

## Board Meeting

18 February 2014 – Beijing, China

### Minutes Summary

During its meeting that took place in Beijing, China on February 18, 2014, the International Co-operative Alliance Global Board took the following decisions:

- To ratify the appointment of the International Co-operative Alliance Board Committees and Work Group as follows:

#### AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

##### Chair

Kathy Bardswick

##### Members

Eudes de Freitas Aquino  
Dirk Lehnhoff  
Gregory Wall

#### GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

##### Chair

Petar Stefanov

##### Members

Ariel Guarco  
Jose Carlos Guisado  
Monique Leroux  
Carlo Scarzanella

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

##### Chair

Anne Santamäki

##### Members

Won-Byung Choi  
Evgeny Kuznetsov  
Li Chunsheng  
Martin Lowery  
Gabriela Ana Buffa

#### COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATIVE LAW

##### Board Liaison

Gabriela Ana Buffa

#### PRINCIPLES COMMITTEE

##### Chair

Jean-Louis Bancel

##### Members

Akira Banzai  
Ramón Imperial Zúñiga  
Jan Anders Lago

#### HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

##### Chair

Seah Kian Peng

##### Members

Dame Pauline Green  
Stanley Charles Muchiri  
Eudes de Freitas Aquino  
Evgeny Kuznetsov  
Jan Anders Lago

#### IAS WORK GROUP

##### Chair

Monique Leroux

##### Members

Jean-Louis Bancel  
Akira Banzai  
Carlo Scarzanella  
Gregory Wall

##### Accountant Experts

To be appointed

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- To postpone the nomination of the Committee on Co-operative Law members to its next meeting to be held in June in Brussels.
  - To ratify the new taxonomy of regions and sectoral organisations.
  - To ratify the Board Standing Orders.

- To allocate the funds received in solidarity to the Philippines following the typhoon Haiyan to the fund established by NATCCO (National Confederation of Co-operatives).
- To mandate the Governance Committee to review the election procedure to ensure full disclosure of the results and study opportunities to propose revision on the composition.
- To direct management to ensure that language issues that occurred during the General Assembly held in Cape Town are addressed properly so that interpretation and translation in English, French and Spanish are equally available.
- To clarify that KPMG has not been appointed as auditor because under the new Belgian constitution, there is a need to hold an annual meeting of the members. Consequently, a short annual meeting will be held in October 2014 in Quebec to receive the annual report and accounts. This can also be used to review the selection of an auditor prior to engagement. It is not anticipated that there will be a large attendance at this meeting, and proxies will be sent with the agenda for members that do not intend to attend.
- To clarify that when Board Members talk to the media, they speak on behalf of their organisation, the President being the only director entitled to speak for the Board of the Alliance.
- To acknowledge that the Principles Committee will present a final draft on the guidance notes for the principles 3, 5 and 7 at the General Assembly to be held in 2015. The comment period is still open until May 15, 2014 on these principles.
- To approve the budget 2014 as follows:

	GLOBAL BUDGET - 2014 - EUR					
	<u>GLOBAL OFFICE</u>	<u>AFRICA</u>	<u>AMERICAS</u>	<u>ASIA &amp; PACIFIC</u>	<u>EUROPE</u>	TOTAL
<b>GLOBAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,575,329.79</b>	<b>222,435.74</b>	<b>450,130.34</b>	<b>397,121.96</b>	<b>775,711.68</b>	<b>3,420,729.51</b>
<i><u>Global subscription income</u></i>	986,408.83	55,649.90	278,993.56	356,337.96	429,210.82	2,106,601.07
<i><u>Meeting Revenue</u></i>	0.00	94,270.26	87,018.70	40,784.00	0.00	222,072.96
<i><u>Other + Project Income</u></i>	588,105.28	72,515.58	83,392.92	0.00	346,500.86	1,090,514.64
<i><u>Financial/Interest</u></i>	815.68	0.00	725.16	0.00	0.00	1,540.84
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>-1,485,217.42</b>	<b>-288,104.41</b>	<b>-449,553.10</b>	<b>-397,121.96</b>	<b>-767,391.74</b>	<b>-3,387,388.64</b>
<i><u>Services and other goods</u></i>	-542,385.27	-111,166.38	-183,275.88	-168,323.72	-127,246.07	-1,132,397.32
<i><u>Personnel</u></i>	-768,195.06	-169,178.86	-260,258.43	-204,327.84	-464,937.60	-1,866,897.80
<i><u>Depreciation</u></i>	-4,894.08	-5,801.25	-1,812.89	0.00	-4,894.08	-17,402.30
<i><u>Other + Project Support</u></i>	-166,806.56	-1,450.31	-1,450.31	-24,470.40	-169,335.17	-363,512.75
<i><u>Financial expenses</u></i>	-2,936.45	-507.61	-2,755.59	0.00	-978.82	-7,178.47
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>90,112.37</b>	<b>-65,668.67</b>	<b>577.24</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,319.94</b>	<b>33,340.87</b>

- To accept the Membership Committee report that stated:

The following organisations were placed into cessation of membership due to non-payment of subscriptions for over 2 years:

- o Vdp of Germany
- o TURIBA of Latvia
- o CENTROCOOP of Romania
- o Co-operative Union of Yugoslavia (Serbia)
- o Induk KUD of Indonesia
- o CIGF of Iran
- o COSSAC of Uruguay
- o ODCo of Morocco

The following requests for withdrawal were approved by the Committee:

- o Soficatra, SA of Belgium
- o The Co-operative Group of UK, which will become an indirect member through its membership of Co-operatives UK.

The following organisations were accepted into membership:

- o Korea University Cooperative Federation (KUCF), Korea as a full Member.
  - o Central Cooperativa para la Promoción Social COOPCENTRAL, Colombia as a full Member.
  - o Federación de Cooperativas de Ahorro y Crédito de Honduras (FACACH), Honduras as a full Member.
  - o Cooperativa de Telecomunicaciones Santa Cruz Limitada (COTAS), Bolivia as a full member.
  - o Federación Regional de Cooperativas de Ahorro y Préstamo Noreste S.C.L. de C.V. (FENORESTE), Mexico as an Associate Member for 3-5 years.
  - o Federal Department of Co-operatives, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FDC), Nigeria as an Associate Member.
  - o European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises (EURICSE), Italy as an Associate Member.
  - o Fédération des coopératives d’approvisionnement et de l’alimentation générale (FECAGG), Guinea as a full Member
  - o Associação Moçambicana de Promoção do Cooperativismo MOdermo (AMPCM), Mauritius as an Associate Member for 3-5 years.
- To adopt the recommendation of the Governance Committee to fill any board vacancy that might occur during the current mandate by new election, and to commence the preparation of a constitutional amendment for the filling of a casual vacancy to be presented to the next General Assembly
  - To approve the work plans and budgets of sectoral organisations and the allocation of the funds proposed by management

Blueprint for a Co-operative Decade:

- The Board received an update on the implementation plan for the Blueprint and recognised the range of initiatives underway.

Other matters:

- The Global Board honoured the memory of Ian McPherson and Yehudah Paz (co-laureates of the Rochdale Pioneer Award in 2005), who both passed away in 2013, recognising the tremendous contribution they both brought to the Co-operative movement globally.
- The Global Board thanked Dr Choi for his long service as Regional Director for the Asia & Pacific as this will be his last Global Board Meeting prior to retirement on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.
- The Global Board received an update on the Youth Network Constitution and welcomed the progress in the process.

Future Board Meetings:

- 5-6 June 2014: Brussels, Belgium (in conjunction with Cooperatives Europe Board)
- 5-6 October 2014: Québec City, Canada (in conjunction with the International Summit). This meeting would also serve to convene the annual Members meeting, primarily to approve the annual accounts, as required by Belgian law.