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### COPAC's members include:



## Spread the word!

Maximize the impact of #IYC2025 and #CoopsYear by incorporating the visual identity in your activities, events, and digital platforms. More information and guidelines are available at [2025.coop](https://2025.coop).



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# International Year of Cooperatives

Cooperatives Build a Better World

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### The objectives of IYC2025 are to:

- Raise public awareness
- Promote growth and development
- Advocate for supportive frameworks
- Foster purposeful leadership and engage youth in the cooperative movement



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# “Cooperatives Build a Better World”

The theme of the year underscores the enduring global impact of cooperatives, positioning them as essential solutions to today's global challenges. It highlights their contributions to sustainable development across social, economic, and environmental dimensions, showing how cooperatives are key drivers in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. The theme also emphasizes the unique ability of cooperatives to foster inclusive growth and strengthen community resilience.

## Did you know?

- There are approximately **3 million** cooperatives worldwide, representing at least **1.2 billion** members.
- These cooperatives span diverse sectors, including **agriculture, banking, consumer, energy, fisheries, health, housing, insurance, and industry & services.**

## Get involved:



**Governments & policymakers** can develop regulatory frameworks to support cooperatives' growth.



**Enterprises** can promote awareness of their role in sustainable development, nurture leadership, and collaborate with other cooperatives.



**International institutions** can foster education, capacity building, and international cooperation for cooperatives.



The **public** can discover how cooperatives contribute to sustainability and support local initiatives.

## Looking ahead:

11/24  
#IYC2025 launch at  
ICA Global Cooperative  
Conference

02/25  
63<sup>rd</sup> UN Commission for Social  
Development (CSocD63)

International Conference on  
Financing for Development (FfD4)  
06/25

07/25  
UN International Day of  
Cooperatives (5 July)

UN High Level Political  
Forum (HLPF)

2<sup>nd</sup> World Summit for  
Social Development  
11/25

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