

The 9th ICA Ministerial Conference – Nairobi (Kenya)

COMMUNIQUE

We the Ministers responsible for co-operative development in Africa, assembled here in Nairobi, Kenya in compliance with the Gaborone Declaration of 1984 and the decision of the 8th ICA African Ministerial Co-operative Conference held in Maseru, Lesotho in 2005;

HAVING CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED:-

The Progress Report on the implementation of the strategies agreed upon for the period 2005 – 2009 as prepared by the meeting of the Ministerial Conference Technical Committee held in, Kampala, Uganda from 13 – 15 July 2009 and presented to us at Nairobi, Kenya on 23rd October, 2009 and the statements of the Ministers responsible for co-operative development in the region.

HAVING NOTED THAT:-

Significant progress has been made in achieving the strategies set out in 2005 – particularly in the areas of policy and legal reforms, gender, youth as well as co-operative finance and human resource development, and that further efforts and action are still required – especially in the areas of research, regional integration, HIV/Aids, strengthening national structures and Information and Communication Technology:

CONVINCED THAT:-

Co-operatives are suitable and effective organizations for mobilization of human, social and financial resources for sustainable human and economic development and contribute to poverty reduction;

REALISING THE NEED:-

To reposition co-operatives to realize their full potential as vehicles for driving African Socio-economic recovery through innovation.

RECOGNISE THAT:-

The main challenges facing co-operatives include the various global crises such as the economic crisis, food and oil crisis, and climate change; HIV/AIDS, widespread poverty and issues of leadership, management, member empowerment, market access and declining external support;

COMMIT:-

Ourselves to support the implementation of the strategies that have been formulated for the period 2009 – 2012. Creating an enabling environment for the implementation of the Strategies.

The Ministers responsible for co-operative development and other government officer/s present here in Nairobi on this 23rd day of October Two Thousand and Nine are as listed below:

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Deputy Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Trade & Industry

EGYPT

H.E. Ambassador Saher Hamza
Embassy of Egypt to Kenya

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Hon. Joseph Nyagah
Minister for Co-operatives and Marketing.

LESOTHO

Hon. Khotso Matla
Assistant Minister of Trade & Industry,
Co-operatives & Marketing

MALAWI

Hon. Stephen Kamwendo
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Trade & Industry

NAMIBIA

Hon. Katali Henry Isak
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry

NIGERIA

Mohammed Ahmed Kontagora
Director-General
Niger State – Ministry of Investment,
Commerce & Co-operatives
For Hon. Commissioner for Commerce, Investment and Co-operatives

Mr. Frederick Otujinrin
Lagos State
For Honourable Commissioner for Agriculture and Co-operatives

RWANDA

Hon. Monique NSANZABAGANWA
Minister
Ministry of Trade & Industry

SOUTH AFRICA
Jeffrey Ndumo
Chief Director
Department of Trade & Industry

SOUTHERN SUDAN
Hon. Peter A. Sule
Minister
Ministry of Co-operatives & Rural Development

SWAZILAND
Hon. Ntuthuko Dlamini
Minister
Ministry of Public Works and Transport (For Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade)

TANZANIA
Kasuga Peter Gwido
Director
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UGANDA
Hon. Gaggawala Wambuzi
Minister
Ministry of Tourism, Trade And Industry

ZIMBABWE
Hon. Sithembiso G.G. Nyoni
Minister
Ministry of Small & Medium Enterprises & Co-operative Development

ZAMBIA
Hon. Daniel Kalenga
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Agriculture & Co-operatives

ZANZIBAR
Khamis Ussi Ali
Registrar of Co-operatives
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock & Environment
Department of Co-operatives