

FAO Publications on cooperatives

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2012

- Good practices in building innovative rural institutions to increase food security (pdf)
 - Executive Summary: Good practices in building innovative rural institutions to increase food security (pdf)

2007

- The urban producer's resource book: A practical guide for working with low income urban and peri-urban producers organizations (html)
 - French: Manuel de référence du producteur urbain: Guide pratique pour travailler avec les organisations de producteurs urbains et périurbains à faible revenu (html)
 - Spanish: Manual de consulta del productor urbano: Una guía práctica para trabajar con organizaciones de productores urbanos y periurbanos de ingresos bajos (html)

2006

- Promoting farmer entrepreneurship through producer organizations in Central and Eastern Europe (html)
- Restructuration et renforcement des capacités des institutions de développement rural (html)
- The role of local institutions in reducing vulnerability to recurrent natural disasters and in sustainable livelihoods (html)

2005

- Organizations of the poor: Conditions for success (pdf)
- Rapid guide for missions: Analysing local institutions and livelihoods (html)

2004

- Computerizing agricultural cooperatives: A practical guide (html)
 - French: Informatisation des coopératives agricoles: Guide pratique (html)
 - Spanish: Informatización de cooperativas agrícolas: guía práctica (html)
- New strategies for mobilizing capital in agricultural cooperatives (html)
- Promoting rural women's cooperative businesses in Thailand: A training kit (html)

2003

- A handbook for training of disabled on rural enterprise development (html)
- Handbook on Small Enterprises for Hill Tribe People in Thailand (html)
- Local institutions and livelihoods: Guidelines for analysis (html)
- The Group Savings Resource Book - A Practical Guide to Help Groups Mobilize and Manage Their Savings (html)
 - Arabic: كتيب موارد إدخال المجموعات (html)
 - French: Manuel de référence de l'épargne collective: Guide pratique pour aider les groupes à mobiliser et gérer leur épargne (html)
 - Spanish: Manual de consulta sobre el ahorro de grupo: Guía práctica para ayudar a los grupos en la movilización y gestión de sus ahorros (html)

2001

- Agricultural cooperative development: A manual for trainers (pdf)
 - French: Développement des coopératives agricoles: Manuel à l'intention des formateurs (pdf)
 - Spanish: Desarrollo cooperativo agrícola: Un manual para capacitadores (pdf)
- Institutions and sustainable livelihoods (html)
- The inter-group resource book: A guide to building small farmer group associations and networks (html)
 - Arabic (html)
 - French: Manuel de référence pour les associations intergroupes : Guide pratique pour la constitution d'associations et réseaux de groupes de petits agriculteurs (html)
 - Spanish: Guía para el desarrollo de asociaciones intergrupales: Una guía para formar asociaciones y redes de grupos de pequeños agricultores (html)

1999

- Capital formation in Kenyan farmer-owned cooperatives: A case study (html)
- Las organizaciones de productores rurales del tercer nivel ante el cambio (html)
- Pastoral institutions and approaches to risk management and poverty alleviation in Central Asian countries in transition (html)
- Restructuring rural institutions: Principles and methods - lessons learned from FAO experience (html)
 - French: Restructuration des institutions rurales: Principes et méthode, leçons des expériences FAO (pdf)

1998

- A study of cooperative legislations in selected Asian and Pacific countries (html)
- Conseils pour la réussite d'une petite ou micro-entreprise de groupe (pdf)
 - Arabic (pdf)
- Financing economic self-reliance and member participation in farmer organizations in Kenya (html)
- Partenariat entre populations et institutions: La conservation des eaux et des sols en Tunisie et au Maroc (html)
- Participatory institutional development (html)
- Small farmer group associations: Bringing the poor together (html)

1997

- Cooperatives in the new environments: Role of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies in South Asia (html)
 - Challenges before cooperatives in South Asia: Building a comparative advantage (html)
- Mobilising capital in agricultural service cooperatives (html)
- New trends in rural development and poverty alleviation: The concept of participatory institutional development (pdf)
- Poverty alleviation: The role of rural institutions and participation (html) - Available in French and Spanish

1996

- Capital formation in agricultural cooperatives in developing countries: Research issues, findings and policy implications for cooperatives and donors (html)
- Cooperativas de crédito rural en Río Grande do Sul (Brasil): Reorganización y desarrollo (html)
- Cooperatives: Has their time come - or gone? (html)
- Cooperatives in the context of globalization and liberalization (html)
- Empowering Zambian rural women through small farmer groups (html)
- Organizing for extension: FAO experiences in small farmer group development (html)
- Rural people's organizations in a liberalized market economy: Recent FAO experience (html)
- S'organiser pour la vulgarisation: Les expériences de la FAO dans le développement des groupes de petits producteurs (html)
- Small farmer inter-group associations in Sri Lanka: Peddagama Village Board (html)

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- [Small farmer inter-group associations in Zambia: The Shishamba East Area Action Committee \(html\)](#)
- [The gender dimension in rural cooperatives \(html\)](#)
- [The group enterprise book: A practical guide for group promoters to assist groups in setting up and running successful small enterprises \(pdf\)](#)
- [The group promoter's resource book: A practical guide to building rural self-help groups \(html\)](#)
- [The reconstruction of rural institutions \(pdf\)](#)
- [Toward a new cooperative system in Vietnam \(html\)](#)