



Subject: Invitation to the ICA Youth Network Meeting

Dear ICA Youth Network:

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to participate in the Youth Network Meeting of the International Co-operative Alliance on 2 November 2013 in Cape Town, South Africa. This meeting will take place during the week of our Global Conference from 1-5 November. This watershed event marks the first time in our 118-year history that our General Assembly will be held in Africa.

This meeting will be held to discuss the important role of the youth network in implementing the Blueprint for a Co-operative Decade which can be found at <http://ica.coop/en/blueprint>. The Alliance firmly believes that the international youth movement is set to play a significant part in the delivery of the objectives in the Blueprint for a Co-operative Decade, and youth are mentioned throughout the document. This Conference will give you the opportunity to meet with other youth network members, and people from across the global co-operative movement, to discuss the Blueprint for a Co-operative Decade.

This draft programme for the meeting is below:

11:00 - 11:30	Welcome and opening
	Welcome and message from the ICA and ICA Board Youth Representatives
11:30 - 12:30	Conference "Cooperative Decade and Youth in Action"
	Dr. Chiyoge B. Sifa, Regional Director of ICA Africa
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 14:45	Africa`s Panel
	Four case studies from youth programs in co-operatives from Africa
14:45 - 15:30	Regional Youth Committees and Case Studies
	-Presentation and / or proposed work plans for the Co-operative Decade from the Alliance regional youth committees -Successful experiences in Europe, America and Asia Pacific
15:30 - 16:00	Break
16:00 - 17:00	Workshop
	-Discussion on the appropriate age for the youth representative to the ICA Board and how this representative should be chosen.

	-Discussion on the appropriate age for future youth discounts to conferences.
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Registration & Reservations

Please visit the conference website at www.capetown2013.coop to learn how to register for the conference, reserve a hotel room, and sign up for one of the tours of the beautiful Cape Town area.

Youth delegates under the age of 30 can take advantage of the special reduced fee of CHF 200 to attend the entire conference from 1-5 November 2013.

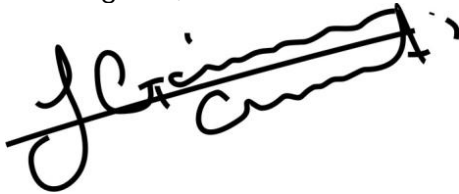
Please note that your travel, lodging, tours, meals (other than those provided during the conference), and other incidentals are at your own cost. There are a number of hotels which have special rates available for a limited time and for a limited number of registrants, so book your hotel soonest to take advantage of the reduced prices. This information can be found on the web site.

Questions?

We hope this information will facilitate the registration process. Please do not hesitate to email us at capetown2013@ica.coop if you have questions and we will ensure that your email is answered by the appropriate person handling the specific issue.

We look forward to seeing you in Cape Town!

Best regards,



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