

ICA-AP NEWSLETTER

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Interview with ICA President Ariel Guarco



President Ariel Guarco.

ICA President Guarco recently visited Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, China, Korea and Japan. He met with ICA members, called on Ministers and representatives in charge of cooperatives, and visited cooperatives to gain first-hand understanding of the movement in these countries. Here is an interesting and insightful look into the President's tour, his vision for ICA and the way forward!

Q1. You had mentioned in one of your interviews that ICA "needs to be the lighthouse that guides these one billion cooperators, but it shouldn't be a lighthouse in the distance, isolated with a light that barely shines." What would you say, based on your visit to Asia, about the intensity of light ICA is shining in the region?

In this region there is a very dynamic cooperative movement, with great heterogeneity and a lot of potential to assume regional and global challenges. The regional office is doing a very good job to integrate the different organizations and commit them to the Sustainable Development Agenda, as the International Cooperative Alliance did. As President of the ICA I wanted to see this development in the first person and I could confirm it, accompanied by the leaders of the six countries I visited and by the Regional Director, Balu Iyer.

Q2. What are the common features the Asian cooperative movement shares with cooperatives which you have visited in other regions?

In Asia, as in the rest of the world, the cooperative movement has very diverse organizations. We have large enterprises that dispute the market with very powerful capitalist companies, and others with small productive units that meet the needs at the local level. There are cooperatives with many decades of operation as well as new ventures that are at the forefront in the creation and application of new technologies. Beyond these differences in scale or trajectory, throughout the world there is a clear commitment to Sustainable Development and a global comprehension that integration between cooperatives, within each country, in each region and worldwide, is what makes us a key tool to meet the objectives set by the United Nations and build a more just, more solidary and more peaceful world.



President Guarco during the Indonesian leg of the tour.

Q3. What are the challenges in front of cooperatives in the region? How are cooperatives meeting these challenges?

Cooperative organizations in the region are aware of these global challenges and are willing to face them together with the rest of the entities that are part of the International Cooperative Alliance. Meanwhile, I believe that they are assuming with creativity and a great cooperative spirit the role they have in solving certain needs of the societies where they operate. For example, with the inclusion of young people to cooperative enterprises, where there must be opportunities for the new generations to carry out all the innovations of this era under the cooperative principles and values. At the same time, I see cooperatives that are meeting the needs of older adults and are already giving an answer to the aging of population. I also welcome the development of cooperatives that bring producers and consumers closer together to make the population's access to healthy and fair-priced food possible. All these are, among others, challenges that we have on a global scale and in Asia you are solving very well.

Q4. You would have seen that the relationship between the government and cooperatives in the region is ambivalent – supportive in some countries, controlling in some, and indifferent in others. How do you see the relationship between cooperatives and the government. This keeping in view the 4th Cooperative Principle on Autonomy and Independence?

In all countries I was able to exchange views with government representatives and explain to them what the ICA represents worldwide. In some cases, it was not necessary to explain too much since the representatives were quite aware of what the cooperative movement means. Others may lack more information but, precisely, these visits are a way to make this type of incidence, among other things. I think that in general there is a base of knowledge and promotion quite acceptable. In each country the movement must act together and take advantage of the support of ICA Asia and Pacific to increase this incidence and reinforce to the governments the importance of the sector in the economy and society.

Q5. Would you like to share some memorable anecdotes from your visits with our readers?

First of all, I want to thank the kind hospitality of all those organizations that were my hosts. They not only allow me to know first-hand what cooperatives do in each country, but they kindly shared with me their culture, customs, ways of thinking and seeing the world, which is always enriching. They showed me very creative things that help to promote the cooperative movement within the society. I was surprised with the excellent museums, for example, as well as the quality of the products and services the cooperatives provide.

Travels with ICA President 2.0* , Balu Iyer, Regional Director, ICA-AP



President Guarco with members of consumer and worker cooperatives in Korea.

Traveling for 12 days to six countries (Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, China, Korea and Japan) with Ariel Guarco, President of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) was an exhilarating experience. I had done this earlier in 2016 and was looking forward to this trip. The perks of traveling with the President are that you experience not only the red carpet laid out but also the opportunity it provides to hear directly about his vision for the ICA and from the heads of leading cooperatives about their issues, concerns and actions they would like to see taken. To read the complete report please click on this link.

