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#### **Background**

The Inaugural Co-operative Movement Stakeholders' Annual Conference was held on June 13 – 15, 2023, at the Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa, Mombasa City, Kenya. The maiden conference served as a platform to bring stakeholders, drawn from the cooperative sector, to update on the progress of key subsectors where cooperatives are making a difference on socio-economic transformation.

In attendance were high-level representatives from Ministry of Cooperatives & MSMEs, led by the Cabinet Secretary, Hon. Simon Chelugui, EGH., the Principal Secretary, Mr. Patrick Kilemi and Commissioner for Cooperative Development, Mr. David Obonyo; representatives from the Presidential Economic Advisory committee; Counties; International and Regional cooperative development partners, including International Labour Organization (ILO), International Co-operative Alliance (ICA), ACDI / VOCA, DGRV Kenya, Global Communities; national cooperative organizations (NACOs) including CAK, NACHU, New KPCU, Co-operative Bank of Kenya, CUK, CIC Group and KUSCCO; and representatives from various types of co-operative societies.

This report provides a summary of the activities and outcomes from the 3-day conference, including sessions, themes, questions captured and input received from delegates. Of importance, the conference provided key resolutions to be spearheaded by various players in the sector where the next conference will follow up on the progress made.

#### **Conference Overview**

The conference comprised of various sessions under different key thematic areas. These sessions were organized to enhance delegates understanding of the sectors' challenges and opportunities, to communicate constructive ideas and a way for charting the good course for the sector and engagement for collaboration and partnership.

Across the days, the conference provided an opportunity for direct questions to collect specific and detailed input from delegates. The solicited discussion topics included the actionable activities with timeline, transition activities and operational planning activities, general concerns about the cooperative development.

#### **Summary of Outcomes**

Among many resolutions and outcomes, the conference introduced stakeholders to opportunities brought about by establishing strong mutual beneficial partnerships and collaborations to fully utilize the capabilities and opportunities brought by the cooperative business model. The valuable substantial inputs that were gathered will enable stakeholders to make

critical decisions, develop sound policies that will transform cooperative business model as a key driver of sustainable development.

#### **Next Steps**

The Co-operative Movement Stakeholders and Partners recognise the strength of unity and collaboration among co-operators, policymakers, development partners, private sector, public sector, practitioners, professionals, academia and researchers. In doing so, the meeting resolved to continue moving towards a solidified goal where a wide spectrum of inputs will continue to be gathered from a wide representative cross-section of key players in the sector.

Therefore, the stakeholders envision an annual stakeholder event focused on sharing information and soliciting input from valued stakeholders, partners, and customers.

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#### The Inaugural Co-operative Movement Stakeholders' Annual Conference on:

#### Co-operative Business Model for Socio-Economic Transformation

## 1.0 THE FIRST CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT STAKEHOLDERS' ANNUAL CONFERENCE RATIONALE

#### 1.1 Stakeholders' Conference Rationale



The co-operative movement in Kenya dates back to 1908 when the first dairy Cooperative Society was registered by white settlers in Lumbwa, Kipkelion, Great Rift Valley. At independence in 1963, there were 1,030 registered cooperatives (with 655 active) and a total membership of 355,000. Currently, there are over 23,275 registered cooperatives contributing gross deposits of KES. 844.55 billion (25.91% of the national

savings. The sector has average annual export earnings of KES. 20.839 billion, translating to 2% of National GDP. Membership stands at 6,535,202 hence creating a huge social movement of people bonded together by common goal (National Cooperative Sector Survey, 2018).

If you want to Go fast, Go alone.

If you want to Go far, go together

~ Proverb

Cooperatives have played a significant role in socio-economic development of nations for centuries and are a reminder that it is possible to pursue both economic viability and social responsibility. It is now widely agreed that deliberate and intense promotion of cooperative business model provides the only apolitical platform to mitigate global dec-

adence, eradicate poverty, end hunger, create jobs, and promote good health, among others. It can accelerate the transformation of socio-economic development so that cooperatives become more efficient, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable. Notwithstanding the above aforementioned socio-economic achievements, out of the 23,275 cooperatives, only 8,814 are active (representing 37.9%) while the rest are dormant or deregistered.

Agriculture is the backbone of the Kenyan economy. The sector is critical when addressing food security, health, unemployment, and poverty alleviation. While agrobased cooperatives have existed for a long time, and were very vibrant in the 60's to early 90's, there has been significant decline in performance over the last decade.

There were 5,055 agro-based marketing cooperatives by 2017, mainly dealing with coffee, dairy, livestock, cereals and cotton production, with a combined turnover of KES. 14 billion and an asset base of KES. 481 billion (National Cooperative Sector Survey 2018). Therefore agro-based cooperatives have the potential to assist government and communities to achieve food security, boost manufacturing, alleviate poverty, create jobs and improve livelihoods from the bottom-up.

While appreciating the significant role cooperatives play in the socio-economic development of the people especially at the grassroots level, the Government of Kenya (GOK) is implementing the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) (The Plan) using co-operatives and MSMEs as enablers upon which socio-economic transformation of the people is to be achieved. The Plan is anchored on FIVE key PILLARS of development, namely: (1) Agricultural Transformation and Inclusive Growth; (2) Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Economy; (3) Housing and Settlement; (4) Healthcare; and, (5) Digital Superhighway and Creative Industry. Cooperatives are also critical to the achievement of Vision 2030, SDGs and Africa's Agenda 2063.

