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## Profile of Speakers

[In the order of appearance in the programme]



### Martin Lowery

Martin Lowery is the U.S. representative to the board of the International Cooperative Alliance and chairs the ICA Cooperative Identity Committee. He also served as the chairperson of the Task Force of the 33rd World Cooperative Congress which took place in Seoul, Korea in December 2021. He is the immediate past Chair of the National Cooperative Bank (NCB) and is the Executive Vice President, Emeritus, of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). In 2014, Martin was inducted into the Cooperative Hall of Fame, the highest honor that the U.S. cooperative community bestows on individuals who have made heroic contributions to the cooperative movement. Martin received a bachelor's degree from DePaul University and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Duke University.



### Giuseppe Guerini

Giuseppe Guerini is the President of CECOP Europe (European Confederation of Industrial, Work and Service Cooperatives and Social Cooperatives). An active advocate of the social cooperatives, he is also the President of Confcooperative Bergamo and member of the National Council of Confcooperative. He Represents the labor cooperative sector on the Board of Cooperatives Europe and is the former President of Federsolidarietà Confcooperative (2010 to 2018), He has had a management role in several cooperatives; he has been involved in social policy planning and active labor policies of enterprise promotion. He is a member of the Board of the Chamber of Commerce Industry and Handicrafts of the province of Bergamo. Professional experiences have also been consolidated through participation in the banking sector, where he served as a board member first in a Cooperative Credit Bank and later in Banca Popolare di Bergamo (later absorbed by a large national banking group. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Bergamo Community Foundation. A Foundation that focuses on supporting and financing philanthropy initiatives carried out by nonprofit entities in the social, cultural and environmental fields.



### Thomas Knubben

Thomas Knubben teaches at the Institute of Cultural Management, University of Education Ludwigsburg, Germany. He has undertaken studies in history and cultural sciences at the universities of Tübingen, Germany, and Bordeaux, France; Ph.D. in history on Everyday Life in the 17th century; from 1985 – 2002 he was director of the cultural department in different cities including historical museums and director of municipal art galleries with focus on modern and contemporary art; and since 2003 he is professor for cultural sciences esp. cultural history and cultural management at the University of Education Ludwigsburg, Germany. He is also responsible curator for the development of concepts for several museums (Museum Humpisquartier Ravensburg – largest integrally conserved medieval quarter in southwestern Germany; Vineum Bodensee – Wine, Culture, History at the Lake of Constance); many publications on cultural heritage, e.g. Hölderlin. A Winter Journey (2011), Mesmer or the Research of the Dark Side of the Moon (2015), Seewein. Wine Culture at the Lake of Constance (2016); The Case of the Campanile. Transculturality, Hyperreality and Multiple Authenticity (2018); actual projects of research: World Cultural Atlas. Culture in Time of Globalisation (2019); Cultural Cooperatives.



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## Diana Dovgan

Diana Dovgan is the Secretary General of CICOPA (International organization of cooperatives in industry and services) and CECOP (European confederation of cooperatives in industry and services) since 2018.

She was previously the Policy Officer for both organizations for 10 years. From 2004 to 2008, she was a Policy Advisor for the Belgian minister in charge of Social Inclusion and Equal Opportunities. Diana Dovgan holds a Master's Degree in Political Sciences from the Université Libre de Bruxelles.



## Korbinian März

Korbinian März is the Coordinator at the Secretariat General of the International Raiffeisen Union seated in Bonn, Germany. He is the Project Coordinator at DGRV for the South-East Asia region and covers, among others, international development work in India and Myanmar, and has previously worked on projects in Laos. He completed his bachelor studies in languages with a focus on French literature and Romance studies, as well as his second bachelor in governmental science from the University of Erfut. He completed his master's degree in international relations from the University of Sussex.



## Giovanna Barni

Giovanna Barni is the President and Business Development Manager at CoopCulture since 2010. One of the largest cooperative companies working in the field of cultural heritage in Italy, CoopCulture is committed to the management and enhancement of more than 150 museums, monuments, archeological areas, libraries and archives, expanding audiences, and empowering cultural visits. This is done through the use of innovative technological devices and software programmes, and fostering sustainable experiences of territories through the merging of nature, culture, handicrafts, and intangible heritage. At Legacoop – the Italian representative association of cultural cooperative companies, Giovanna is President of CulTurMedia, the thematic area dedicated to associated cultural, media and touristic cooperatives. At Alleanza delle Cooperative Italiane- an association for all Italian cooperative companies, she is member of the Board dedicated to Culture and Tourism and President of the Media and Communication sector.



