

Call for submissions

International Day of Cooperatives Photo Exhibition
'Cooperatives: The power to act for a sustainable future'

Background

In September 2015, the UN Member States adopted a 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, containing a set of seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In paragraphs 41 and 67 of the outcome document, cooperatives are acknowledged within the private sector as important actors in implementing the Agenda¹. Cooperatives are similarly mentioned in paragraphs 13, 35 and 39 of the Financing for Development outcome document adopted in August 2015².

Given this unprecedented recognition of cooperatives in UN development policy, COPAC, as organisers of the UN celebration of the annual International Day of Cooperatives (IDC), would like to support the engagement of cooperatives in the implementation of the SDGs, by promoting their contributions during the 2016 IDC, which will take place on 2nd July 2016. The IDC is celebrated annually on the first Saturday of July, as detailed in the 1992 resolution 47/90³ of the United Nations.

For 2016, COPAC has selected the following IDC slogan: 'Cooperatives: The power to act for a sustainable future'. This slogan emphasises the role of cooperatives to implement the 2030 Agenda, reinforces the language in the aforementioned UN documents, and echoes the slogan of the 2016 International Summit of Cooperatives, which will take place in October 2016 and address cooperative engagement in SDG achievement.

As part of its 2016 activities for the IDC, COPAC is hosting a photo exhibition at United Nations Headquarters in New York City from 4-20 July 2016, during the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. Photos selected for the exhibition will be viewed by the many visitors to the UN during this important political event, and be included in an exhibition book distributed to key cooperative stakeholders.

Call for photo submissions

COPAC is accepting submissions for photos for its IDC photo exhibition 'Cooperatives: The power to act for a sustainable future'.

Photos must meet the following criteria:

- Visually depict how cooperative enterprises and/or the act of cooperation contribute to the following themes:
 - Eradicating poverty,

¹ <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/transformingourworld>

² http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/CONF.227/20

³ http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/47/90

- Ending hunger,
- Securing livelihoods, offering decent work, and creating sustainable employment,
- Improving gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls,
- Improving food security and building a sustainable food system,
- Fostering the development of rural communities and economic opportunities for smallholder producers,
- Protecting the environment and combating climate change,
- Engaging as partners with communities, policymakers, and UN agencies to achieve sustainable development, and
- Other themes expressed in the [Sustainable Development Goals](#);
- Have a minimum size of 3600 x 5400 pixels (180 ppi) or 6000 x 9000 pixels (300 ppi – recommended), as photos will be printed in a large format; and
- Be submitted as a JPEG, with sRGB colour space and 8-bit colour depth.

All submitted photos must be accompanied by the photographer's name, surname, country, and email; the title, date, and location of the photograph; and a description of the photograph.

Photos may be in colour or monochrome.

In submitting photographs, applicants agree that they have the rights to the image and its distribution. COPAC will not use any artist's work without his or her written permission.

Selection process

A jury comprised of COPAC Board members will select up to 8-10 photos for the exhibition. Applicants will be notified of the selected photos by the first week of May 2016.

How to submit

Send up to three photos as an attachment or [WeTransfer](#) link to Fran McCrae, COPAC Coordinator, at copac@copac.coop.

To be considered, photos must be accompanied by the photographer's name, surname, country, and email; the title, date, and location of the photograph(s); and a description of the photograph(s).

The deadline for submissions is **31st March 2016**.

More information

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