



5th ASIA PACIFIC CO-OPERATIVE FORUM

**“ Co-operative Advantage in the Global
Economic Crisis“**

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Nature of the Financial Crisis



- Social Capitalism – post war
- Neo liberal capitalism – Reagan, Thatcher, Bush
- Resolute pursuit of private economic interest by any means - offensive war, sanctions, diminution of civil liberties
- Private greed/public squalor – eventual lack of care, irresponsible risk, CEO pay = 500x average! Enron
- Crisis!!



To the G8 Governments

Use their combined political and financial strength to put the same energy and drive into protecting the world's people from the worst effects of the global recession that we now face as a result of the corporate mismanagement of the investor led model of business.

G8



- Ensure that in the struggle against recession, and in any reform of the global financial structures such as a new regulatory system, they take special note of the stability and security of the co-operative global economy and its value to the millions of individuals and families which it is supporting in all corners of the world, and give this model of business the recognition and political support that its contribution demands

G8



Ensure a level playing field between countries and banking models, and take account the diversity of banking systems in future rules.

The International Co-operative Alliance stands ready to contribute its unique expertise to the work of the G8 to resolve these issues.

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Co-operative Values



- Democracy
- Solidarity
- Self help
- Self responsibility
- Equity
- Equality

Co-operative Principles



1. Open membership
2. Democratic control
3. Member Economic Participation
4. Autonomy and Independence
5. Education, Training and Information
6. Co-operation among Co-operatives
7. Concern for Community

Mission



The International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) unites co-operatives world-wide.

It is the custodian of *co-operative values and principles* and makes the case for their distinctive values-based economic business model which also provides individuals and communities with an instrument of self-help and influence over their development.

The ICA advocates the interests and success of co-operatives, disseminates best practices and know-how, strengthens their capacity building and monitors their performance and progress over time.

Strategic Objectives



- Consolidate and increase *membership*
- Increase global *influence* to promote co-operatives as a specific values-based business model
- *Develop* strong co-operative enterprises for social and economic progress
- Strengthen ICA's sustainability through financial capacity, good *governance* and a committed people base



global300
an ica initiative

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Do co-operatives make economies more competitive?



Country	Global 300 turnover % of GDP	Ranking Global 300 turnover % of GDP	Davos global competitiveness ranking 2006
Finland	21.1%	1	2
New Zealand	17.5%	2	23
Switzerland	16.4%	3	1
Sweden	13.0%	4	3



The Co-operative Difference

Putting Principles into Practice



Project Background



- To compliment the financial aspect of the Global 300 project, there was a need to identify and assess social performance within the Co-operative Movement.
- Providing a more holistic and realistic perspective of co-operative activity.
- Aim to highlight the unique role that co-operatives play in providing social benefits to members, the wider community and the environment.



International Day of Co-operatives

5 July 2008



"Confronting Climate Change through Co-operative Enterprise"