## Ouïam Aziz

Ouïam Aziz is an entrepreneur in the Argan Tree sector in Morocco and was formerly director at the Toudarte cooperative which is a women led cooperative engaged in the business of production and marketing of Argan tree products. After several years as member and in the executive management of the cooperative, Ouïam has recently started her own commercial outfit to better market Argan products, and create newer range of produce. She is committed to working with cooperatives in Morocco and bringing the just value of work to women behind the products of the Argan tree.



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## Dinara Chochunbaeva

Dinara Chochunbaeva is an artist, expert on traditional handicrafts and conductor of art and social projects. Since 2004, she coordinates in Central Asia, the UNESCO/World Crafts Council Program's "Award of Excellence for Handicraft Products". In 2000 she initiated the establishment of the Central Asia Crafts Support Association which united over 5000 craftsmen all over the region, and was its President till 2008. She represented the region at the World Crafts Council – Asia Pacific Region (WCC-APR) as a Vice-President for Central Asia in 2012-2016. Ms. Chochunbaeva has worked since 2009 as an expert on handicrafts development and is the head of the regional team of trainers of Central Asia Crafts Support Association's Resource Center in Kyrgyzstan – CACSARC-kg, which has trained hundreds of craftsmen in Kyrgyzstan. Trainers of CACARC-kg provide training on traditional crafts technologies and marketing for craftsmen in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Turkey, Hungary, Italy, Azerbaijan and Georgia. Ms. Chochunbaeva conducted several studies of the craft market in Central Asia, in 2006 she established in Kyrgyzstan International Festival of Traditional Crafts and Culture "OIMO" which is recognized today as one of the most successful market for craftsmen and attractive touristic event in the region. As an expert Dinara Chochunbaeva conducted research in the sphere of craftsmanship in Kyrgyzstan (Chatkal district, Osh, Batken, Issyk-kul and Naryn provinces), Tajikistan (Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Region, Sught province), Afghanistan (Mazar-i-Sharif of the Balkh province), Georgia (sites of Tusheti and Samtskhe-Javakheti), and Turkey (Kars city of Kars province). Ms. Chochunbaeva is a UNESCO Expert on Intangible Cultural Heritage in Kyrgyzstan and UNESCO ICHCAP Correspondent. In 2015 she published a coffee table book "Shyrdak, the Kyrgyz Felt Carpet", which was recognized as the best art publication in Kyrgyzstan of 2015 and awarded by Moscow International Book Fair in 2016.



## Fazial Khan

Fazial Khan is the Registrar of cooperatives and Acting Director of the Department of MSMEs, Government of Fiji.

He is deeply committed to bringing best practices of cooperative development to Fiji and has coordinated important engagements with the ICA Asia and Pacific in his tenure.

He has also represented the Department in the Expert Group Meeting on cooperatives in social development organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs in 2021, and during the ICA Intergovernmental Meeting in Seoul, Korea in 2021.



## George Oates

George Oates is the founder and incoming executive director of the new Flickr Foundation, a non-profit that works alongside the Flickr corporation, which currently hosts tens of billions of photographs. She is a Software Designer and has Founded Museum in a Box and Former Design Lead at Flickr and Internet Archive. The Flickr Foundation exists to ensure that Flickr.com remains a cultural treasure for future generations. George is a fellow at the Institute of Cooperative Digital Economy where she aims to deepen her research and development into what it takes to create a commons-led organization grounded in cooperative principles.



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## Iñigo Albizuri Landazabal

Iñigo Albizuri Landazabal is the Global Head of Public Affairs at Mondragon Corporation in the Basque Country of Spain. He was elected to the Global Board of the ICA in 2022. He is also the President of the International Organisation of Industrial and Service Cooperatives, a sector organisation of the International Cooperative Alliance, which includes 49 members with 65,000 affiliated enterprises employing four million people across the world. A trained engineer with a degree in Industrial Engineering and Business Management, Mr. Albizuri has spent more than 20 years at the COPRECI Group, a cooperative belonging to the Mondragon Group, working in countries like México, U.S. and China to expand markets while committing to the cooperative's values. He has also acted as the President of MUNDUKIDE the NGO of MONDRAGON for pushing the creation of cooperatives in developing countries.



