

Call for Papers

ILO COOP 100 Symposium

Geneva, ILO

16-17 November 2020

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of its Cooperatives Unit (COOP), the ILO aims to bring together scholars and practitioners working with governments, employers' and workers' organizations, as well as cooperatives and the wider social and solidarity economy (SSE) for a two-day international symposium. The Director Albert Thomas [explained](#) in 1920 that the ILO "should not only concern itself with conditions of work, but also with the condition of the workers. It is in the form of co-operation that this idea is best seen in popular circles. Moreover, co-operation already constitutes an important international movement with which the Office must necessarily concern itself in its own interests."

The ILO commitment to this vision has continued unabated into the 21st century. Notably, the International Labour Conference (ILC) adopted the [Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation, 2002 \(No. 193\)](#), which more than 120 countries have used to support the development and revision of legal and policy frameworks. The International Conference of Labour Statisticians adopted the [Guidelines concerning statistics of cooperatives](#) in 2018, with pilots upcoming in various regions. More recently, the [ILO's Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work](#) adopted by the ILC in 2019 recognized the role of cooperatives and the wider SSE in generating decent work, productive employment, and improved living standards for all.

This Call for Papers invites proposals on topics addressing cooperatives and the wider SSE, including:

- Care economy in a changing world
- Concepts, operationalization, and measurement for statistical purposes
- Decent work in the rural economy
- Employment generation
- Gender, equality, and diversity
- Global supply chains, and responsible business conduct
- Green jobs for a just transition
- Historical perspectives on concepts, practices, and policies
- Human-centred approach to the future of work
- Labour migration and forced displacement
- Legal and policy frameworks
- Peace and resilience
- Skills development and capacity building
- Sustainable development goals
- Transition from the informal to the formal economy

Submissions should be in English and include an abstract of not more than 100 words, 3 to 5 keywords, main text of 2,000 to 2,500 words, full references, as well as a biographical note of 40 to 100 words and email address for each author. Papers will be selected by a scientific committee. Acceptance of a paper implies that at least one of the authors must be available to deliver a paper to be held on 16-17 November 2020. It is expected that an edited volume will be produced, drawn from selected symposium papers.

Submissions should be sent to coop@ilo.org by **August 15, 2020** with the subject line indicating **ILOCOOP100 Symposium**. Authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection no later than **September 15, 2020**. There are no registration fees for participating in this international symposium. The deadline for registration is **October 15, 2020**. Participants will be responsible for their own expenses.