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The International Year of Cooperatives has been officially launched

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon, and the President of the United Nations General Assembly, Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, announced the official launch of the International Year of Cooperatives from UN headquarters in New York.

Mr. Ban said that the year will also highlight the strengths of the cooperative business model as an alternative way to do business and foster socio-economic development.

Representatives of the International Summit of Cooperatives, which will take place in October 2012, attended launch activities for the International Year of Cooperatives.

Monique F. Leroux, Chair of the Board, President and CEO of Desjardins Group, said that the approach taken by cooperative financial institutions and by the world could inspire new initiatives in emerging countries, at a time when we face tremendous challenges together.

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2012 Summit: unique programming

On the heels of the UN's launch of the International Year of Cooperatives, the 2012 International Summit of Cooperatives unveils its unique program.

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Four questions for Dame Pauline Green

The International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) is one of the hosts of the 2012 Summit. Its president, Dame Pauline Green, talks to us about the challenges that lie ahead for leaders of cooperatives and mutuals.

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Leadership in cooperative and mutual businesses

A difference that favours long-term performance, according to a senior manager on hand at the annual conference of the ICMIF/Americas.

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Financial crisis: cooperatives and mutuals more resilient

According to the CICOPA's annual report, cooperatives were better able to withstand the financial crisis compared with traditional businesses.

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Cooperation is a serious business model

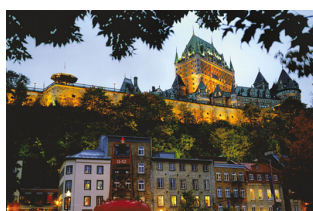
That was the message delivered by Charles Gould, director general of the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA), during a video interview with the ICMIF.

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Cooperatives can help counter unemployment among young people

Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the UN, expressed this conviction in a statement made during the International Day of Cooperatives.

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Discover Québec City, host for the 2012 Summit

An inspiring video of this city, whose Historic District of Old Québec is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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