



International Year of Cooperatives

Cooperatives Build a Better World

Closing Event of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025

Qatar National Convention Centre | Room 106 | Time: 11.30 – 12.45 (AST (UTC+3))

UN WebTV Link | <https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1r/k1reye81fm>

11.30 - 12.15: Part 1 - Official closure of UN IYC 2025 celebration year

Welcome and Introduction | Dr. Ariel Guarco, President, ICA

Opening Remarks | Ms. Bjørg Sandkjaer, Assistant Secretary-General, UN

Countries' Commitments to the Cooperative Sector

Hon. Monica Mutsvangwa, Minister of Women Affairs, Community,
Small and Medium Enterprises Development, Zimbabwe

Hon. Javiera Toro, Minister of Social Development and Family, Chile

Mr. David Obonyo, Commissioner of Cooperative Development, Kenya

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12:15 - 12:40: Part 2 - Contract for a New Global Economy

A conversation with cooperative sectors | Moderator – Shaun Tarbuck

Insurance | Ms. Ayanda Seboni, Group Executive for Mutuality, PPS

Health | Dr. Carlos Zarco, Director General, Fundació Espriu

Consumers | Ms. Deborah Robinson, CEO, Central Co-op

Finance | Mr. Diego Guaita, CEO, Grupo San Cristóbal

Agriculture | Mr. K.J. Patel, Managing Director, IFFCO

Statement | Mr. Jongwook Lee, Executive Vice-President, NACF

12:40 – 12:45 Closing Remarks

Dr. Ariel Guarco, ICA President
Mr. Charles Katoanga, Director DESA