental platform for cooperative policy dialogue.
- The urgent need to shift from declarations to concrete actions through stronger global, regional, and local partnerships.

WE SUPPORT:

- The AU Pan-African Parliament's Model Law on Cooperatives as a guiding framework for harmonizing cooperative legislation across Africa.
- The AU Ten-Year Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) Strategy (2023–2033) as a framework for expanding Cooperatives and SSEs across Africa.
- The ICA-Africa Strategic Plan (2026–2030) to operationalize ICA's global vision to *Practice, Promote, and Protect* cooperative identity in Africa.
- The integration of cooperatives into Agenda 2063 and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), recognizing them as drivers of inclusive trade, industrialization, and continental integration.
- The continued recognition of cooperatives by Governments, Regional Economic Communities, AU institutions, UN agencies, Development Partners, Research Institutions, as key actors in achieving the SDGs.

WE PLEDGE TO:

- Strengthen the capacity of ICA-Africa through contributions to the Africa Cooperative Endowment Trust Fund, as resolved at the 9th AMCCO, and reinforce national structures for manpower development, youth and women empowerment, and cooperative financing.
- Support the establishment and growth of specialized cooperative institutions, such as cooperative banks, insurance entities, universities/colleges, worker cooperatives, platform cooperatives, agro-based enterprises, housing, and health systems organizations.

WE DECLARE THAT FUTURE ACTIONS SHALL BE DEDICATED TO:

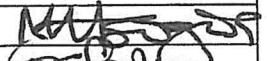
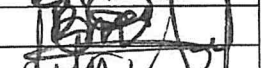
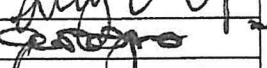
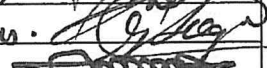
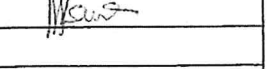
1. Strengthening enabling environments through conducive legal, policy, and institutional frameworks anchored on the Model Law on Cooperatives in Africa, while safeguarding cooperative identity.
2. Promoting inclusivity by expanding opportunities for youth, women, and marginalized groups within cooperatives.
3. Advancing cooperative competitiveness in local, regional, and global markets, including participation in the AfCFTA.
4. Mobilizing political will to ensure commitments translate into measurable cooperative development initiatives.
5. Scaling cooperative education, training, research, and digitization, while enhancing cross-border collaboration to build resilient cooperative networks.
6. Establishing a Regional Cooperative Development Committee working with ICA-Africa and nested within the Technical Committee of AMCCO (TCAMCCO), to guide policy coherence and monitor implementation.
7. Encouraging cooperation among cooperatives to address emerging challenges such as climate change, inequality, food insecurity, and digital transformation.

8. Expanding access to affordable housing, healthcare, financial services, and essential amenities through cooperative models.
9. Building strategic partnerships to expand resources and strengthen cooperative ecosystems at all levels.
10. Developing robust monitoring, evaluation, and accountability mechanisms to track progress and impact.

WE RESOLVE TO:

1. Provide the political leadership required to implement this Declaration.
2. Mobilize domestic resources, innovative financing, and policy reforms to strengthen cooperatives as engines of Africa's transformation.
3. Undertake mandatory mid-term reviews before the next AMCCO to assess progress and ensure accountability.
4. Reconvene at the 15th AMCCO in 2028 with evidence of measurable progress and impact.

In affirmation of this Declaration, we, the Ministers and Heads of Delegation gathered in **Nairobi, Kenya**, on this **9th day of October 2025**, hereby adopt and commit to its full implementation.

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