

# RESOLUTION

**SUBMITTED BY:** Board of Directors

This resolution is for the meeting of: The Ontario Co-operative Association members

## UN Sustainable Development Goals

### WE RESOLVE:

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1. **THAT** the Ontario Co-operative Association and its members join the International Co-operative Alliance in acknowledging the power of co-operatives to achieve the United Nations' 2030 Sustainable Development Goals;
2. **AND THAT** the Ontario Co-operative Association invite its members to join *Co-operatives for 2030 Campaign*, an initiative organized by the International Co-operative Alliance.

### OUR REASONS FOR MAKING THIS RESOLUTION ARE:

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1. In September 2015, UN member states adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes 17 goals to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all. Each goal has specific targets to be achieved over 15 years.
2. Delegates at the 2016 International Summit of Cooperatives in Quebec passed a declaration in support of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.
3. Co-ops for 2030 is a campaign for cooperatives to learn more about the SDGs, commit to pledges to contribute to achieving the SDGs (often through initiatives that are already in place) and report their progress. The campaign was launched in response to the 2016 ICA resolution.
4. Sustainability is one of the five priorities of the *Blueprint for a Co-operative Decade*, the global strategy for and by co-operatives to take co-operation to a new level by 2020.
5. Given the connections between the UN's vision for a sustainable future and that of the co-operative movement's, it is clear that co-operatives can contribute to the achievement of the SDGs.
6. The values and principles of the co-operative movement provide the moral, ethical leadership needed for peace and justice to prevail, for economic and gender equality, and for our stewardship of the planet, taking from it only what is needed for a decent quality of life for all.
7. As a visible presence in their local communities, Ontario's co-operatives are well positioned to be community leaders on these vital long-term goals. The voices of Ontario's co-operatives and the associations and federations that support them need to be heard on sustainable cities and responsible economic development.

### WE THINK THIS WILL COST:

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Sustainability measures are included in the Ontario Co-operative Association's strategic and operating plans.