

# COOPAfrica Week

10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

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### MONDAY 1

#### 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:

08.30 Registration

09.00 Opening

#### 09.15 *“From Research to Action”*

##### Research Reports and Discussions

- Cooperating out of Poverty: the renaissance of the African Co-operative Movement
  - Patrick Develterre, Ignace Pollet from HIVA, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium and Fredrick Wanyama, Maseno University, Kenya
- Introduction to the research

10.30 Tea/coffee Break

10.45 Discussion groups on key themes

12.30 Lunch Break

#### 14.00 Curriculum renewal to meet the needs of primary cooperatives

- Education for the co-operative sector in East Africa – summary of research funding. This is a joint research programme carried out by Moshi University College of Cooperative and Business Studies, Tanzania together with the Cooperative College of the UK.
- Building capacity to support smallholder farmers through cooperative education in Ethiopia – interim report on research findings. This is a joint project between Ambo college, Ethiopia, Reading University, UK, the Loma Young Foundation and the UK cooperative College
- Discussion

## TUESDAY,

### 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER: *Cooperative College Principals Planning Meeting*

#### Key issues:

- **Review of action points arising from the launch workshop, Dar es Salaam, October 2007** – from workshop notes
- **The research agenda** – where are the research gaps? How can the African Cooperative colleges contribute to the research agenda?
- **Towards centres of competence** – where are each of the colleges now? What are the distinct areas of expertise of each college in the Network? What is needed to transform each college into a centre of competence in at least within the ILO COOPAfrica programme?
- **Towards a participatory curriculum** - what are the lessons from the curriculum reviews? What are the staff development needs?
- **Building the Network** – what are the next steps in building the Network of cooperative colleges and training providers? What role can information technology play and what are the barriers that need to be overcome for its effective use
- **Launch of the book “Innovative Cooperative Training”**

## WEDNESDAY

### 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER: *Cross Cutting Themes – Gender and Youth*

#### 08.30 Gender: Introduction

- Report on the outcomes of the ICA Africa Gender Forum, Lesotho, November 2007
  - Introduced by Esther Gicheru, Director, Cooperative College of Kenya

#### 10.15 Tea/Coffee Break

#### 10.45 Discussion – How can COOPAfrica contribute to addressing gender issues in cooperative development in Africa?

**12.45 Lunch Break**

**14.00 Young people, schools and cooperatives**

- Learning for and through cooperatives – cooperatives and schools in Tanzania
  - findings from research on the cooperative contribution to non-state provision undertaken by the Cooperative College UK for the Centre for British Teaching (CfBT) - Introduced by Dr Cilla Ross
- The challenge of developing successful student cooperatives
  - Introduced By Maphamoli LEKOETJE, Commissioner for Cooperatives, Kingdom of Lesotho

## **THURSDAY**

**13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:** *Reform of Cooperative Policy and legislation*

**08.30** Enabling Environment for Cooperatives in Africa – report on research undertaken for ICA by MUCCoBS

**10.30 Tea/Coffee Break**

**11.00** Discussion on Enabling Environment for Cooperatives in Africa

**12.30 Lunch Break**

**14.00** *Syndicoop Revival Meeting*

## **FRIDAY**

**14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**08.30** *COOPAfrica Steering Committee Meeting*