

# Real progress towards the SDGs: How cooperatives make change



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Cooperative Alliance  
(ICA)**

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## Who we are

**The apex organisation** for cooperatives worldwide, a non-profit international association established in 1895

## Whom we represent

- Cooperative federations and organisations across 107 countries (figures of 2018)
- More than 1.2 billion members
- 2.6 million cooperative enterprises
- 10% of the world's employed population



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## Mission

Promote the **cooperative identity** (definition, values and principles) and provide services to our members

- Advocacy
- Communication
- Programming



# Cooperatives as key actors to achieve Agenda 2030 and implement the SDGs (I)

## Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- **Acknowledgement** of the key role of cooperatives as part of a diverse private sector to implement the SDGs



# Cooperatives as key actors to achieve Agenda 2030 and implement the SDGs (II)



## ICA-EU Partnership on International Development through Cooperatives





# Cooperatives as key actors to achieve Agenda 2030 and implement the SDGs (III)

## New European Consensus on Development

- **Recognition** that “cooperatives (...) have become instrumental partners in reaching the most vulnerable and marginalised people”, amongst other actors, and there is a pledge of the EU to promote and defend the “space where these development actors can operate safely (...) for achieving sustainable development.”
- **Commitment** to “(...) promote the creation of farmers’ organisations and cooperatives, to address among others, better productivity of family farms, land use rights and traditional farmer based seed systems.”
- **Commitment** “(...) to promote private sector initiatives and social enterprises, cooperatives, and women and youth entrepreneurs, to boost the provision of local services as well as inclusive and green business models”



# Monitoring the contribution of cooperatives in the Agenda 2030

The ICA has identified **targets** within the 17 SDGs, grouped into 4 main action areas:

- Eradicating poverty
- Improving access to basic goods and services
- Protecting the environment
- Building a more sustainable food system





## Cooperative - Fair trade value chains

- Offer to marginalized producers the opportunity to access the market through innovative solutions, environmental friendly, economically sustainable and efficient
- Shorten value chains and reduce prices for the consumers
- Foster social change through inclusive growth







Any  
Questions?

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