OCTOBER
23rd, 24th and 25th
From 1pm to 8pm
Lisbon - Portugal

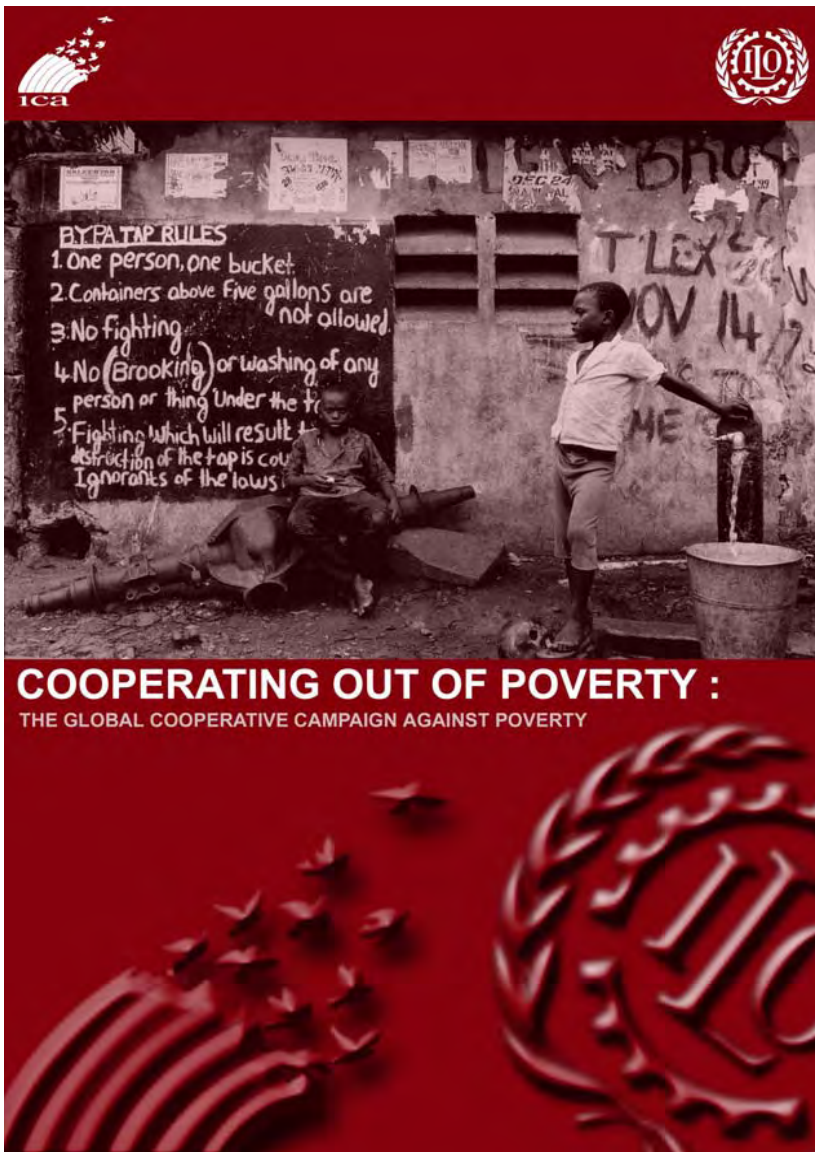


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CoopAfrica



COOPAfrica is a partnership programme implemented by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) aiming at supporting the development and promotion of co-operatives in Africa. ICA participates on the COOPAfrica Steering Committee which is the highest decision-making body of COOPAfrica and aims to strengthen the participation of the programme's partners and co-operative stakeholders in the planning, monitoring and evaluation. More information: www.ilo.org/coopafrika.



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“The Co-operative Movement of the world should stand unflinchingly for the principles of toleration, equity and justice in all the relations of life; respect for the rights of others; the settlement of disputes by reason and the abolition of armed conflict; the honourable fulfilment of all contractual obligations and association of the security of all in the exercise of their legitimate functions.”

ICA Congress, Glasgow 1913

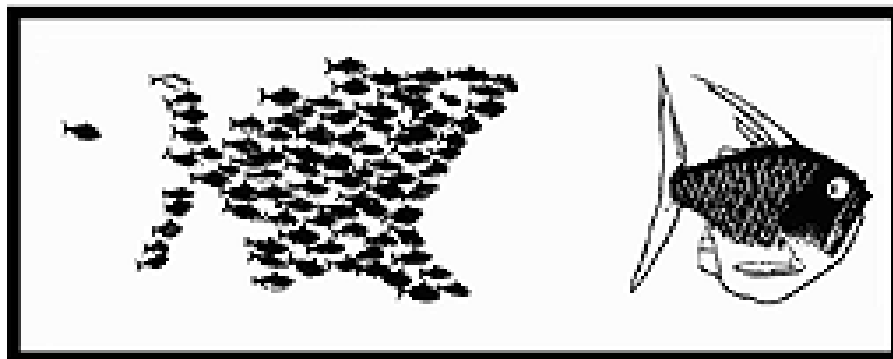
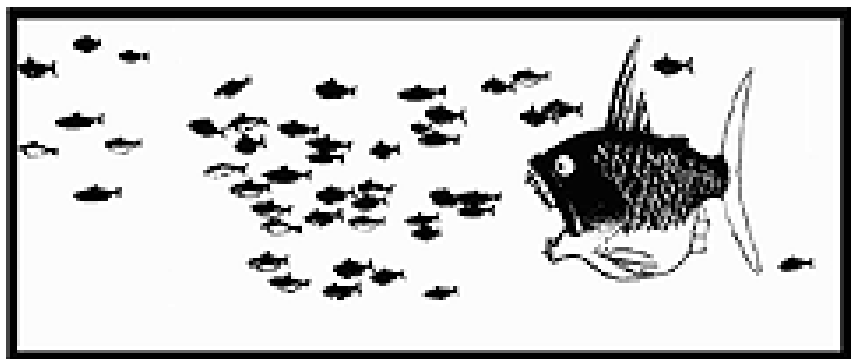
Conclusion



We must exploit this opportunity and aggressively expose the double standards and failures of the investor owned business model by highlighting the economic *and* social successes of co-operative enterprise

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Co-operation in practice



Thank you!

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