



Official Invitation

9th Regional Assembly for Africa

To: Dear ICA Partners and Regional Stakeholders

Date: 21 June 2010

Re: **Invitation to 9th Regional Assembly for Africa**

Dear Co-operators,

During the 2nd Members Forum in Nairobi, Kenya last October, Lesotho kindly accepted to host the **9th Regional Assembly for Africa** and related meetings which will be held in **Maseru, Lesotho, from 11th to 15th October, 2010**. The meetings will be held at the Lesotho Convention Centre.

We extend a very cordial invitation to you and/or your representative(s) to participate in these events.

The theme for this year's Regional Assembly will be "**Combating Climate Change through Co-operatives**". Climate change affects all, not the least co-operatives that operate in all fields of human endeavour. This theme has been chosen to bring into focus matters of climate change and how co-operatives across the continent can respond and start initiatives to mitigate against its adverse effects. Attached is a draft programme.

The ICA is pleased to inform you that all the meetings in Maseru will be co-hosted by the Lesotho Government on behalf of the co-operative movement in Lesotho. As indicated in our earlier communication, each member organization will meet the cost of travel and accommodations of their delegation to the meeting and related events. The host will sponsor the group luncheons during meetings. The host has negotiated special room rates in different hotels in Maseru. Attached is information on hotels available and relevant charges to facilitate bookings in advance.

Please fill out the attached registration form and return it as soon as possible to Ms Salome Kimeu, Office Manager, ICA Africa, by fax +254 20 2711959 or email ica@icaafrica.coop.

With co-operative greetings,

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