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NATIONAL COOPERATIVE UNION OF INDIA

(APEX ORGANISATION OF THE INDIAN COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT)

Symposium on

"Cooperatives and Sustainable Development Goals : Members' Participation", 20th September 2017, 12:00 Noon at NCUI

Dear Colleagues & Cooperators,

The Annual General Body meeting of NCUI is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 20th September 2017 in the NCUI Auditorium, New Delhi. It has been decided by NCUI to organize a Symposium titled "**Cooperatives and Sustainable Development Goals : Members' participation**" at the time of the Annual General Body Meeting of NCUI. The objective of the Symposium is to enrich the members of NCUI about the seventeen (17) Sustainable Development Goals of United Nations and how cooperatives can contribute in achieving the targets of SDGs by 2030. The symposium will be organized by NCUI just after completion of the Annual General Body Meeting on 20th September 2017 from 12:00 - 01:30 PM in the same venue i.e. NCUI Auditorium, New Delhi.

Mr. Balasubramanian (Balu) G. Iyer, Regional Director of International Cooperative Alliance – Asia Pacific (ICA-AP) has kindly agreed as Keynote Speaker of the Symposium to address the members. He is likely to speak about 45-50 minutes on how the cooperatives need to align their work with the SDGs and the targets & indicators that will track achievement of the goals leading up to 2030. His address will be followed by interaction with the audience, where the audience may like to raise their queries before the speaker. NCUI would like the active participation of representatives of member organizations in the Symposium.

The members may kindly aware that the **United Nations Members States** during September 2015 adopted the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** which comprises *seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)* that aim to take forward the work begun in 2000 by the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). This ambitious agenda sets a course to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all by 2030. The **International Co-operative Alliance (ICA)**, as the global voice of the movement, is committed to educating co-operatives about the SDGs, helping co-operative enterprises respond to the UN's call to action and collecting information about co-operative contributions to the 2030 Agenda, in order to better position co-operatives as partners throughout the implementation process.

Keeping in view of the importance of the above programme, we urge the member organizations of NCUI to participate in large numbers in the above said event scheduled on **20th September 2017 at 12:00 PM**. A line in confirmation of participation of each member organizations along with the list of participants is highly appreciated. For any information or clarification, you may please write to Ritesh Dey, Deputy Director, NCUI in the e-mail : riteshdeyncui@india.coop or contact in the number : 011-41668338 (land-phone) or +91-9818019750 (mobile).

Looking forward for your confirmation of participation,

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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