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Dear ICA Members and Directors of the ICA Board,

In accordance with Articles 17 and 19 of the Articles of Association, we have the pleasure to invite Members and Directors to participate in the ICA General Assembly which will be held on **15 September 2026** at the at the Panama Convention Centre, Calle General Juan D. Perón, Panama City, Panama. The General Assembly is expected to begin at 9:30 local time and end at 15:00.

I. Agenda

The agenda of the meeting of this General Assembly is the following:

1. Appointment of the bureau
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Approval of the minutes from the last General Assembly
4. Announcement of persons who are as of right Directors of the ICA Board: Vice-Presidents, Sectoral Representatives, President of the Gender Equality Committee, and President of the Youth Committee.
5. Discharge of the Board of Directors
6. Vote for President
7. Director General's Report including Activity Report 2025 and Report on the Work Plan 2026
8. Election of the At-large Directors
 - a. Presentation of the At-large candidates for the Board of Directors
 - b. Voting procedure
 - c. Vote for the At-large Directors
9. President's Report
10. Report on the recommendations to amend the calculation of membership fees and voting rights
11. Membership fees and voting rights
12. Results of the elections
13. Next ICA General Assembly

II. Documents

The principal documents necessary for the General Assembly deliberations shall be sent to the Members no later than fourteen (14) calendar days before the meeting. The principle documents will also be available here:

<https://www.ica.coop/en/events/2026-ica-general-assembly-panama>

The Articles of Association and Internal Rules of this General Assembly can be referenced here: <https://www.ica.coop/en/events/ica-general-assembly-2026-online> (Principal Documents - Book 2).

The Standing Orders for General Assembly can be downloaded here: <https://ica.coop/en/events/ica-general-assembly-2026-online>

The Standing orders for Board Elections including Code of Conduct for elections can be downloaded here: <https://www.ica.coop/en/media/library/governance-materials/ica-events-code-conduct>

III. Presence

This General Assembly will not be in hybrid form and there will be no electronic voting. We therefore kindly ask you to do your utmost best to attend in person.

IV. Proxy

As provided for in Article 18 of the Articles of Association, each Full Member has the right to grant a proxy to another Full Member. The proxy form must be returned to the ICA on or before 8 September.

V. Voter appointment & registration

ICA members must appoint who will represent and vote for them at the General Assembly **no later than 8 September**. The Form to Appoint Representatives and the Voter Appointment & Registration Form was sent with individualised instructions to each Full Member.

VI. Voting procedures

The votes will take place by show of hand and the election of the At-large Directors by secret ballot.

Sincerely yours,



Jeroen Douglas
Director General

List of Candidates

More information on the candidates is available here : <https://ica.coop/en/general-assembly-2026-candidates>

Candidate for President

Name	Country
Ariel Enrique Guarco	Argentina

Candidates for At-Large

Name	Country
Márcio LOPES DE FREITAS	Brazil
Marie-Josée PAQUETTE	Canada
Yuyan WANG	China
Maria Eugenia PÉREZ ZEA	Colombia
Mesfin GERGER	Ethiopia
Bastien SIBILLE	France
Dileep SANGHANI	India
Bahman ABDOLLAHI	Iran
Giuseppe Attilio DADDA	Italy
Yoshito SHINNO	Japan
Abdel-Fattah SHALABI	Jordan
James Njue NJIRU	Kenya
Abdul Fattah ABDULLAH	Malaysia
José Ricardo TÉLLEZ BARRAGÁN	Mexico
Ojo Oladayo AKINDEHINDE	Nigeria
Adeyemi Emmanuel BADEJO	Nigeria
Simona CAVAZZUTTI	Paraguay
Marlon RONO	Phillipines
Ryszard JASKOWSKI	Poland
Eliud JUARBE CRUZ	Puerto Rico
Íñigo ALBIZURI LANDAZABAL	Spain
Unal ORNEK	Turkiye
Rose MARLEY	United Kingdom
Douglas O'BRIEN	United States
Van CAO	Vietnam