## Yvon Jadoul

Yvon Jadoul is the General Secretary of the European Smart Cooperative. After a career of nearly 10 years in ministerial offices in Belgium as a public policy advisor in various fields (employment, economy, and housing), he joined Smart in 2018 as political advisor to the CEO, Sandrino Graceffa. His role has quickly evolved and today he manages a team that implements functions related to political lobbying, communication, international development and the animation of the company's cooperative life. Smart is a European cooperative of self-employed workers (who can also be called 'freelancers') from all backgrounds and offers a set of shared services (legal, financial, administrative, training, economic support, shared workspaces), enabling them to develop their professional activities in complete autonomy. The status of entrepreneur-employee within the Smart shared structure makes it possible to reconcile social protection with a true entrepreneurial dynamic.



## Francesca Martinelli

Francesca Martinelli is in charge of institutional communication and international relations at the Italian cooperative Doc Servizi and she is in the board of Doc Creativity.. After a master's degree in philosophy and Ethics, she got in 2017 a Ph.D. in "Human Capital Formation and Labour Relations" at the University of Bergamo in co-tutorship with Paris VIII Vincennes-St.-Denis. By the end of 2018, she is the director of the Centro Studi Doc Foundation, where she is in charge of research and development and advocacy. In 2018 she was awarded the prize "Astrolabio del sociale – Pierre Carniti" announced by Centro Studi CISL with an essay about new forms of representation from a European perspective, which she described as Pegasus company. In 2020, she wrote a chapter dedicated to Pegasus company for the book Cooperative bene commune (RomeTre-Press) and in 2021 wrote a report for CECOP on cooperatives' response to undeclared work, published in English, Italian and Spanish. She presents her research at conferences and seminars all over the world.



## Caroline Woolard

Caroline Woolard is the Director of Research and Programs at Open Collective Foundation, an Assistant Professor at Pratt, and co-organizer of <http://art.coop> with Nati Linares and Marina Lopez. Since the financial crisis of 2007-8, Woolard has catalyzed barter communities, minted local currencies, founded an arts-policy think tank, and created sculptural interventions in office spaces. Woolard is the co-author of three books: Making and Being (Pioneer Works, 2019), a book for educators about interdisciplinary collaboration, co-authored with Susan Jahoda; Art, Engagement, Economy (onomatopoe, 2020) a book about managing socially-engaged and public art projects; and TRADE SCHOOL: 2009-2019, a book about peer learning that Woolard catalyzed in thirty cities internationally over a decade. Woolard's work has been featured twice on New York Close Up (2014, 2016), a digital film series produced by Art21 and broadcast on PBS.



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## Rebecca Harvey

Rebecca Harvey is the Executive Editor of the Co-operative News, a news magazine and website about and for co-operatives. It is published by The Co-operative Press Ltd, which was founded nearly 150 years ago (1871) to serve the mushrooming consumer co-operative movement.

Rebecca received First Class bachelor's degree in English and Communication and an MA in Directed Research from the University of Liverpool whereafter she started her career in journalism and gained experience in events and publishing.



## Amrul Hakim

Amrul Hakim is the co-founder of the Indonesian Film Cooperative and Journalist at Sejahtera Media Cooperative (SAMA). He gained his education in the field of engineering and applied science and ventured into media, film making and journalism soon after. He co-founded the journalism cooperative in 2017 and the film cooperative in 2018 in order to pursue his passion as well as to do that in cooperation with other like minded skilled professionals. Amrul Hakim is the director who won the Golden Lens International Documentary Film Festival which was held by the Dutch Cultural Institute - Erasmus Huis in 2012. In 2018 and 2019, he was a drafter (concept) as well as a jury in the Cooperative Film Competition at the Ministry of Cooperatives and Small and Medium Enterprises of the Republic of Indonesia. In late 2019 and early 2020, before the covid pandemic was announced by the Indonesian government, he traveled to 10 provinces in Indonesia to share knowledge about the concept of Film Cooperatives that can be practiced by the film community in order to survive in their economic life. In 2021, he was asked to be the drafter (concept) and judge of the Nusantara Film Appreciation organized by the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia. In 2022, he directed a documentary film entitled Kelana Teh with the concept of a Multi-Party Cooperative together with the Edukarya Negeri Lestari Cooperative. And in the same year, he became the co-founder of the New Indonesia Expeditionary Cooperative, producing documentary films around Indonesia for 1 year starting on July 1, 2022.



