



ICA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2010

1. Contact Information

Organisation's Name:

Acronym:

Address:

Telephone: Fax:

E-mail: Website:

Contact Person (name and title):

Contact Person Email: Telephone:

Skype or MSN address:

2. Organisation Information

Description of your organisation:

Date founded:

What are the aims of your organisation?

Does your organisation adhere to and/or support the Co-operative Identity Statement?[\[i\]](#)

yes no comment

What are your sectors of activity?

- Agriculture / Forestry
- Consumer / Retail
- Banking / Credit Unions
- Insurance
- Health
- Tourism
- Fisheries

- Housing
- Workers / Industrial
- Independent retailers
- Utilities
- Social
- Other:

3. Why are you interested in ICA membership?

Please indicate the reasons below why you wish to become a member of the ICA. Please rate in order of importance.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Act in solidarity with the co-operative movement | <input type="checkbox"/> Gain access to ICA as a centre of co-operative expertise, in particular co-operative statistics, information and intelligence. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in co-operative activities at the regional level | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilise the capacity of the ICA to increase the global, regional and sectoral influence of co-operatives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in co-operative activities at the sectoral level | <input type="checkbox"/> Contribute to the work programme of the ICA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in co-operative activities at the thematic level | <input type="checkbox"/> Be eligible to purchase and use a .coop domain name which will demonstrate your co-operative identity. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be represented and defended by ICA in case of conflict or dispute with your countries public authorities or with regional or international institutions. | <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in training programmes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elect and be eligible for ICA leadership positions | <input type="checkbox"/> Receive and benefit from communications materials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in various ICA events | <input type="checkbox"/> Access development support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Develop business relationships and partnerships with other ICA member organisations. Access co-operative contacts. | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |

What do you expect from the ICA?

How did you find out about the ICA?

ICA Websites. Please indicate which one:

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- ICA Digest
- ICA Central Office
- ICA Regional Office
- ICA Sectoral Organisation
- ICA member

Meeting or Conference

ICA publications (please choose):

- ICA Digest
- ICA Regional Publication
- Other

Other. Please indicate:

4. Membership status^[ii]

Please check which type of membership you are applying for:

Member (full members with voting rights)

Please indicate which best describes your organisation:

- National union or federation of co-operative organisations
- National confederation of co-operative unions (apex organisations)
- National co-operative business organisation with majority individual ownership (a co-operative society working at the national level whose members are not only people but also can be enterprises -- i.e. a mixed membership)
- Individual co-operative organisation (primary or grassroots co-operatives)

or Associate Member

Please indicate which best describes your organisation:

- Organisations who are not otherwise eligible to be full members (check one):
 - organisations which are supporters of co-operatives
 - organisations which are owned and controlled by co-operatives (entities that are not co-ops themselves but who are owned entirely by co-ops (not individuals))
 - educational, research and other institutions which promote or finance co-operatives and the co-operative movement (training institutions and semi-autonomous institutions with no co-operative members).
- International and regional (supranational) federations or unions of co-operative Organisations (organisations with membership in multiple countries).
- Organisation entitled to full member status, but that is not ready to apply for full membership.^[iii]

5. Annual Subscription to the ICA

Member: ICA calculates Member subscriptions on the basis of the number of individual members of their cooperatives that they have or represent, as well as affiliations to other ICA members (“members of members”). Therefore, please provide us with:

Number of individual members in 2008^[iv]:

Number of individual members in 2006:

Associate Member: ICA calculates Associate Member subscriptions based on a series of flat rates.

Please list other ICA member organisations which you are affiliated to. For a current list of ICA members, go to <http://www.ica.coop/members/index.html>.

6. Other Statistical Information

Total number of member societies:	<input type="text"/>	in	<input type="text"/>
Total number of employees:	<input type="text"/>	in	<input type="text"/>
And for your member organisations:	<input type="text"/>	in	<input type="text"/>
Total number of women employees:	<input type="text"/>	in	<input type="text"/>
And for your member organisations:	<input type="text"/>	in	<input type="text"/>
Turnover of your organisation:	<input type="text"/>	in	<input type="text"/>
And for your member organisations:	<input type="text"/>	in	<input type="text"/>

Please provide information regarding the significance of your organisation economically or socially (for example market share, awards received, achievements, having influenced national legislation, etc):

7. Required Documents

Please submit the following documents with your application form:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rules of the Organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> List of member societies /affiliates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Report | |

We would also appreciate the following additional information:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Background | <input type="checkbox"/> Statistics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balance Sheet | <input type="checkbox"/> Periodicals, Audio Visuals, etc. |

8. Signatory of the Applying Organisation

Name:

Position:

Signature: _____ Date:

NOTES OF REFERENCE:

[i] The Co-operative Identity Statement can be found on the ICA website at <http://www.ica.coop/coop/principles.html>

[ii] The ICA Rules & By-Laws provide information on membership eligibility and the calculation of the subscription payment and can be downloaded at: <http://www.ica.coop/ica/rules.html>

[iii] Organisations may be accorded associate member status for a three year period to be reviewed and extended to a maximum of five years to enable them to participate in ICA, mainly at the regional and sectoral level, before applying for full membership.

[iv] Number of individual members is defined as:

A) For organisations that are primary co-operatives, individual members refer to the number of members the organisation has. This membership number is defined in the by-laws of the organisation and can include individual persons, families, policy-holders, or enterprises such as farms or businesses.

B) If the organisation is a representative organisation for co-operatives (apex), individual members are the aggregated total number as described in A above that all the apex organisation's direct members represent (including "members of members", all the way down until the end unit is reached in A above), regardless of whether or not the direct members are themselves members of ICA or pay a contribution to ICA.