SESSION 1: THE COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

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OBJECTIVES

• Identify the cooperative principles

• Discuss how such principles can be relevant for other types of farmer organizations
Definition

A cooperative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically-controlled enterprise.

International Cooperative Alliance, 1995
Cooperative values

- Equity
- Caring
- Democracy
- Solidarity
- Open
- Self-help
- Honesty
- Social responsibility
- Self-responsibility
- Equality
SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

Voluntary Open Membership

Democratic Member Control

Cooperation Among Cooperatives

Autonomy & Independence

Member Concern for the Community

Economic Participation

Education Training and Information
Exercise

1. Read the principle and discuss it with your pair or in your group identifying:
   • key features of the principle;
   • if and how you are implementing it in your group;
   • main successes and challenges for its implementation.

2. Identify a speaker for each team and report to the plenary
Questions?

Thank You for Your Attention!