## Ariel Guarco

Ariel Guarco is the ICA president and has served as a member of ICA's Global Board since 2013. He was re-elected as President in 2022 for a term of four years. A passionate cooperative leader, he has led the development of the cooperative movement process in his country, Argentina and he has also built strong bonds with the rest of the cooperative movement in the American continent and worldwide. Dr. Guarco has served as the Deputy Vice President of Cooperatives of the Americas since 2014, and has served as the President of the Federation of Electric and Public Services Cooperatives of the Province of Buenos Aires (FEDECOBA) since 2008. He also serves as the President of the Cooperative Confederation of the Argentine Republic. Dr. Guarco is the author of the book "The Argentine Cooperative Movement – A Hopeful Look into the Future".



## Susanne Westhausen

Susanne Westhausen was elected as president of Cooperatives Europe in 2021 and currently serves as one of the four Vice Presidents of the ICA.

She is the CEO of the Danish cooperative apex organisation for cooperatives since 2007. As chief executive of Kooperationen she has years of experience in the cooperative movement. Ms Westhausen is Board Member in many different national and international organisations such as the think tank on Democratic Business since 2008 and the Board of Cooperatives Europe since 2017. She studied at the University of Copenhagen.



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## Graciela Fernández Quintas

Graciela Fernández Quintas is a Lawyer and has a PhD in Law and Social Sciences from Universidad de la República del Uruguay since 1982, with more than 20 years of experience in Cooperatives and associative organizations. In 2018, she was elected as the first female President of the Cooperatives of the Americas Executive Board. She is part of the Cooperative Center of Uruguay, since 1996. It is an NGO in which she has served as Head of the Legal Department and in other management positions. In 2010, she assumes the role of President. Since 2011, she has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Uruguayan Confederation of Cooperatives, CUDECOOP, and in 2014 she was elected as its President. Graciela Fernández leads the Commission of Legal Advisors of Cooperativism of CUDECOOP and is part of the Cooperative Law Commission of Cooperatives of the Americas.



## Erbin Crowell

Erbin Crowell serves as Executive Director of the Neighboring Food Co-op Association (NFCA), a secondary co-operative of more than 45 food co-ops and start-up initiatives with a combined membership of over 164,000 people across New England and New York State. With a mission of supporting co-operative growth, innovation, and shared success among its member food co-ops, the NFCA provides technical support, opportunities for peer collaboration, regional sourcing initiatives, marketing and policy advocacy, and educational and training resources. Erbin brings more than 25 years of experience in the co-operative movement, sustainable food systems, and Fair Trade, including work with Equal Exchange, the Cooperative Fund of New England, the Cooperative Development Institute, and the Valley Alliance of Worker Co-ops, and as a consultant with organizations such as the Federation of Southern Cooperatives / Land Assistance Fund. He currently serves on the boards of directors of the National Cooperative Business Association, CLUSA International (USA), the New England Farmers Union, and the Co-operative Management Education Co-operative (CMEC). Erbin received his B.A. in Anthropology from Brown University and his Master of Management: Co-operatives & Credit Unions from Saint Mary's University in Nova Scotia, and is an adjunct lecturer at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where he teaches courses on the co-operative movement. He is also a member of the ICA Cooperative Identity Advisory Group and the Dot Coop LLC.



## Danilo Salerno

Danilo Salerno is the ICA Cooperatives of the Americas' Regional Director. Born in Italy, Danilo Salerno is an International development expert with a passion for multilateralism and a deep sense of Justice, Fairness, Equality.

He has an extensive professional record within the cooperative movement, both at domestic and international level. He has a Degree in Political Science from the University of Bologna, with a thesis on the emergence of the Chilean cooperative movement. Salerno also has a Master's Degree in Nonprofit Organizations and European Project Management (ASVI, Rome) as well as a Master's Degree in European and International Relations (La Sapienza University, Rome); additionally, he has a Diploma in Latin American Studies from the Italian-Latin American Institute, Rome. Before his current role, Salerno was serving as Director of Coopermondo, the NGO created by Confcooperative, the largest apex organization of the Italian cooperative movement. From February 2016 to August 2018 Salerno was Chairman of the "working group on private sector engagement" of the National Council for Development Cooperation, under the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since 2011, he also has served as the Confcooperative Representative for International Development Cooperation at the Cooperatives Europe working group for the International Development Platform. His professional background also includes several direct work experiences with cooperative and solidarity economy organizations from different countries in Latin America.