ICA-AP ACTIVITIES

ICA-AP Training Program for Managers of Consumer Cooperatives, Summer 2019

Since 1991, JCCU has been organizing training programs for managers of consumer cooperatives in Asia. This summer, five co-op managers from four Asian countries were invited to Japan to take part in the 2019 training program to learn about the businesses and activities of Japanese cooperatives. The training which lasted for 14 days from July 15 to July 28 focused on store business operations at Co-opdeli Consumers' Co-operative Union and Miyagi Co-op. The participants were Mr. Santosh Shinde and Mr. Ganesh Popatrao Pawar from Sahakari Bhandar - The Colaba Central Co-op Consumers Wholesale & Retail Stores Ltd., Ms. Yoo Kyung Kim from DURE Consumers Cooperative Federation, Mr. Bulgantamir Lkhagvasuren from OD-KR Co-op, and Ms. Ma. Rowena Lazarte from VICTO National.



Engaging discussions at the Co-opdeli Head Office.

The trainees are co-op managers who are working in divisions such as stores and education. Through lectures, store training, and tour of co-op facilities, the trainees learned extensively about staff training; improvement of productivity in store business; store policies and product development with a focus on competition; incorporating member voices in co-op business; and “Sanchoku” business that connects producers with consumers cooperative’s contribution to the community, society, and the world through businesses and activities.

At the Co-opdeli Head Office, the group received a lecture on the outline of Co-opdeli Consumers’ Co-operative Union and Co-op Mirai. After that, they inspected one of the elderly housing providing supportive services and visited a co-op store. At Miyagi Co-op, the participants visited a co-op store, and heard lectures in the areas of store operation, home delivery, “Sanchoku” business, distribution system, personnel education and cooperative members’ activities. They also visited Miyagi Co-op’s reference library for the Great East Japan Earthquake to learn the support provided by Miyagi Co-op and cooperatives nationwide after the disaster and the process of the recovery exercise.



Visit to the cooperative store of Miyagi Co-op.

At the end of the training, a debriefing was held at the Miyagi Co-op Head Office where the participants reported on what they learned during the training and their future action plan to improve their business environment upon returning home.

3rd ICA-Japan training course on “Empowering Women in Business and Management of Agricultural Cooperatives”

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) of the Government of Japan had chosen ICA to implement an umbrella project on “Capacity Building in Agricultural Sector in Asia and Africa (CB Project)” for three years starting from 2017. Under this project, the 3rd Training Course on “Empowering Women in Business and Management of Agricultural Cooperatives” was held in Thailand and Japan from July 14 to August 10, 2019. Six women participants from five countries, namely, India, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal and Thailand attended the training course.

The objective of the training course was to assist capacity building of rural women leaders for promoting their participation in organizational management and organized business activities.



Visit to the Cooperative Promotion Department in Thailand.

The first part of the program included field study visits with a focus on observation of the activities of cooperatives/women’s groups and social institutions. It was held in Thailand from July 14 to 21 in collaboration with the Cooperative League of Thailand, a member of ICA. The second part of the program was held at the Institute for the Development of Agricultural Cooperation in Asia (IDACA) from July 22 to August 10 and included extensive classroom work and study visits to agricultural cooperatives in Fukushima Prefecture of Japan. Lecture-cum-practical field study visits were combined to impart necessary knowledge to the participants on the working of women’s associations and the general activities of agricultural cooperatives in Japan. Some of the key subjects covered at IDACA were: (a) Development of Agricultural Cooperatives in Japan; (b) Women’s Associations of Japanese Agricultural Cooperatives; (c) Rural Women’s Entrepreneurship (marketing and local agro-processing); (d) Women’s Participation in Rural Development; (e) Finalization and Presentation of Action Plans; and (f) Reporting and Evaluation.

Based on the experiences gained during the training, the participants were able to prepare their Action Plans which they would be recommending to their respective organizations for implementation. A course evaluation was conducted at the end of the Training on August 9. The participants felt that the training course was quite relevant for women leaders of agricultural cooperatives in Asia and it should be continued. Mr. Kyohei Sugaya, Officer in-charge of ICA-Japan Project, MAFF; Mr. Masahiro Konno, Executive Director of IDACA; Mr. K. Sethu Madhavan, Advisor-Planning & Membership, ICA-AP; and Ms. Anindita Guha Chakraborty, Deputy Manager/Branch Manager of NAFED at Kolkata, India (on behalf of participants) addressed the closing session.



