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YOUTH COOPERATIVE
eNTREPRENEURSHIP

The co-operative business model:
more stable, competitive and
decent work

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Co-operative entrepreneurship: a tool for a sustainable, viable future

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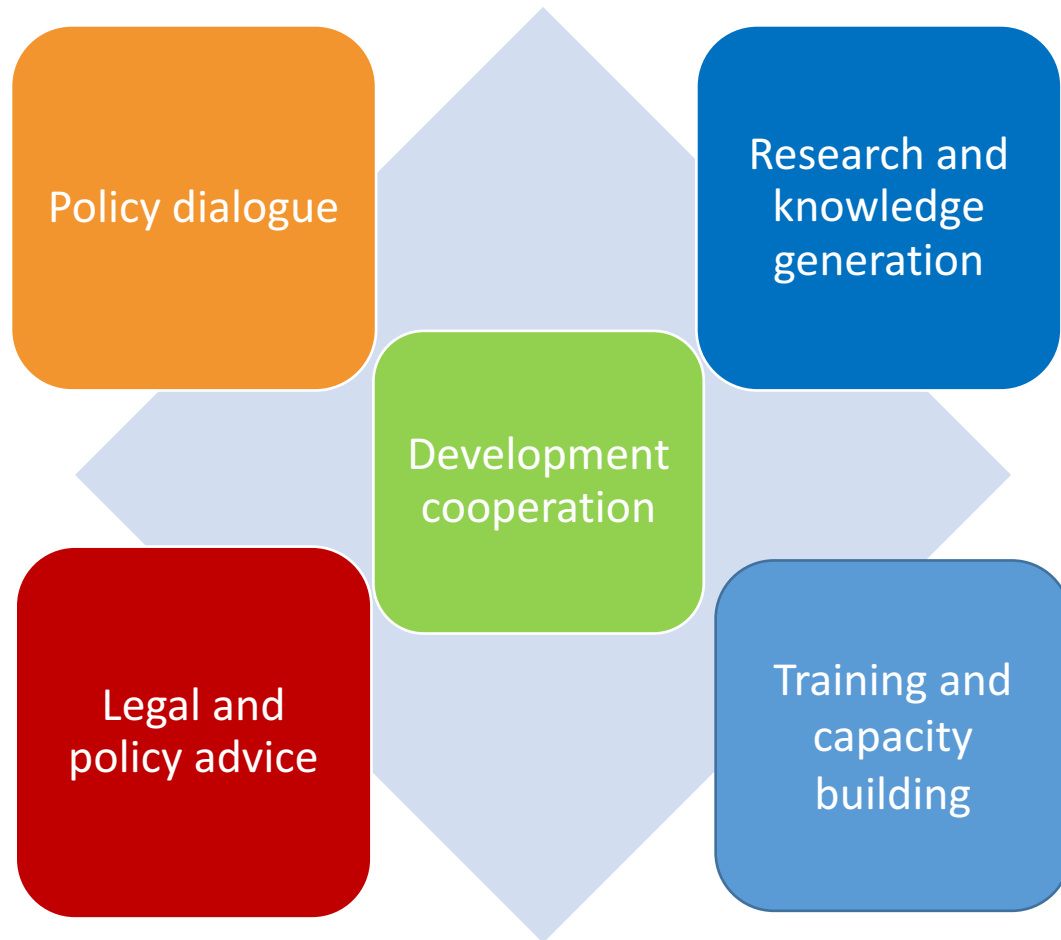
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●●● The International Labour Organization (ILO) and Cooperatives

- Since 1919
- International instrument: Recommendation No. 193 (2002)
- ILO's Decent Work Agenda

*Employment in or within the scope of cooperatives concerns at least **279.4 million** people across the globe, in other words **9.46%** of the world's employed population.
CICOPA, 2017*

●●● Areas of work



The ILO promotes the cooperative business model and other social and solidarity economy enterprises to create and maintain sustainable enterprises, **offering jobs that not only provide income but also pave the way for broader social and economic advancement**, empowering individuals, their families and communities.

Policy dialogue

- Committee for the promotion and advancement of cooperatives (COPAC): UN DESA, FAO, ICA, WFO and ILO
- UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy
- Engagement with the ICA, and its regional (Asia Pacific, Americas, Africa, Europe) and sectoral organizations
- Partnership with national, sub-regional and sectoral organizations through development cooperation projects

Research and knowledge generation

- Studies, policy & issue briefs, reports and interviews on the contribution of cooperatives in areas such as:
 - ✓ Care provision
 - ✓ Elimination of Child Labour
 - ✓ Formalization of the informal economy
 - ✓ Future of work
 - ✓ Green agenda
 - ✓ Migrants and refugees
 - ✓ Rural economy
 - ✓ Sustainable Development Goals
 - ✓ Women's empowerment and Gender Equality
 - ✓ Worker Cooperatives
 - ✓ Youth employment
- Statistics on cooperatives

