



## **Conference on the 2014 International Year of Family Farming** (tentative)

The International Co-operative Agricultural Organisation (ICAO), the sectoral body of the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) representing agricultural co-operatives, organizes this conference with the collaboration of Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations to celebrate the 2014 International Year of Family Farming and to promote family farming smallholders while increasing the awareness of both the contribution of family farming to food production and socio-economic development in rural areas.

We propose the following topics:

- a. Effective strategies and activities for the IYFF from the perspective of international organizations
- b. Challenges faced by and strategy directions for family farming
- c. Pro-family farming and agricultural co-operative policy measures
- d. Best practices of agricultural co-operatives engaged in the promotion and organization of family farmers

### **1. Date : 19~20 June 2014**

### **2. Program**

#### **Thursday, 19 June, 2014**

09:00~09:30    **Registration**

09:30~10:00    **Conference Opening**

Opening Remark by *Won-Byung CHOI, president of ICAO*

Congratulatory Remark by *Hiroyuki KONUMA, ADG of FAO ROAP*

Congratulatory Remark by *Balasubramanian Iyer, Regional Director of ICA AP.*

Welcome Remark by *Vitoon Naewpanit, chairman of CLT*

10:00~12:00    **Session 1 : the role of agricultural co-operatives promoting and supporting the family farming and smallholders**

Effective Strategies and Activities for the IYFF from the Perspective of International Organizations Promoting Co-operatives in Rural Area  
*Mr. Piet Vanthemsche, chairperson of AgriCord*

Challenges and Strategic Directions for Farmers Organizations and Agricultural Co-operatives for Family Farming

*Ms. Esther Penunia, Secretary General of Asian Farmers Association*

Farmer Field Schools for Adult Farmers and ICT for family farmers

*Speakers from FAO ROAP*

12:00~14:00    **Lunch Break**

14:00~16:00    **Session 2 : Best Practices of promoting family farming with agricultural co-operatives by ICAO member co-operatives**

*Speakers from ICAO member co-operatives*

*Norway, Poland, Turkey, Thailand, Japan, Korea, India, Uganda, Brazil,*

*Speakers from ICA AP member co-operatives*

16:00~16:40    **Discussion**

17:00~18:00    **ICAO Executive Meeting** (*members only*)

19:00~21:00    **Welcome Dinner** hosted by ICAO

**Friday, 20 June, 2014**

Field Trip to local agricultural co-operatives and family farms

**3. Venue : Baiyoke Skyhotel, Bangkok, Thailand**

**4. Organizers : FAO, CLT, and ICAO**

**5. Participants**

Representatives from ICAO member co-operatives; ICAO Executive Committee members; members from the Agricultural Committee of ICA-Asia Pacific; representatives from FAO-RAP; leaders from agricultural co-operatives and farmers' groups in the region

**6. Practical Information**

For visa, hotel reservation and other logistic issues, please contact Mr. Phanuwat Wanraway, head of international affairs, the Cooperative League of Thailand (CLT)  
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**7. Registration and other inquiries**

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