Participants at the concluding session held at IDACA on August 9.
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The Global Youth Cooperative Webinar 2.0



The official UN logo for International Youth Day 2019.

The ICA-AP Committee on Youth Cooperation (ICYC) organised its second Global Youth Cooperative Webinar on August 12, 2019 to celebrate the International Youth Day. This year, the Day focused on 'Transforming Education' to highlight initiatives in making education inclusive and accessible for youth, including initiatives taken by youth themselves. Four young speakers from cooperative and non-profit organisations in Asia and Pacific, Africa, Europe and the Americas shared their experiences in the education sector and discussed the role of youth and cooperatives in transforming the field of education. This year, the guest speaker at the webinar was an expert in the education sector from the Sectoral Policies Department at the International Labour Organization (ILO), Switzerland. To read the complete report please click on this link.

Enhancing Gender Equality in Cooperative Business



Opening Ceremony (L-R) Dr. K.N. Sinha, Dr. Nandini Azad, Dr. Chandrapal Singh Yadav, Ms. Chitose Arai, Mr. Balasubramanian Iyer and Mr. N. Satyanarayana

The ICA-AP Committee on Women in collaboration with the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) and support from the Japanese Consumers' Cooperative Union (JCCU) organized an International Workshop on "Enhancing Gender Equality in Cooperative Business" at NCUI in New Delhi, India from August 20 to 22, 2019.

The objectives of the workshop were to take stock of the status and conditions of women in cooperatives and identify actions to promote gender equality and end discrimination at the workplace. The workshop focused on two broad issues – promoting gender equality in the workplace by looking into issues around parity, opportunity, safety, and mobility; and improving data, especially relating to gender-disaggregated data. 16 international participants from Bhutan, Iran, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Philippines, and Sri Lanka from the Asia-Pacific region, and 29 women leaders and functionaries engaged in women empowerment activities in different states of India, participated in the workshop.

Dr. Nandini Azad, Chairperson, ICA-AP Committee on Women welcomed the participants and traced the history of the women committee and its role in gender mainstreaming and advocacy to increase representation of women in cooperatives. She said the Committee has consistently presented the concerns of gender imbalances and systemic discrimination against women at various levels of cooperatives and at important forums like the Asia Pacific Cooperative Ministers' Conference (APCMC). The Hanoi Resolution adopted at the 10th APCMC in 2017, called on all participants to "encourage and support women members' participation (30% to 50% representation) in committees, bodies, councils and other higher-level cooperative structures."

Dr. Chandrapal Singh Yadav, President NCUI and Vice-President ICA-AP in his address noted the developments in the quest for gender equality and women's empowerment, from the 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing to Sustainable Development Goal – 5 Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls in the Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. He called on the women representatives of the Asia Pacific region, to pursue with their National Governments the development of 'National Policy for Cooperatives' emphasizing the role of women in decision-making to achieve SDG 5.

Ms. Chitose Arai, Vice Chairperson ICA-AP Committee on Women and Vice-President ICA-AP said that cooperatives have an important role in eliminating disparity and in driving social change. The key attitude needed is LOVE -Listen, Open, Voice and Enjoy! Aya Matsuura, Gender Specialist, ILO New Delhi spoke of the need to provide flexible work arrangement, parental leave (women and men), and safe and fair environment. She called on the need compulsory measures, else things don't change!



(L-R) Ms. Cardona Flores, Ms. Vasudha Mishra, Ms. Anahita Eslahpazir and Ms. Suriyaarachchi P Shanti.

Ms. Vasudha Mishra, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India who attended both days of the workshop explained how positive discrimination can raise the status of women in cooperatives as it can promote diversity, brings in new voices, and enrich society. She encouraged the participants, especially those from India, to make use of the opportunities made available by the government to include cooperatives in promoting farmer producer organizations, providing credit, and expanding the areas of cooperation.

The participants successfully deliberated on strengthening policy (affirmative action and better monitoring), redesigning rules to target individuals (women) rather than households in membership, mainstreaming gender in work policies (addressing safety and mobility) and targeting development programs. The workshop also dwelled into how apex federations can use gender-disaggregated data to plan, implement, monitor and evaluate to mainstream gender equality in cooperatives and expand member base and outreach.

The policy recommendations coming out of the workshop included: gender sensitization of board and leadership, dedicated gender policies in cooperatives, targets to increase number of women at decision making levels, creation of gender development committees, allocation of funds, annual reporting, provision of care facilities (like day-care for children), create home-based cooperatives for home makers, and gender-responsive value chains in cooperatives.



