

Event: Coopathon 2.0 & Young Development Professionals Meet [YDPM]

Theme: Engaging Youth on Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development

Dates: January 29 & 30, 2019 (10:00 am- 07:00 pm)

Venue: TBC

*“Given their sheer numbers, engaging the world’s 1.8 billion young people in the implementation of the SDGs will be critical to ensuring the 2030 Agenda’s success. Today’s demographic and development realities make young people the generation of our time: **the SDG generation.**”*

-Jayathma Wickramanayake,
UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy on Youth

ANNOUNCEMENT

ICA Asia and Pacific will organize a one of kind meeting in New Delhi on 30 January 2018, for Young Professionals in the Development Space and Students interested in pursuing careers in local, national and international development, to **come together**, get to **know each other** and the work they do, **share aspirations** and discover one of the most celebrated democratic and value based economic enterprise model – CO-OPERATIVES!

The Meet will witness an array of ethical entrepreneurs and community leaders from Asia Pacific share their stories, struggles and successes! The YDPM will be preceded by **COOPATHON 2.0 or C2**, scheduled on 29 January 2019 that will invite participation from students from management schools, social sciences institutes, agricultural educational spaces & engineering colleges to hack out community led enterprise solutions using the co-operative model.

The idea for **YDPM** stems from the belief that both Co-operatives and CSOs have sustainable development in their fabric and can learn from each other, and strengthen efforts to achieve the mandates under Agenda 2030, especially on youth related SDGs targets. The overarching goal is to bring together young professionals and orient them on the cooperative enterprise model and create space to work together.

Coopathon 2.0 is an initiative to harness the innovative skills, business acumen and problem-solving abilities of young technologists to address some of the pressing problems that co-operatives face in addressing the needs of their members and community. The First edition of Coopathon in April 2018 saw over 100 young technology enthusiasts from across the southern Indian states compete at the country’s premier management institute - Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Exchange ideas and foster development partnerships among CSOs and co-operatives.
- ✓ Generate awareness on the co-operative enterprise model.
- ✓ Create joint action & research plans addressing community action to achieve SDGs

THEMATIC BRIEF

UNESCAP¹ reports that 60% of people aged between 15 and 24 live in Asia and the Pacific; that is approximately 700 million young people! The same UNESCAP report states that over 85 million young people in the region live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 a day. However, in many parts of the world, girls and young women continue to carry the double burden of being both young and female². National Governments focus on Youth and Gender Equality through their policies/ programmes related to Health, Education, Employment and Women Empowerment among others. CSOs and Cooperatives have had a long-standing history of working on different socio-economic development issues and in community development. Paragraph 41 of the UN Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development acknowledges the role co-operatives (among others) need to play in the implementation of the new agenda. The SDGs also present opportunities for governments to engage with CSOs particularly in public service delivery and to help ensure that development activities benefit the poor and disadvantaged. On the other hand, CSOs need to forge partnerships with other CSOs, the private sector and other international bodies on facilitating the implementation of the SDGs and on monitoring activities related to this process.

JANUARY 30		
TIME	AGENDA	RESOURCE
0900-1000	REGISTRATION	
1000-1100	OPENING CEREMONY	Representatives from youth organizations, international development agents, CSOs and Governments.
1100-1215	NOT BUSINESS AS USUAL [PANEL 1] <i>Session to introduce enterprises formed by entrepreneurs who believe in doing business differently!</i>	Co-operatives & Social entrepreneurs from Asia and Pacific from the IT sector, Media & Arts, and Commerce
1215-1230	TEA BREAK	
1230 – 1315	SPEED MEETINGS [NETWORKING] <i>An opportunity to meet fellow participants and network with young professionals from the development space</i>	
1315-1415	LUNCH BREAK	
1415-1430	SCREENING SHORT FILMS & VIDEOS FROM ICA and its PARTNERS	
1430-1545	NO MORE ADD & STIR [PANEL 2] <i>Session focused on SDG5: Gender Equality and what collective action by CSOs and Co-operatives can achieve for the State and why this is necessary</i>	International and national speakers from CSOs and Co-operatives having worked on important issues affecting gender equality, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights etc.
1545-1600	TEA BREAK	

¹ <https://www.unescap.org/resources/un-and-sdgs-handbook-youth> | 1.8 Billion youths globally

² <https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/world-programme-of-action-for-youth/girls-and-young-women.html>

1600-1715	<p>CLIMATE ACTION, NOW! [PANEL 3]</p> <p><i>Session to build a multilogue on why associations of people must consider climate action as their priority with examples of real life success stories in restoring habitats & eco-systems</i></p>	<p>Co-operatives and other forms of associations with evidenced success in contributing to SDG 13: Climate Action along with cases of effective responses to man-made/natural disasters</p>
1715-1900	<p>CULTURAL EVENTS & VALEDICTORY COOPATHON 2.0 -> Award Ceremony MUSIC PERFORMANCE BY ARTISTS COLLECTIVE VISIT TO THE "ACTION WALL"</p>	

Interested in YDPM?

Please fill out the [participation form](#) by January 15, 2018. For any further queries please contact **Ms. Anam Mitra** at anam.mitra@icaap.coop.

Interested in Coopathon 2.0?

Please fill out the [participation form](#) by January 20, 2019. For any further queries please contact **Mr. Ivjyot Singh** at Ivjyot.Singh@icaap.coop.

About ICA

The International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) is a non-profit international association established in 1895 to advance the co-operative model. ICA, headquartered in Brussels, represents cooperatives across sectors including agriculture, banking, consumer, fisheries, health, housing, insurance and industry & services, and serves 317 co-operative federations and organizations across 110 countries (figures of December 2018) and operates through its regional offices serving movements in Africa, Asia and Pacific, Americas and Europe. ICA member organizations are national level co-operative federations, co-operative organizations with operations in more than one state/province and government offices in-charge of promoting and developing co-operatives. ICA Asia and Pacific (ICA-AP) established in 1960, currently represents 105 members from 33 countries in the region.