

Report on the 5th Meeting of the ICA AP Committee on Youth

The meeting of the ICA AP Committee on Youth (Hereinafter the Youth Committee) was conducted on 26 November 2012 in Room 402 at the Kobe International Conference Centre.

The meeting was attended by members from India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Members from Iran and ACCU sent their messages through the internet. The committee realised that there are 17 Members that constitute the Youth Committee.

Due to the resignation of the Chairperson and one Vice Chairperson (elected in 2010) and the absence of the other Vice Chairperson, Mr. Ahsan Ali Thakur was appointed as the Interim chair until the next meeting. The meeting was also attended by Observers from Malaysia, Japan, India and Sri Lanka.



The members adopted the agenda and also confirmed the inclusion of Dr. Chan Ho Choi, Regional Director as the honorary member of the committee. The secretary opened by reading the minutes of the 2010 Meeting in Beijing. The meeting started with self introduction by members and their expectations from the Youth Committee. This was followed by Country Presentations by the members who gave a brief idea of the cooperative movement in their countries and the participation of youth in cooperatives and future plans .



Ms. Indana Saramita Rachman giving a study of Indonesian cooperatives and the works related with youth activity in Jakarta and adjoining areas

This was followed by a presentation by the secretary on 'Cooperative Business Solutions' and the need for effective results for the cooperative sector from efficient technology. A report on the committee's Facebook page with over 700 members was also shown. This was followed by a presentation by me on Youth Workshop on 'Introduction to Cooperatives' and related activities in Pakistan along with an account on the Floods on Pakistan in 2010 and its grave consequences. The Regional Director shared his views and opinions on the future of cooperatives and spoke for 10 Minutes. The committee organised a workshop for youth at Kannur, Kerala on Cooperative entrepreneurship and Green Innovations and has released two editions of its electronic magazine – 'Young & Cooperating'.

The committee then broke for Tea and group pictures.

After the meeting was resumed, the model constitution was discussed to be adopted. Suggestions were made by members as well as ICA AP Board member Prof. Dato Mohd. Ali Baharum on the same.

The suggestions that were made and accepted by committee members present were:

1. The name of the committee shall be ICA AP Committee on Youth
2. A member of the Committee should be within the age bracket of 19-40 years.
3. Apart from the physical meeting, two online meetings shall also be organised for the Youth Committee and it shall be mandatory for the committee members to attend at least one out of the possible three meetings.
4. The Committee shall urge the Apex Organisations/ICA Members to support Youth morally and financially.



Dr. Sukhesh Zamwar gave his membership speech at the 5th meeting of the ICA AP Committee on Youth through a video message along with a Documentary on Buldana Urban Credit Society. He proposed to host a youth activity in 2013 for the Committee members.

The committee wished to arrive upon a definition for YOUTH and it was decided that the secretariat takes expert opinions and international standard in order to propose a definition at the next meeting. The Committee Members decided to meet in Buldana , India in April 2013 to conduct fresh elections and formally adopt the Constitution.