

2012

International
Year of



Co-operatives

CO-OPERATIVE

ENTERPRISES

BUILD A

BETTER WORLD



On Co-op™

Lead. Cultivate. Connect.

The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2012 to be the International Year of Co-operatives

IYC 2012 recognizes the diversity of the co-operative movement around the world, raises co-operative awareness and urges governments to take measures aimed at creating a supportive environment for the development of co-operatives.

Co-ops build a better Ontario by

1. Strengthening communities
2. Creating jobs
3. Building resilience

Ontario co-ops work

1. Over \$30 billion in assets
2. More than 1.4 million members
3. More than 15,500 employees

Ontario is home to more than 1,300 co-ops, credit unions and *caisses populaires*, operating in more than 400 municipalities and over 1,900 locations.



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The United Nations announced that the world-wide theme for the International Year of Co-operatives is Co-operative enterprises build a better world or Les coopératives, des entreprises pour un monde meilleur.