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## Fabíola Nader Motta

Fabíola Nader Motta is the General Manager of Organization of Brazilian Cooperatives. She is a political scientist with a strong background in advocacy, government, and institutional relations.

She has been engaged in promoting cooperatives since 2009. Fabíola was educated at the Ohio University and the University of Brasília.



## Javier Di Biase

Javier Di Biase is the manager of Fundación Grupo Sancor Seguros, president of Asociación Cristiana de Dirigentes de Empresas (ACDE, Rafaela), member of the advisory board of Casa Cooperativa de Provisión Sunchales Ltda., and of Grupo de Fundaciones y Empresas (GDFE), former president of ADESu (Agencia de Desarrollo Económico de Sunchales). Certified Public Accountant and University graduate in «Updating and Improvement in Accounting». He has given several national and international lectures related to Cooperativism, Associativism and CSR.



## Neil Calvert

Neil Calvert joined the Co-operative College as CEO and Principal in July 2021. Over 26 years in secondary education he served as the headteacher of a large secondary school and the founding CEO of a multi-academy trust. Having been appointed as a governor of the University of Derby from 2010 to 2021, Neil became Vice Chair of Governing Council and Chair of the Remuneration Committee in 2015. He was the inaugural Chair of the Student Affairs Committee and led the board's work to develop student voice and representation. During his tenure the University broke into the top 30 in national league tables and gained the Gold award in the first Teaching Excellence Framework. Neil is a Trustee of the DHL UK Foundation, the company's corporate educational charity which funds programmes to support disadvantaged young people. He holds public appointments in veterans' affairs and criminal justice, and is a Fitness to Practice committee member for the Nursing and Midwifery Council.



## Sarah Alldred

Sarah Alldred joined the Co-operative College in 2012 as their International Programmes Manager, after four years working at Co-operatives UK, and over 10 years working in the peace movement, doing her PhD research on post conflict reconstruction.

Sarah is now the Head of International Partnerships at the College, and in collaboration with Co-operatives UK, oversees the rich international relationships the UK Co-operative Movement has built up over the years.



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## Carlos González Blanco

Carlos González Blanco is Program Manager at the Cooperatives of the Americas. He is an agricultural economist and led the implementation of the ICA-EU Partnership on Cooperatives in Development in the Americas region, where he joined as the Research Officer of the team. He has worked at the University of Costa Rica as Research Assistant from 2016-2018. He received his education in Agricultural Economic from the same university and MBA in Finance from the Tecnológico de Costa Rica in 2021.



## Dov Orian

Dov Orian is Advisor and Head of Office of the National Cooperative Confederation of Diverse Activities of the Mexican Republic. He has published documents on cooperatives, collective bargaining, development, social economy, trade unionism, teamwork, effective administration and management styles.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and History from the University of Haifa and a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Tel Aviv University.



## Marcela Bautista Grimaldo

Marcela Bautista Grimaldo graduated in tourism planning and development, she has more than 20 years of experience in the development of biodiversity-friendly tourism projects implemented with cooperatives made up mainly of indigenous and rural populations in different areas of Mexico.



## Hagen Henry

Hagen Henry is the chairperson of the International Cooperative Alliance Cooperative Law Committee. He was Adjunct Professor of comparative law at the University of Helsinki (Finland) and Research director at the Ruralia Institute of that university. Before joining the Ruralia Institute of the University of Helsinki as Research director in 2011, he was Chief of the Cooperative Branch of the International Labour Office from 2007 to early 2011. He studied law in Saarbrücken/ Germany and law and French language in Geneva. He completed his postgraduate studies at the Institute of Development Studies (IUED) of the University of Geneva. He received a Certificat d'études in development law and a Diplôme d'études approfondies (DEA) in development law from the University of Paris V in 1982, as well as a licentiate degree in law (Master) from the University of Helsinki in 1993.



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## Andrew Allimadi

Andrew Allimadi is currently coordinator of Cooperative Issues at the United Nations Secretariat in New York. In this role he supports Member States in their negotiations for resolutions on cooperatives in social development and drafts United Nations reports on cooperatives. During a 17-year career with the UN, Andrew also worked in the Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Prior to joining the United Nations, Andrew taught Economics at City University in London. He holds a bachelor's degree in Development Studies from the University of East Anglia and master's degree in Economics (with reference to Africa) from the University of London.



