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Our co-applicant partners in Africa are the following:

**KENYA**
The Co-operative University of Kenya (CUK)

**UGANDA**
Uganda Co-operative Alliance (UCA)

**RWANDA**
National Co-operative Confederation of Rwanda (NCOR)

**TANZANIA**
Moshi Co-operative University (MoCU)
Tanzania Federation of Cooperatives (TFC)

**ZIMBABWE**
Zimbabwe National Association of Housing Cooperatives (ZINAHCO)

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We represent 1,200 million co-operative members. It is likely that no other economic, social and political movement in the world has grown as much we have in the last 200 years, yet the growth is not the most important. We consume, produce and use the planet’s resources in solidarity with our environment and communities. That is why we are a key actor in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Ariel Guarco
President of the International Co-operative Alliance

Founded in 1895, the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) is a non-governmental organization that unites, represents and serves co-operatives worldwide. The ICA directly represents 700 million people through, approximately, 312 members from 109 different countries.

The ICA works with global and regional governments and organisations to create the legislative environments that allow cooperatives to form and grow and advocates for a distinctive business model based on international values and principles. It has also been the first NGO to write and release the consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council in 1946.

To implement this activities, the International Cooperative Alliance is organised in a Global Office based in Brussels and four Regional Offices (Africa, Americas, Asia-Pacific, and Europe).

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The communication from the European Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions from September 2012, entitled ‘The roots of democracy and sustainable development: Europe’s engagement with civil society in external relations’, explicitly recognized co-operatives as a relevant civil society actor.

It is a Framework Partnership Agreement between the International Co-operative Alliance (the global office and its four regional offices) and the European Commission, that aims to promote and give visibility to co-operatives in international development. Within the framework of this partnership, we conduct research projects, visibility actions, capacity building initiatives, we strengthen the networking among our members, Civil Society Organisations and international institutions. Through international development actions with regional and global impact, we also promote the co-operative model as a key development actor for the sake of the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations Agenda 2030.

For additional information about our project, follow our hashtag #coop4dev or check our social media channels: #ICA_AFRICA1 @theallianceafrica