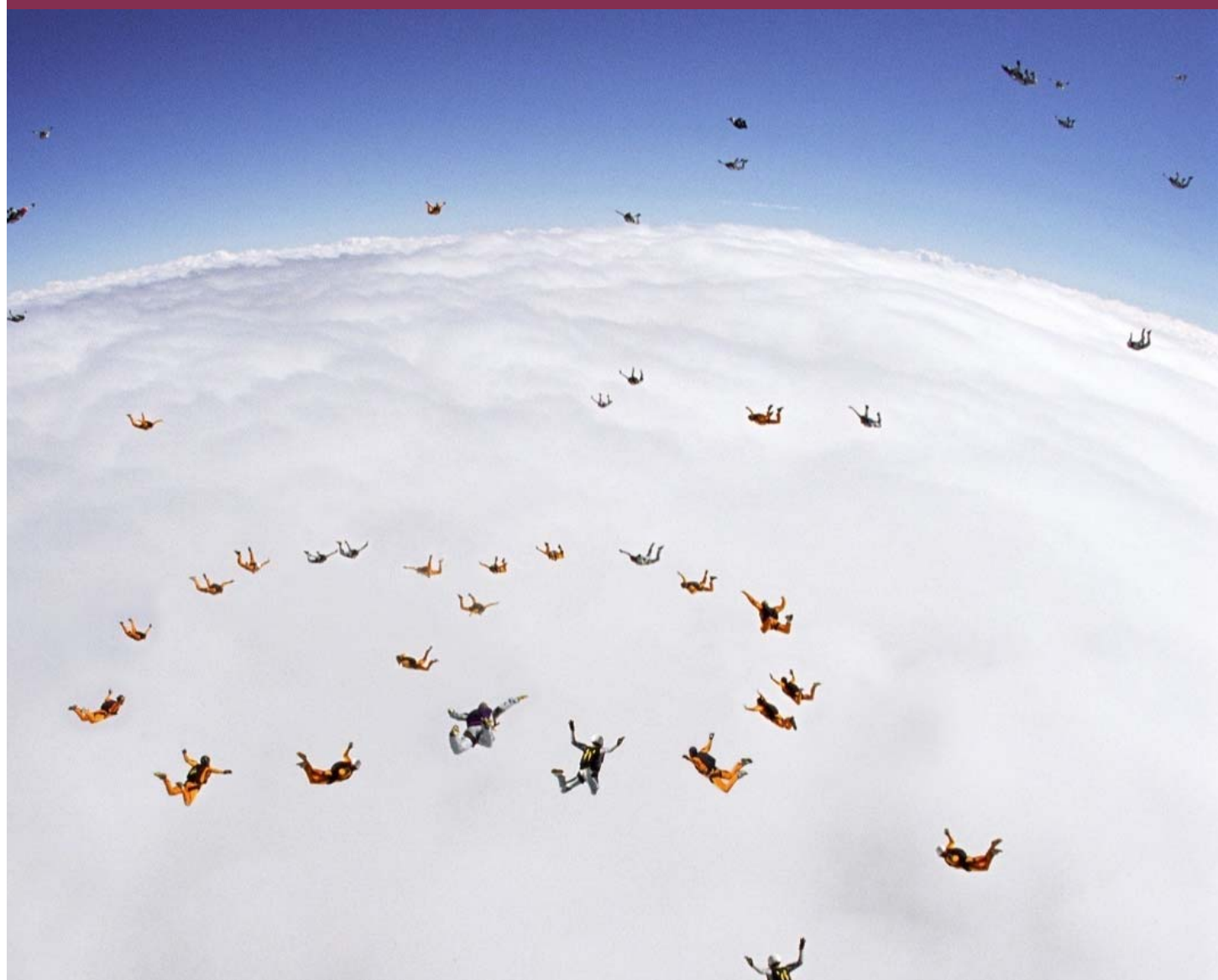




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**Agriculture Co-operatives:**  
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## The Alliance is 'The' global voice for co-operative agricultural policy.

The International Co-operative Alliance was among the initial handful of organisations recognised by the United Nations when it established a general consultative status shortly after its charter. The Alliance's US-based policy staff use that status to ensure that member-state missions to the UN understand the co-operative perspective.

In addition, the Alliance has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), giving us space at FAO Headquarters in Rome and access to member-states during deliberations.

The Alliance has established a sectoral organisation dedicated to agricultural co-operatives and other organisations interested in the agriculture sector: the International Co-operative Agricultural Organisation (ICAO). Agricultural co-operatives and those interested in this sector that are members of the Alliance are eligible to join and to participate in its policy and educational agenda and programme.

The Alliance is member of the Committee on the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives (COPAC), along with the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), and the World Farmers Organization (WFO). This body allows us to more closely align the co-operative agenda at the global level.

The Alliance's policy efforts recently led to the inclusion of co-operatives in the Rio Plus 20 Declaration resulting from the UN Conference on Sustainability held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 2012, resolving 'to sustainably increase agricultural production and productivity, including through ... developing strong agricultural co-operatives and value chains...' The Alliance is now working to developing further this commitment in the framework of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Post-2015 agendas.

The Alliance works with global governance bodies, such as G8, G20, UN and World Bank, to advance the cooperative agenda. As a result, for example, co-operatives were included in the G8's commitment to partnerships for food security in Sub Saharan Africa, announced in April 2012.

The Alliance works closely with co-operatives in Africa to support their development. A multi-million dollar Global Development Co-operative fund was established to provide loans, through proven intermediary co-operative development organisations, to primary co-operatives.

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