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PROGRAMME FOR THE 5TH INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON COOPERATIVE LAW
Moshi Co-operative University

11 – 12 February 2026

DAY ONE: 11TH February 2026			
No.	Activity	Time	Responsible person
1.	Arrival and registration	8:00 – 9:00	ALL
2.	Introductory remarks	9:00 - 9:10	Head, Department of Law, MoCU
3.	ICA Africa remarks	9:20 - 9:30	Dr. Rose Karimi, Regional Director, ICA-Africa <i>Virtual</i>
4.	ICA remarks	9:30- 9:35	Jeroen Douglas, ICA Director General <i>Virtual</i>
5.	Background, purpose and objectives of the Forum	9:35 - 9:45	Prof. Hagen Henry, Chair, ICA Law Committee and Co-Founder Ius Cooperativum Association
6.	Opening speech	9:45 – 10:10	Vice Chancellor - MoCU
7.	Group photo	10:10 – 10:15	ALL & Public Relations Officer
10:15 – 10:30 Health break			
PLENARY SESSION			
8.	Cooperative Enterprise, Sustainable Development, and the ICI's Climate Advisory Opinion of 25 July 2025	10:30 – 11:00	Santosh Kumar



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9.	Cooperatives and Sustainable Development	11:00 – 11:30	Gustavo Saad Diniz <i>Virtual</i>
10.	Cooperatives: Collectives of Future	11:30 – 12:00	Arvinder Singh Awwal <i>Virtual</i>
11.	Framing Cooperatives within Sustainable Development in the UN Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation	12:00 – 12:30	<i>Maria Amparo Grau Ruiz Virtual</i>
12.	From Principle to Practice: Integrating ICA and ILO Cooperative Standards in Law for Sustainable Development	12:30 – 13:00	<i>Ferdinand Marcel Temba Virtual</i>
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break			
PARALLEL SESSION 1			
13.	The Influence of the Ica Statement and/or The ILO R. 193 On Cooperative Law Reforms and Development	14:00 – 14:30	Catherine John Ndalahwa and Goodluck Abayo
14.	Cooperatives Sustainable Economic Growth and Compliance Challenges: Review of Cooperative Laws in Tanzania	14:30 – 15:00	Damian Boniface Sambuo
15.	Rules by Omission: Limits to Cooperative Associativity in Chile	15:00 – 15:30	<i>Ramón Santelices T. Virtual</i>
PARALLEL SESSION 2			
16.	The Possible Legal Forms to Set Up Renewable Energy Communities According to Italian Law	14:00 – 14:30	Emanuele Cusa <i>Virtual</i>
17.	Public Services Cooperatives in Basque Country	14:30 – 15:00	Aitor Bengoetxea Alkorta



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18.	Enhancing Cooperative Democratic Values through Development of the Cooperative Law: The Case of Sudan	15:00 – 15:30	Salah Mahdi <i>Virtual</i>
15:30-15:45 Health Break			
15:45 – 17:30 Plenary Panel on Model Law on Cooperatives in Africa			
19.	Introduction to the Panel	15:45-15:55	Ajibola Akanji and Mathias S. Nkuhi
20.	<u>National Perspective</u> A Critique of Mandatory Secondary and Federation Membership Introduced by Amendments to the Tanzanian Cooperative Societies Act of 2013	15:55 – 16:15	Alphonse Mbuya
21.	<u>Evolutionary Perspective</u> The evolution of cooperative law in Africa	16:15 – 16:30	Hagen Henrÿ
22.	<u>Critical Perspective</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Impact of the British Indian Pattern of Cooperative Law on African Cooperative Law Development2. What Is 'African' in the Model Law on Cooperatives for Africa? An Assessment of African Initiatives to Grapple with 'Imported' Cooperative Law	16:30 – 17:00	Audax Peter Rutabanzibwa; Emmanuel Mashashi Ntungi
23.	<u>Continental Perspective</u>	17:00 – 17:20	Mathias S. Nkuhi



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	Model Law on Cooperatives for Africa: Intent versus Content		
24.	<u>Reflections from West Africa</u> Model Law and OHADA Uniform Law	17:20 – 17:30	Willy Tadudje