Group discussion on how more gender-responsive policies can be introduced in cooperatives.

On the last day of the workshop, the participants visited Southern Star Cooperative (Urban) Thrift and Credit Society in New Delhi. The cooperative society was registered in 1986 with 41 members. Today it has around 31,200 active members (47% women) and annual turnover of ₹1.5 million.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Report on Consumer Cooperatives in the Visayas, the Philippines



Products produced by members of the La Castellana 1 Personnel Multi-Purpose Cooperative, The Philippines.

The ICA Committee on Consumer Cooperation for Asia and the Pacific (ICA-AP Consumer Committee) is one of the ten sectoral/ thematic committees in the Asia-Pacific region. The Consumer Committee represents member cooperatives in the region, promotes the development of consumer cooperative and builds the capacity of members. The ICA-AP Consumer Committee periodically comes out with

reports which explore the state of cooperatives in the region. This report looks at consumer cooperatives in the Visayas, The Philippines.

NEW MEMBER

We would like to welcome two new members to the ICA family. The number of members in the Asia-Pacific region stands at 107 from 33 countries!

Metro South Cooperative Bank (MSCB), The Philippines



The Metro South Cooperative Bank or MSCB is a cooperative bank run for cooperatives in the Philippines. MSCB receives financial aid or loans from the government and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) for and on behalf of the cooperative banks and primary cooperatives and their federations engaged in business; supervise the lending and collection of loans; acts as a balancing medium for the surplus funds of cooperatives and their federations; and mobilizes savings of its member for the benefit of cooperative movement. They provide services not only to cooperative members but to the general public as well. Member-cooperatives of MSCB are also the stockholders/owner of the Bank, and they are not required to open a savings account. As of December 2018, they had 823 member-cooperatives/stockholders.

Tirumala Tirupati Multistate Co-operative Credit Society Limited, India



The Tirumalla Tirupati Multistate Co-operative Credit Society Limited is a Multi-State Co-operative Society registered under Multi State Co-operative Society Act 2002. The primary objective of the society is to uplift the social and financial status of its members by promoting/educating saving habits amongst them. The saving products can be in the form of fixed deposits, recurring deposits, monthly income schemes and other investment plans. As of 2019, the cooperative society has 109,492 individual members.

ICA-EU PARTNERSHIP UPDATE



In March 2016, the ICA and the European Union signed a Framework Partnership Agreement (Europe Aid/150-053/C/ACT/Multi) to implement a multi-year and multi-country development programme aimed at benefitting and advancing cooperatives worldwide. The Partnership is officially titled "Cooperatives in Development: People Centred Businesses in Action", translated into the social media hashtag #Coops4Dev (cooperatives for development). The Partnership has 8 Result Areas and 33 Activity Streams for delivery by 5 units, one housed in each regional office and one at the coordination level in Brussels. The AP unit has identified three strategic development priorities namely, participation of Cooperatives in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Youth Inclusion in Cooperatives, and Exploring Work and Ownership Structures in Cooperatives. The ICA-AP implements the programme in collaboration with ICA members and in partnership with other stakeholders such as governments, international development agencies, private sector and NGOs in the region. You may read more about the Partnership [here](#).

Exposure visit of ICA-AP staff to Indonesia's youth cooperative movement

Mr. Ivjyot Singh and Ms. Simren Singh, Program Officers of ICA-AP went on an exposure visit to Indonesia from August 5-8. The objectives of the visit were to: understand the motivation of young individuals in furthering the cooperative model, look for partners for the Global Cooperative Entrepreneurs (GCE) Youth Ambassadors' training, understand the incubators set up for cooperatives and further partnerships in the context of research such as mapping of cooperatives.

Our first stop in Indonesia was at DEKOPIN, our member organization, where we met Mr. H. Muhammad Sukri, Secretary General, Mr. Ilham Nasai, Manager (International Relations), and young members from the Youth Co-operators Communication Committee. The representatives of DEKOPIN briefed us about the role and functions of DEKOPIN, its current activities on promoting cooperatives amongst youth and the overall national cooperative movement in Indonesia.



ICAAP staff with DEKOPIN Secretary General and the Youth Co-operators Communication Committee, Jakarta.

