



13 - 18 Septiembre 2026, Panamá

CONFERENCIA MUNDIAL DE LA ACI & ASAMBLEAS

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FULL PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 13

10.30 - 18.00

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MORNING
Side event

EU Project Directors meeting

MORNING
Americas event

Regional "Youth Committee" (CRJ) Assembly

AFTERNOON
Side event

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AFTERNOON
Americas event

Regional "Gender Equality Committee" (CREG) Assembly

AFTERNOON
Americas event

"Committee of Financial Cooperatives and Cooperative Banks" (COFIA) Assembly

AFTERNOON
Americas event

Regional "International Organisation of Industrial and Service Cooperatives" (CICOPA) Assembly

AFTERNOON
Americas event

"Sectoral Organization of Agricultural Cooperatives" (REDACOO) Assembly

AFTERNOON
Americas event

Regional "Housing Committee" Assembly

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MONDAY 14

WHOLE DAY

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11.30 - 15.30

Voting materials distribution

Voters for the ICA General Assembly collect their voting materials

MORNING
Americas event

Cooperatives of the Americas Regional Board

MORNING
Side event

Global “International Cooperative Banking Association” (ICBA) meeting

MORNING
Side event

“International Cooperative Agricultural Organisation” (ICAO) General Assembly

MORNING
Side event

Global “International Cooperative Fisheries Organization” (ICFO) meeting

12.00 - 15.00
Global event

Networking lunch for ICA members to meet candidates

15.30 - 16.00
Global event

ICA Board of Directors meeting

DINNER
Invite only

ICA Global Board members and Cooperatives of the Americas Board members





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TUESDAY 15

WHOLE DAY

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08.30 - 09.30

Voting materials distribution

Voters for the ICA General Assembly collect their voting materials

09.30 - 15.00
Global event

ICA General Assembly (end time tentative)

Global Board President and Global Board elections

15.30 - 16.00

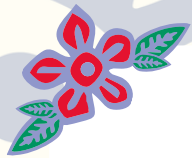
Meeting of the newly elected ICA Global Board



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WEDNESDAY 16

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09.30 - 10.30
Global event

Opening Session

America Hall 1 & 2

Official Opening of the Global Cooperative Conference
The formal commencement of the Global Cooperative Conference, featuring high-level addresses from host country dignitaries and international cooperative leadership to set the vision for the event.

Master of ceremonies: OCB (Brasil) and IPACOOOP (Panama)

José Raul Mulino Quintero (Panama): President, Host Country

Erika Vargas (Panama): Executive Director, IPACOOOP

José Alves de Souza Neto (Brasil): President, Cooperatives of the Americas

Ariel Guarco (Argentina), International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) President

Ana Graça (Portugal): United Nations Resident Coordinator in Panama

10.30 - 11.00
Global event

Coffee Break

Foyer

Opportunity for initial networking and informal exchange among global delegates.

11.00 - 11.30
Global event

Keynote Address

Plenary hall

An inspirational session led by a global leader focusing on human rights, leadership, and the intersection of social values and policy.

Björg Sandkjær (Norway), Assistant secretary-general for Policy Coordination in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
Online Address: **Michelle Bachelet** (Chile): The former President of Chile and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. She has a massive legacy in creating social safety nets and labor protections for women in Latin America.





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WEDNESDAY 16

11.30 - 12.30
Global event

Panel Debate: Building Bridges – The Cooperative Path to Peaceful Multilateralism

Plenary Hall

An exploration of the cooperative path to peaceful multilateralism, focusing on governance, economic integration, and the creation of enabling legal environments.

Speakers:

Mario Lubetkin (Uruguay): Minister of Foreign Affairs and President of G77.

Sabelo Mbokazi (South Africa): Head of Labour, Employment & Migration, African Union Commission

Matteo Fontana (Italy): Ambassador to the EU, EU Delegation Panama

Shobha Shetty (India): Senior Adviser, Agriculture at the World Bank Group and Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) Head

Yolanda Díaz (Spain): Second Deputy PM and Minister of Labour and Social Economy (TBC)

Discussants:

Sandra Adong Oder (Uganda): Executive Director, Women's International Peace Centre

Hagen Henry (Germany): Chair of the ICA Cooperative Law Committee

12.30 - 14.00
Global event

Lunch Break

Canal 1

Mid-day networking session over lunch.

14.00 - 14.45
Global event

Cultural Programme

Lobby

A curated showcase of local culture accompanied by a coffee station to facilitate continued delegate interaction.





