

Creating Wealth, Reducing Poverty, and Building a Better World

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WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THIS NOW?

WHY ARE CO-OPS IMPORTANT?

WHY CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVES?

Why now?

(1) CHANGING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
CONDITIONS

(2) CHANGING INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
CONTEXT

See: MDG Report: http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/2012_Gap_Report/MDG_2012Gap_Task_Force_report.pdf

See: NSI Report: <http://www.nsi-ins.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/2012-The-Business-of-Development.pdf>

See: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?DocId=5732913&Language=E&Mode=1&Parl=41&Ses=1&File=9>

(3) INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF CO-OPERATIVES



Why co-operatives?

(1) DIFFERENT PRIVATE SECTOR ACTOR

Success is understood differently

(2) MULTIPLE IMPACTS

Living democracy, Creating jobs, Building peace

(3) CONSTANT INNOVATION

Same principles, evolving approaches

Why Canadian co-operatives?

(1) SCALE, DIVERSITY, AND SUCCESS

Co-operatives in Canada

- More than 9,000 co-operatives in Canada, providing products and services to more than 18 million members
- Every economic sector: agriculture, retail, financial services, housing, child care, energy.
- Employ more than 155,000 people and are led by more than 100,000 volunteers
- More than \$370 billion in assets (as of 2011)

Canada's best-known co-ops





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(2) COMMITMENT

Volunteers and contributions

(3) PARTNERSHIP

Government, Corporations, Academia