Our next stop in Jakarta was at Kopindo, an organization representing the Indonesian youth cooperative movement. Mr. Pendi Yusup, Chairperson of Kopindo shared the vision of creating cooperative cadres to develop future leaders, and presented Kopindo's work on 'Rebranding Cooperatives' via popular methods like Vox Pop, digital platforms, etc.

Day 2 began in Purwokerto where we took part in pitches made by cooperative start-ups. Padi Help stood out the most as it provides a platform where one can request household maintenance services like carpentry, gardening, etc.



ICA-AP staff with the team of Innocircle Initiative and young founders of cooperative start-ups incubated by them.

Later in the day, we attended a focus group discussion organized by the Indonesian Consortium of Cooperatives Innovation (ICCI) on the theme “Rejuvenating Cooperatives through Innovation”. We shared our current engagement with youth highlighting GCE, the ICA-AP committee on youth cooperation and the global research on youth. The event was attended by people from different backgrounds like academic institutions, business groups, community leaders, government officials and media.

On Day 3, we met the team from Innocircle Initiative of Kopkun to understand the incubation ecosystem of cooperatives in Indonesia. The same day we traveled to Yogyakarta where we visited Koperasi Edukarya Negeri Lestari (KEN8). The primary cooperative has its own coffee brand ‘Wikikopi’, which they promote through their cafes. The most striking feature of this cooperative was the participation of members in terms of their skills and not in terms of their monetary contribution. We also visited a co-working space, which though privately owned, hosted a cooperative cafeteria.



The Antologi collaborative space.

Our last day started by addressing the students of Mercu Buana University, Yogyakarta, via a seminar on “New Model of Cooperatives in Indonesia.” We spoke about different existing models in the Asia Pacific Region such as shared-service cooperative model, multi stakeholder cooperative model, etc. Speakers from Indonesia threw light on new emerging models of cooperatives in Indonesia. Our last pit stop was visiting Kopma, a student cooperative in Universitas Gadjah Mada. One interesting highlight of this

cooperative was that it had a very sound and robust operational structure that any enterprise aspiring idealism would envy, thus, making it a perfect case study.

To conclude, one can say that the Indonesian youth involved in cooperatives, truly own the cooperative movement. Young people don't just see cooperatives as an enterprise which may give them a livelihood but truly believe in the social and community aspect of the cooperative. The emerging trends were not a result of a transition that had happened overnight but one that has been a result of democratic deliberations of different stakeholders who believe in economic democracy as a solution to emerging problems of the new world.

National Workshop for Women's Cooperatives, Ahmedabad, India

ICA-AP along with the Gujarat Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA) Cooperative Federation and SEWA Bharat with the support of the ICA-EU Partnership organized the National Workshop for Women's Cooperatives, in Ahmedabad, India. The workshop was organized on August 8 and 9, at the Navajivan Trust, a publication house established by Mahatma Gandhi! The workshop stemmed from the need to empower women's cooperatives in the Indian context and had a four-pronged focus: accessing finance, leveraging technologies to boost business, networking and marketing linkages for goods and services, and supporting an enabling environment with policies, laws and regulations.

The opening ceremony was graced by the presence of Ms. Ela Bhatt, a cooperative luminary, and the founder of SEWA. Ms. Bhatt shared that since SEWA's beginning in 1972, it has set-up hundreds of women's cooperatives which provide a voice to women and ensure their contribution to the economy is recognised. She said that involving women and building cooperatives connected to their work and skills, are crucial steps in mitigating problems of hunger, starvation, violence and climate change. Mr. Sundeep Kumar Nayak, Managing Director, NCDC, shared about the YUVA SAHAKAR program, within which they have a special provision for cooperatives with 100% women members. The cooperatives need to be in existence for a minimum of three months and they are eligible for loans with a debt-equity ratio of 80%-20%. Mr. Balasubramanian Iyer, Regional Director, ICA-AP, said that the workshop resonates with ICA-AP's focus on the participation of women and youth in cooperatives. This is also an opportunity for ICA-AP to push for more women in leadership roles in cooperatives. Dr. Simel Esim, Head, Cooperatives Unit, ILO shared that ILO has been working with SEWA since its inception in 1972. Recently, ILO COOP co-authored a [Report](#) with SEWA Cooperative Federation on challenges and opportunities around cooperatives supported by SEWA. She spoke of cooperatives being formed by young graduates and freelance professionals to ensure they have proper contracts, get support for legal dispute settlements, file their taxes and access social security.