WEDNESDAY 16

14.45 - 17.00
Global event

Break-out Workshops: Practice, Promote, Protect

Various Rooms

Parallel technical sessions using case studies and group work to provide inputs for the final declaration. Themes include:

- Promote: Cooperatives and democratic global governance
- Protect: Safeguarding cooperative identity and values
- Practice: Building a sustainable cooperative economy through people, data, and finance.

17.00 - 17.45
Global event

Coffee Gathering

Canal 1

Coffee gathering with an artistic presentation/performance

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Coop EXPO

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THURSDAY 17

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09.00 - 09.10
Global event

Opening

America Hall 1 & 2

Welcome to the second day of the Global Cooperative Conference by the Masters of Ceremony.

09.10 - 09.20
Global event

Book launch presentation

America Hall 1 & 2

Presentation of the new book being published by the ICA President Ariel Guarco.

09.20 - 10.35
Global event

Panel Debate: From Local Roots to Global Impact – Cooperatives and Leadership in Peacebuilding

America Hall 1 & 2

A multi-generational dialogue featuring interviews by young cooperators, exploring how locally rooted initiatives contribute to peacebuilding at global level, highlighting cooperative contribution to fostering social cohesion, strengthening inclusive institutions, and supporting resilient communities.

First section:

María Ortiz Pérez (Mexico): Executive Director for Leadership Initiatives, Aspen Institute

Jorge Arosemena Román (Panamá) Executive President, City of Knowledge

Romina Kasman - UNESCO

Second section:

Donna Dizen (Philippines): Vice-President, CLIMBS

Aline Nyirabaruta (Rwanda): CODERVAM

Francois Dionne (Canada): International Programme Director, SOCODEVI

Simone Gamberini (Italy) President, LEGACOOOP

Discussants:

2 children IPACOOOP,

Harsh Mukeshbhai SANGHANI (India): ICA Youth Committee President

Moderator: Danilo Salerno (Italy): Cooperatives of the Americas Director

10.35 - 11.00
Global event

Coffee Break

Foyer





THURSDAY 17

11.00 - 11.15
Global event

Short Announcements

America Hall 1 & 2

Brief updates on global cooperative visibility, including the Coop Marque, the Cooperative Cultural Heritage (CCH) programme, the cooperative SDG publication, and the Legal Framework Analysis.

Violetta Nafpaktiti, CEO, DotCooperation LLC (DotCoop)

Tiago Schmidt, President Sicredi Pionera Brazil and Lead, Coop Cultural Heritage (TBD)

Andrew Allimadi, UN Desa and Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives COPAC/ICA SDGs reports (TBD)

11.15 - 11.45
Global event

Panel on local development & tourism

America Hall 1 & 2

Tangariki Reete, Minister of Tourism, Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, Kiribati

Gloria María De León Zubieta, Minister of Tourism, Panama

11.45 - 12.00
Global event

Conference Declaration

America Hall 1 & 2

Presentation of the official Final Conference Declaration by:

Jeroen Douglas: ICA Director General and **ICA Board members**

12.00 - 12.10
Global event

Public Presentation: New ICA Board & Presidency

America Hall 1 & 2

The formal introduction of the newly elected ICA Board ICA presented by the ICA Vice-Presidents and the President.

12.10 - 12.30
Global event

Closing Session

America Hall 1 & 2

Official concluding remarks from the host nation and the ICA leadership to finalize the conference.

Maricel Cohen de Mulino (Panama): First lady of Panama

Ariel Guarco (Argentina): ICA President

12.30 - 13.00
Global event

Peace Dove Origami

America Hall 1 & 2

Folding Paper Peace Doves together, group picture, and participative music.





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THURSDAY 17

13.00 - 14.00
Global event

Lunch Break

Networking and refueling at Canal 1.

AFTERNOON
Americas event

Regional Assembly Registration

AFTERNOON
Side event

Global "Gender Equality Committee" (GEC) meeting

AFTERNOON
Side event

Global "Cooperative Housing International" (CHI) meeting

AFTERNOON
Side event

Global "International Organisation of Industrial and Service Cooperatives" (CICOPA) meeting

AFTERNOON
Global event

Solidarity Bingo.

An activity organized by the First Lady of the Republic of Panama.

15.00 - 18.00
Side event

Global "International Cooperative Alliance Development Platform" (ICADP) meeting

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FRIDAY 18

MORNING
Americas event

Cooperatives of the Americas elective Regional Assembly

AFTERNOON
Americas event

Cooperatives of the Americas Regional Board meeting
Election of the Executive Committee

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