



13 - 18 Septiembre 2026, Panamá

CONFERENCIA MUNDIAL DE LA ACI & ASAMBLEAS

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FULL PROGRAMME

Venue: Panama Convention Center (Calle Gral. Juan D. Perón, Panama City)

SUNDAY 13

08:00 - 11:00
Americas event

Regional Youth Committee (CRJ) Assembly

Room: Caribe 3

09:00 - 13:00
Side event

EU Global Management Team (GMT) Meeting

Room: Istmo 3

10:30 - 18:00

Check-in

Room: Boletería (Box Office)

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch Break

Room: Pacífico

13:00 - 16:00
Americas event

Regional Gender Equality Committee (CREG) Assembly

Room: Caribe 1-2

13:00 - 16:00
Americas event

COFIA Assembly

Room: Caribe 4

13:00 - 16:00
Americas event

Regional Housing Committee Assembly

Room: Caribe 7

13:00 - 16:00
Americas event

REDACOOOP Assembly

Room: Caribe 6

13:00 - 16:00
Americas event

CICOPA Americas Assembly

Room: Caribe 5

15:00 - 18:00
Side event

Global Youth Committee (YC) Assembly and Elections

Room: Caribe 3

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MONDAY 14

08:30 - 12:00
Side event

ICBA Seminar, General Assembly & Board Meeting

Room: Caribe 1-2

09:00 - 18:00

Check-in

Room: Boletería (Box Office)

09:00 - 12:30
Americas event

Cooperatives of the Americas Regional Board Meeting

Room: Caribe 4-5

09:00 - 12:00
Side event

Cooperative Cultural Heritage (CCH) General Meeting

Room: Caribe 7

09:00 - 12:00
Side event

ICFO General Assembly & Executive Members Meeting

Room: Caribe 3

09:00 - 13:00
Side event

ICAO General Meeting

Hotel Renaissance Panama City

10:00 - 12:00
Side event

Global Cooperative Dialogue: Regional and Sectoral Challenges, Shared Opportunities (Konfecoop, COCETA and CICOPA) **Invite Only*

Room: Istmo 4

11:30 - 15:30

Voting Materials Distribution

Room: Centro de Negocios (Business Center)

12:00 - 15:00
Global event

Networking Lunch: Meet the Candidates

Room: Pacífico

15:30 - 16:00
Global event

ICA Board of Directors Meeting

Room: Caribe 4-5

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TUESDAY 15

08:30 - 09:30

Voting Materials Distribution

Room: Centro de Negocios (Business Center)

09:00 - 18:00

Check-in

Room: Boletería (Box Office)

09:30 - 11:15
Global event

ICA General Assembly, Global Board & President Elections (part 1)

Room: America Hall 1 & 2

11:15 - 11:45

Morning Break

11:45 - 13:00
Global event

ICA General Assembly, Global Board & President Elections (part 2)

Room: America Hall 1 & 2

13:00 - 14:30

Lunch Break

Room: Américas 3

14:30 - 16:00
Global event

ICA General Assembly, Global Board & President Elections (part 3)

Room: America Hall 1 & 2

16:30 - 17:00

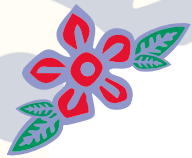
Networking Coffee

17:00 - 17:30

Meeting of the Newly Elected ICA Global Board

Room: Caribe 4-5





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WEDNESDAY 16

08:30 - 18:00

Check-in

Room: Boletería (Box Office)

09:00 - 18:00
Other events

Continental Congress and Int. Symposium on Cooperative Law

Room: Caribe 6-7

09:00 - 18:00
Other events

Coop EXPO

Lobby & Foyer

09:30 - 10:00
Global event

Official Opening of the Global Cooperative Conference

Room: America Hall 1 & 2

Leaders from Panama, the international cooperative movement and the United Nations come together to officially open the Conference and set the stage for "Building Bridges: Cooperative Contributions for a Peaceful World"