Legal and policy advice

- ILO Recommendation No. 193
- Guidelines for Cooperative Legislation (available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic & Russian)
- Legal and policy advise: over 109 countries in the last 16 years (e.g. Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, oPt,)
- Advancing SSE legislation, policy and strategies (e.g. South Africa and Tunisia)

Training and capacity building

- Education on coops: general curricula
 - ✓ Tunisia (current)
 - ✓ Colombia
 - ✓ Peru
 - ✓ VietNam
- Building and strengthening capacities of cooperatives
 - ✓ Accelerate.Coop – step-by-step tool to support the establishment of a cooperative
 - ✓ My.Coop - training programme to improve management of agricultural cooperatives
 - ✓ MyFin.Coop - training programme for apex organizations of financial cooperatives
 - ✓ Decent work guidelines for cooperatives (forthcoming)
- Social and Solidarity Economy Academy (upcoming in November – December in Spain)

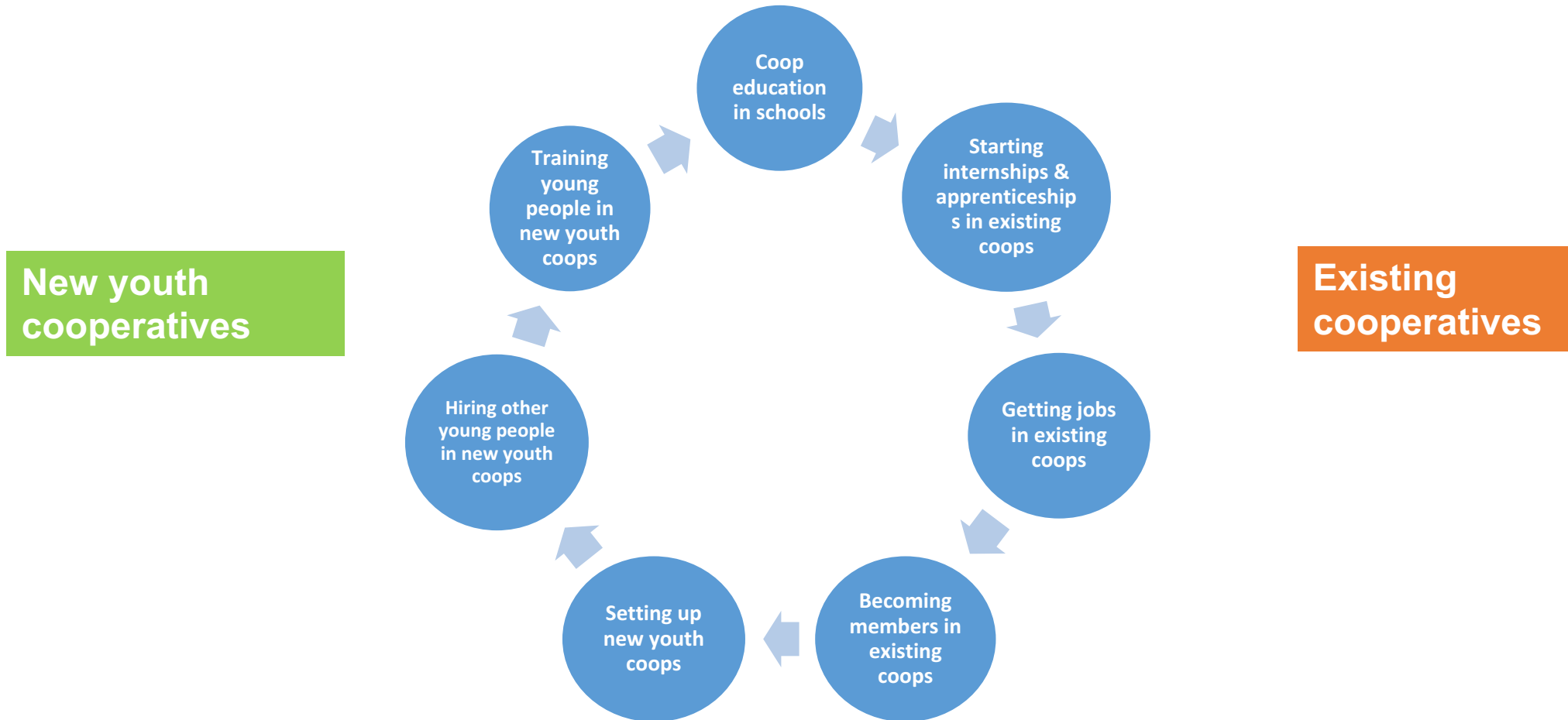
Development cooperation

- Development cooperation projects in over 20 countries around the world
- Collaboration with other ILO departments and field offices and other UN agencies for project implementation

The future of work & youth

- ILO's Future of work initiative
- Changes in the world of work
 - Economic
 - Demographic
 - Technological
 - Environmental
- Cooperatives emerging as economic alternatives in responding to the challenges of a changing world of work

●●● Virtuous cycle of youth engagement in cooperatives





THANKS! // ¡GRACIAS!

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