



## ICA Gender Equality Committee Seminar

### "Global Crisis: Gender Opportunity?"

15:00-18:00, 17 November 2009

Room 6, Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG)  
17, rue Varembé, Geneva, Switzerland

#### Agenda

15:00 **Welcome and Introduction**

*Stefania Marcone, Chairperson, ICA GEC*

15:15 **Global Crisis from a Gender Perspective**

The session will focus on how the global economic crisis is both fragilising gender empowerment gains but also giving rise to opportunities to address gender inequality in striving for economic and social recovery.

- *Eva Majurin, Associate Expert, CoopAfrica Programme, ILO Dar-es-Salaam*
- *Johannes Jutting, Head of Poverty Reduction & Social Development Unit, OECD Development Centre*
- *Vera Lucia de Oliveira Daller, Coordenadora-Geral de Autogestão Cooperativista, Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture*

16:30. **Gender Equality for Global Recovery: A co-operative perspective  
Best practices from the cooperative movement**

The session will provide examples of both how the co-operative model is proving to be a preferred business model for new enterprises and also how co-operatives in addressing recovery have undertaken gender activities. Invited speakers are:

- *Africa – Mrs Ester Gicheru, Principal of the Co-operative College, Kenya  
Prof. Suleman A. Chambo, Principal of the Moshi University, Tanzania*
- *Europe – Mrs Paloma Arroyo, Director of Coceta, Spain*
- *Asia – Mrs Hajah Armi Haji Zainudin, Vice President of ANGKASA, Malaysia*
- *Americas – Mrs Brigitte Gagné, General Director of Conseil Canadien de la coopération et de la mutualité, Canada*

17:30 **Discussion**

17:45 **Conclusions and recommendations**

- *Stefania Marcone, Chairperson, ICA GEC*
- *Pauline Green, ICA Vice-President for Europe*