## Simel Esim

Simel Esim is the Chief and Programme Manager (Senior Technical Specialist) at the Enterprises Department of the International Labour Office. In that capacity, she leads the ILO's work on cooperatives and the social and solidarity economy. Earlier, she was Senior Gender Specialist at the Regional Office for Arab States, where she led the work on gender equality, transition from the informal to the formal economy, and decent work for domestic workers. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the American University, Washington, D.C, an M.A. in International Economics and Middle East Studies from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), and a B.A. in Political Science from Boğaziçi University.



## Guilherme Brady

Guilherme Brady is the Head of the Unit for Family Farming Engagement and Parliamentary Networks within FAO Partnerships and the UN Collaboration Division. He is the officer responsible for the Joint Secretariat FAO – IFAD for the United Nations Decade of Family Farming. Mr. Brady holds specialization in Public Policies and Governmental Management from the National School of Public Management (ENAP), Brasília, Brazil, and a Master's Degree in Environmental Policy and Management from the University Carlos III, Madrid, Spain. He has 25 years of professional experience, mainly focused on building inclusive policy dialogue and implementing public policies – 4 years with International Civil Society Organizations (Oxfam Great Britain), 13 years in different public sector institutions and 8 years in international organizations (FAO). Mr. Brady joined FAO in 2014. Among his duties, he was responsible for FAO relationship with Civil Society and Producer Organizations, to implement FAO's Strategy on Partnerships with CSOs and he is now responsible for leading the implementation of the United Nations Decade of Family Farming.



## Christine M. Merkel

Christine M. Merkel is an expert in international relations, strategy development and public policies in arts, media and culture. She is the head of the Division of Culture, Communication, Memory of the World at the German Commission for UNESCO. She is a social scientist with over 20 years of international experience in policy analysis, project management and human development, advising the Government and Parliament. She is the German national contact point for the 2005 Convention, liaising with seven national ministries and 16 state level authorities as well as convening the civil society consultations on the 2012, 2016 and 2020 Quadrennial Periodic Reports. Her experience includes technical assistance and cooperation projects in Tunisia, Egypt, Morocco, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Senegal, South Africa, Bangladesh, China, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Colombia, Peru, Chile, Turkey, Romania, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Kirghizstan, as well as regional assignments (MENA, 2012-2018 CONNEXIONS, 2015-2018 SouthMedCV). Her assignments have included expert missions and policy papers for UNESCO, the European Union, SIDA, IDEA International, the Council of Europe and EMHRF.



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## Bruno Roelants

Bruno Roelants is Director General of the ICA since 2018. He was Secretary General of CICOPA between 2002 and 2018 and of its regional organization CECOP CICOPA-Europe as of 2006. He previously coordinated development projects in China, India and Eastern Europe, and led the cooperative negotiating group for the ILO Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation 2002 (n° 193). He has a Masters in labour studies. He has lectured on cooperatives in Italy and is co-author of *Cooperatives, Territories and Jobs* (2011), *Capital and the Debt Trap – Learning from Cooperatives in the Global Crisis* (2013) and *Cooperatives and Employment – a Global Report* (2014). He edited the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) report *Cooperative Growth for the 21st Century* (2013).



## Stefania Marcone

Stefania was the moderator of the panel on cooperative culture and cultural heritage at the 33<sup>rd</sup> World Cooperative Congress.

Stefania Marcone recently retired as the Vice President of Cooperatives Europe, chair of the Gender Equality Working Group, and the ICA's Gender Equality Committee. She was also a member of Legacoop National Commission for Equal Opportunities and the Italian Alliance Commission on Women and Equality. She was appointed in 2012 to serve on the UN Committee for the International Year of Cooperatives. She served on the ICA Board of Directors for 8 years and was involved in a number of key initiatives including fostering the gender equality policy, establishing a global network of young cooperators, cooperating on development projects, strengthening relations with international institutions and the UN agencies, and promoting the collaboration among cooperatives. She has served in various capacities at Legacoop, Italy's oldest cooperative organisation, which has more than 15,000 members present in all regions and productive sectors. For Legacoop, she manages the European Affairs for the organisation and has also worked directly with Legacoop's leadership team, regional branches and member cooperatives.