- H.E. José Raúl Mulino Quintero (Panama): President of the Republic of Panama
- Rolando González Patricio (Cuba): President of the Parlantino
- Ana Graça (Portugal): United Nations Resident Coordinator in Panama
- Erika Vargas (Panama): Executive Director of IPACOOOP
- Newly Elected President of the ICA
- José Alves de Souza Neto (Brazil): President of Cooperatives of the Americas

10:00 - 10:30
Global event

Coffee Break

Foyer

10:30 - 10:55
Global event

Building a Better World Together: Keynote Address

Room: America Hall 1 & 2

An inspirational session led by Bjørge Sandkjær (Norway), Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) of the United Nations, exploring how cooperation, dialogue, and shared values can bridge divides, strengthen human solidarity, and contribute to a more peaceful and inclusive world





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WEDNESDAY 16

10:55 - 11:05
Global event

Short Announcement: Launch of the SDG Policy Brief Series

Room: America Hall 1 & 2

11:05 - 11:15
Global event

Online Address: Michelle Bachelet

Room: America Hall 1 & 2

11:15 - 12:30
Global event

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

Room: America Hall 1 & 2

How can cooperation help build a more peaceful and inclusive multilateral system? This panel explores the role of cooperatives in strengthening governance, economic integration and enabling legal environments for peace and sustainable development

- **Mario Lubetkin** (Uruguay): Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay and President of the G77
- **Andrea Matteo Fontana** (Italy): Ambassador-designate of the European Union to Panama (TBC)
- **Shobha Shetty** (India): Senior Adviser, Agriculture, World Bank Group, and Head of the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)
- **Dr. Sabelo Mbokazi** (South Africa): Head of Labour, Employment & Migration, African Union Commission
- **Amparo Merino Segovia** (Spain): Secretary of State for the Social Economy in the Government of Spain

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

12:30 - 14:00
Global event

Lunch Break

Room: Canal 1

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

Parallel sessions: Three Spaces to Build the Future of Cooperation (Practice, Promote & Protect)

Choose your space and join an interactive exchange of ideas, experiences and practical solutions aligned with the three pillars of the ICA Strategy 2026–2030:

PRACTICE

Rooms: Caribe 1–2–3

Building Bridges Across Generations: Global Cooperative Leaders Advancing the PRACTICE Pillar

Explore youth participation, women's leadership, inclusive governance and cooperation across generations

PROMOTE

Rooms: América 1–2

Building Bridges Through Communication and Advocacy: From Visibility to Influence – Advancing the PROMOTE Pillar

Discover how strategic communication, advocacy and policy engagement can turn cooperative visibility into influence

PROTECT

Room: América 3

Protecting Cooperative Identity with and Beyond Norms: Ensuring Cooperative Identity Remains Relevant, Resilient and Resonant – Co-designing the PROTECT Pillar

Join a participant-led Cooperative Identity Lab exploring how law, policy, governance, education and technology can protect cooperative identity as the movement evolves

At 18:00, a short ceremony will be held to honour the custodians of sites inscribed on the inaugural 2025 ICA Cooperative Cultural Heritage List



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17:00 - 17:45
Global event

Coffee Gathering

Foyer

Coffee gathering with an artistic presentation/performance


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THURSDAY 17

MORNING

Check-in

Room: Boletería (Box Office)

09:00 - 18:00
Other events

Coop EXPO

Lobby & Foyer

09:00 - 09:05
Global event

Day 2 of the Global Cooperative Conference

Room: America Hall 1 & 2

09:05 - 09:25
Global event

Conferencia sobre la Paz (Conference on Peace)

Room: America Hall 1 & 2

Special address by the newly elected **President of the ICA**

09:25 - 09:45
Global event

Reflections on Cooperatives, Communities and a Peaceful World

Room: America Hall 1 & 2

- Hon. **Gloria María de León Zubieta**: Minister of Tourism of Panama
- Hon. **Tangariki Reete**: Minister of Tourism, Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives of Kiribati

09:45 - 11:00
Global event

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

Room: America Hall 1 & 2

A multi-generational dialogue exploring cooperative leadership, local economies, policy, technology and AI, including the role of cooperative leadership in conflict prevention, mitigation and reconstruction, and in building sustainable, community-led solutions

First section:

- **María Ortiz** (Mexico): Executive Director for Leadership Initiatives, Aspen Institute
- **David Aguilar** (Panamá): Academic Affairs Manager, City of Knowledge
- **Valtencir Mendes** (Brasil): Chief of Education, UNESCO Office for Latin America

Second section:

- **Donna Dizon** (Philippines): Vice-President, CLIMBS
- **Dr. Halefom Gezaei Abera** (Ethiopia): President, FANA Youth SACCO
- **Francois Dionne** (Canada): International Programme Director, SOCODEVI
- **Simone Gamberini** (Italy): President, LEGACOOP





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THURSDAY 17

11:00 - 11:30
Global event

Coffee Break

Foyer

11:30 - 11:45
Global event

Ariel Guarco Book Launch & Short Announcements

Room: America Hall 1 & 2

Launch of the book "Cooperativas en Acción, II" by **Dr. Ariel Guarco**, presented by **Dr. José Alves de Souza Neto**, President of Cooperatives of the Americas

Brief announcements by:

- **Violetta Nafpaktiti**: CEO of DotCooperation (DotCoop)
- **Tiago Schmidt**: President of Sicredi Pioneira Brazil and Lead for CCH
- **Noel Raboy & Donna Dizon**: President and Vice-President of CLIMBS Philippines

11:45 - 12:00
Global event

Meet the Newly Elected ICA Board and Presidency

Room: America Hall 1 & 2

12:00 - 12:15
Global event

Presentation and Reading of the Final Conference Declaration

Room: America Hall 1 & 2

Introduced by **Jeroen Douglas**, ICA Director General, and read by selected newly elected ICA Board members

12:15 - 12:30
Global event

Closing Session: Looking Ahead Together

Room: America Hall 1 & 2

- Newly Elected **President of the ICA**
- **José Alves de Souza Neto** (Brazil): President of Cooperatives of the Americas

12:30 - 12:45
Global event

Folding Peace Together

Room: America Hall 1 & 2

A hands-on origami session bringing participants together to fold paper peace doves:
- **Chitose Arai**, president of JCCU, & **Kenki Maeda**, General Manager of the Dep. for Cooperation among Cooperatives at the JCA, with participants from the Japanese movement

12:45 - 13:00
Global event

United in Music

Foyer

Join together for a collective performance of the song "Imagine" as we release the paper peace doves created earlier, celebrating peace, unity and hope, followed by a group photo





THURSDAY 17

13:00 - 14:30
Global event

Lunch Break

Room: Canal 1

14:00-15:00
Side event

Cooperative AI: Shaping the Future Together *Open to all

Room: Caribe 5

Interactive workshop open to all conference participants, exploring why AI matters for cooperatives, how the movement can shape its development, and working together towards a shared definition of Cooperative AI. With **Jeroen Douglas**, **Piero Ingrassio**, **Francesca Ottolenghi** and **Marc Noel**

14:00 - 16:30
Side event

Global Gender Equality Committee (GEC) Side Event *Open to all

Room: Caribe 7

What do we need to move forward together?

14:00 - 16:30
Side event

Global CICOPA and CICOPA Americas Side Event *Open to all

Room: Istmo 1

Building the Care Economy Together – Cooperative Solutions for Decent Work and Inclusion. A Focus on the Americas

14:00 - 17:00
Side event

Global Cooperative Housing International (CHI) Meeting

Room: Caribe 1-2

14:00 - 19:00
Other events

Continental Congress and Int. Symposium on Cooperative Law

Room: Caribe 6

15:00 - 17:30
Global event

Solidarity Bingo *Open to all

Room: America Hall 1 & 2

A special bingo organised by the First Lady of the Republic of Panama, **Hon. Maricel Cohen de Mulino**, bringing participants together in support of solidarity

15:00 - 17:00
Side event

Global ICADP meeting

Room: Caribe 5





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FRIDAY 18

08:00 - 13:00
Americas event

Cooperatives of the Americas Elective Regional Assembly

Room: Caribe 1-5

12:30 - 14:00
Americas event

Lunch Break

Room: Istmo

14:00 - 16:00
Americas event

Cooperatives of the Americas Regional Board Meeting

Room: Caribe 1-5



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