Opening Panel: (L-R) Mr. Ghanshyam Amin (NCUI), Mr. Sundeep Kumar Nayak (NCDC), Ms. Ela Bhatt (SEWA),

The main takeaways from the session on Access to Finance included: fulfilling the need for providing financial literacy to women, having a sustainability plan in place before applying for loans, reducing reliance on external financing as this might hit cash flows in the future etc. The session on Digital Technologies for Cooperatives, highlighted how technology breaks information asymmetry and informs women on relevant themes. Women's cooperatives need to align with local and global value chains to reach out to maximum consumers. The session also threw up a question on whether women's cooperatives have the requisite human and financial resources to access digital platforms or create them to sell their products? The session on Building Market Linkages was designed as a focus group discussion with the participants divided into groups based on their sectors - agriculture, handicrafts, credit and services. The expert speakers were distributed across these groups and provided their insight and answered queries on how women's cooperatives can effectively leverage market linkages and enhance publicity of their products. The concluding session looked at Governance Mechanisms for Cooperatives and the discussions focussed on the existing environment for growth of women's cooperatives in India. The session saw sharing of policy bottlenecks/regulatory hurdles faced by women's cooperatives.

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Maldives Fishermen's Association (MFA)



MFA was established on April 8, 1993 as an organization aimed to develop the Maldivian fishing industry by educating, providing incentives, facilitating market options, gather and disseminate information about new technologies to the local fishers in Maldives. The Association works alongside fishermen to encourage growth and develop a sustainable fishing industry in Maldives. MFA gives priority to preserve indigenous knowledge, create awareness and understanding about fishery by hosting workshops within the country. Such workshops are designed to educate, help acquire skills, facilitate alternative methods like aqua/marine culture and introduce advancements in fisheries for fishermen.

As part of its advocacy efforts with young people, MFA has set up the Young Fishers Club; a voluntary non-governmental initiative for the school students to promote and develop interest among youngsters in the fields of Fisheries. The aim of the Club is to help create awareness and interest among the school students in different fields of the fisheries sector by developing their skills. MFA also conducts activities like art competitions in schools to further promote awareness about sustainable fishing. MFA believes that since fishing is the main livelihood of the Maldives, with increase in the exploitation of aquatic resources, there needs to be focus on sustainability of the fishery resources.



Mr. Abdulla Shakir, Secretary General, MFA, interacts with school students as part of the Young Fishers Club initiative.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2019

- Seminar on SDGs, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, September 4-5
- International Agricultural Produce and Agricultural Input Trade Fair & Seminar on Business Promotion Among Cooperatives, Xiamen, China, September 6-10
- Policy Forum on Development- Asia Regional Meeting, Kathmandu, Nepal, September 24-26
- ICA-AP NACF Joint Workshop on 'Agricultural Cooperative System in Korea', Seoul, Korea, September 24-27
- ICAO General Assembly, Seoul, Korea, November 24

October 2019

- India International Cooperatives Trade Fair, New Delhi, India, October 11-13
- ICYC annual meeting, Kigali, Rwanda, October 12
- ICA-AP Regional Board meeting, Kigali, October 13
- Workshop on Cooperatives in Educational Institutions (ICEI, ICA Africa), Kigali, Rwanda, October 14
- ICA Global General Assembly, Kigali, Rwanda, October 14-17
- ICA-MAFF Follow-up Visit, Mongolia, October 30 to November 4
- Coop Mic, dates (tbc)

November 2019

- ICA Regional Workshop for Managers on "Management of Consumer Co-ops", Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, November 3-7 (tbc)
- Training of Trainers for Management Capacity Building of Women and Gender Integration in Cooperative Development, Colombo, Sri Lanka, November 4-8
- ICA-AP Regional Conference on Climate Action: SDG 13, Theme: Save the environment for future generation, Bangkok, Thailand, November 19-20
- ICEI annual meeting, Kathmandu, Nepal, November 25-26
- Training Programs for Managers of Consumer Co-ops in Japan (Winter), Tokyo/Kobe, Japan, November 18- December 1
- ICA-AP Consumer Committee, Tokyo, Japan, November 19-20

December 2019

- ICA-AP Cooperative Research Conference, Newcastle, Australia, December 12-14
- ICA-AP Meeting on Development of Cooperatives in Pacific Islands, Newcastle, Australia, December 13