17:30 – 17:45

Q/A from the floor and Closing Day 1 by Mathias S. Nkuhi and Alphonse Mbuya

DAY TWO: 12TH FEBRUARY 2026

25.	Arrival and registration	8:00 – 9:00	ALL
PLENARY SESSION			
26.	Who Will Walk the Talk for Cooperatives Law Transformation for Sustainable Development? <i>(poem)</i>	9:00 – 9:10	Mukundane Albert
27.	Law, Co-operatives and Social Solidarity Economy	9:10 – 9:30	Ajibola Anthony Akanji
28.	The Tanzanian Cooperative Law as The Driving Force for Shifting the Informal Cooperative Models to Formal Primary Cooperative Enterprises by Application of The Concern for Community Principle - A Case Study Among Agricultural	9:30-10:00	Shimelles Tenaw



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	Entrepreneurs in Mbeya and Njombe Regions, Southern Highlands Zone of Tanzania		
10:00 – 10:30 Health break			
29.	What Law for what Sustainable Cooperative Development in Africa in the 21st Century?	10:30 – 10:50	Willy TADJUDJE <i>Virtual</i>
30.	Bridging the Law and Practice: The Role of Women-Led Cooperative Societies in Climate Change Mitigation and Resilience in Tanzania	10:50 – 11:15	Rosemary Jotham Mukama; Masoud Jackson Issah; Hamisi Selemani Yange
31.	An Appraisal of Cooperative Law and Gender Inequality from the Purview of African Realities	11:15 – 11:45	Tijesunimi Damilola OLUGBILE
32.	Legislation as an instrument for equality of women and men in cooperatives: reflections and proposals	11:45 - 12:10	- Amalia Rodríguez - María José Senent Vidal, - Itziar Villafáñez Pérez, <i>Virtual</i>
33.	Cooperative Law and the Creation of a Supportive Environment for the Development of Cooperatives in Benin	12:10 – 12:35	Nicolas Megelas
12:35 – 13:30 Lunch break			
PARALLEL SESSION 1:			
34.	Do the Laws Enhance Digital Cooperatives in Sub-Saharan Africa?	13:30 – 14:00	Akome Olufunke OMOFUMA



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35.	'Law governing cooperative activities in Poland in relation to the aims of sustainable development: directions for development and the future'.	14:00 – 14:30	Aneta Suchoń Prof. UAM dr hab.; Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland <i>Virtual</i>
36.	MSCS Reform and Sustainable Self-Governance in India	15:00 – 15:30	Dr Sagar Wadkar <i>Virtual</i>
37.	Corporate Platforms to Cooperative DAOs: Understanding the Potential and Problems of a Plurality of Digital Labor Platform Archetypes	15:30 – 16:00	Morshed Mannan and Simon Pek <i>Virtual</i>
38.	Sustainable Development and Legal Accountability in Cooperatives: Re-imagining the Role of Cooperative Law in the Age of ESG Compliance	16:00 – 16:30	Ibukunoluwa Ajala

PARALLEL SESSION 2

39.	Embedding Happiness and Well-Being into Legislation and Public Policy: The Kibbutz Legislation Example	13:30 – 14:00	Nimi Langer
40.	Affordable Credit: The Contribution of Credit Unions to the Irish Social Economy (Theoretical and Legal Perspectives)	14:00-14:30	Paul A. Jones and Dominik Bierecki <i>Virtual</i>
41.	Co-operatives, Youth Inclusion and Sustainable Development in a Global Context: Tanzania as a Case Study	14:30 – 15:00	Mohamed Lukwaro
42.	Funds for co-operative education and promotion as an instrument of sustainability. Analysis from the perspective of Basque legislation.	15:00 – 15:30	Itziar Villafáñez Pérez <i>Virtual</i>



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43.	Mapping the European Case Law on Cooperatives: Court of Justice EU	15:30 – 16:00	Ifigeneia Douvitsa <i>Virtual</i>
44.	The Role of Cooperative Law in Promoting Women's Empowerment in Tamil Nadu	16:00 – 16:30	G. Vigneshwaran and K. Ravichandran <i>Virtual</i>

16:00 – 16:30 Health Break

PLENARY (CLOSING SESSION)

45.	Summary of Forum proceedings, output, way forward	16:30 – 16:45	Secretariat
46.	Reflections from the Forum	16:45 – 17:15	Hagen Henry, Chair, ICA Cooperative Law Committee and Co-Founder Ius Cooperativum Association
47.	Closing Message from the ICA	17:15 – 17:25	Santosh Kumar, ICA Director of Legislation
48.	Closing remarks from the Host	17:25 – 18:00	Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic, Research and Consultancy – Moshi Co-operative University

DAY THREE: 13 February 2026

49.	Excursion	09:00 – 14:00	Interested participants
END OF PROGRAMME			