It is against this background that the Ministry of Co-operatives & MSMEs Development and The Co-operative University of Kenya organized the maiden Co-operative Movement Stakeholders' Conference under the theme "Co-operative Business Model for Socio-Economic Transformation", where stakeholders would congregate to share experiences, opportunities, best practices and challenges that arise while operating within the cooperative movement; and chart the way forward towards a sustainable and transformative sector geared towards socio-economic development.

#### 1.2 Aim of the Conference\_



The First Co-operative Movement Stakeholders' Annual Conference was aimed at facilitating a multifaceted, consultative forum of national discourse to chart Kenya's cooperative-driven and community-led inclusive, transformative and sustainable development agenda.

The conference also aimed

to provide a platform for sharing best practices and striking mutual beneficial partnerships, collaborations and networks among policymakers, development partners, private sector, public sector, academia, practitioners, professional and researchers, in areas where co-operative business model had assimilated and where there lay opportunities for cooperative business model.

#### 2.0: CONFERENCE FORMAT & VENUE

The multi-faceted conference forum comprised opening remarks from the invited guests; the launch; a multi-stakeholders High-Level Dialogue on "The Contribution of Co-operative Business model in development: Practice and opportunities & Preservation and Promotion of the co-operative identity through legal and regulatory framework"; technological discourse on "Leveraging technology for socio-economic inclusion in co-operative development - in transformational Digital Economy"; Multi-sectoral Cooperative experiences: different value chains & exhibitions on "Various value chains in different sectors e.g. finance, housing, transport, coffee, dairy, tea, mining & blue economy: practical solutions to current challenges"; Decent work on "The ILO approach to cooperatives as a pathway to job creation"; New Frontiers for co-operative development on "ASAL areas of Kenya: new development and opportunities"; and Unchartered territory on "Expanding the cooperative enterprises in East and Central African Region". By so doing, the conference sought to positively impact on the following: policy development and implementation; productivity; national development; inclusivity; job creation as well as efficiency of human engagement; food and nutrition security; climate change mitigation; adoption of best practices on environment management; and establishment of quintuple helix linkages to leverage producer-consumer-regulator relationships. The conference resolutions will enable key decision-makers to chart new pathways of inclusive sustainable development, grounded on updated knowledge systems that can accelerate the creation, diffusion and adoption of the cooperative business model in all sectors of socio-economic development.

The maiden Co-operative Movement Stakeholders' Annual conference was held on 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 at Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa, Mombasa, Kenya under the theme "The Co-operative Business Model for Socio-Economic Transformation". The event was officiated by Hon. Simon Chelugui, EGH., the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives & MSMEs Development, accompanied by Mr. Patrick Kilemi, the Principal Secretary, State Department of Cooperatives, and Mr. David Obonyo, the Commissioner for Cooperative Development, among other dignitaries.

#### 3.0 CONFERENCE MEETING SESSIONS & DISCUSSIONS

The conference was organized into an opening ceremony session, information sessions on sector statuses, plenary presentations and discussions, panel discussions on Question and Answers sessions and closing ceremony.

#### 3.1 The opening ceremony

Hon. Simon Chelugui, EGH., Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives & MSMEs Development, Republic of Kenya, inaugurated the meeting by welcoming the PS, CUK Council, Partners and all the delegates. He recognized that his Ministry is experiencing positive impacts on various initiatives. While highlighting the role and functions of his Min-

"It is time to reposition the country through co-operative business model on: financial inclusion; digital empowerment; savings; improve governance; empower farmers to produce more food;..... utilize available coop structures for resource mobilization"

Hon. Chelugui, EGH.

istry, the CS encouraged that time was ripe to reposition the country through the cooperative business model on: financial inclusion; digital empowerment; savings; improved governance and leadership to attain public confidence; empowerment of housing cooperatives; empowerment farmers to produce enough food; and utilization of available cooperative structures for resource mobilization. Further, the CS underscored the great achievements that the co-operative movement had garnered over the years since the pre-colonial days, including mobilizing savings to a tune of over KES. 800 billion, notwithstanding the challenges affecting the sector in the areas of governance, leadership, management, corruption, technological issues – cybercrime, resource underutilization, cartels and brokers, and production issues. While applauding the close working relationship between the Ministry and The Co-operative University of Kenya, which he acknowledged as the intellectual arm of the co-operative movement, the CS thanked the University for ably executing the role of the key cooperative movement stakeholders' conference event organizer. He concluded his remarks by noting that since cooperatives were a devolved function, there was need for Ministry officials to continue working closely with Counties in supporting cooperatives. The PS and Commissioner thanked the stakeholders, recognized each representation, and elaborated on achievements made by the cooperative sector and key strategies the Ministry was putting in place to support the sector.

#### 3.2 Information sessions on sector statuses

On behalf of the invited development partners, Dr. Sifa B. Chiyoge, Regional Director and CEO, the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) - Africa, thanked the CS, the

GOK and the cooperative movement for standing strong in promoting the Co-operative Identity by embracing the cooperative principles and values. "We note that, the development partners will be looking forward to getting recommendations and resolutions of the Kenyan context so that they can be part of the solution and replicating the same in other counties" she noted.

#### 3.3 Plenary presentations and discussions

The plenary meeting provided an environment where various presentations were done and which guided discussions and discourse for the sector. Below are the topical areas of discussion:

- (1) The contribution of the Co-operative Business Model in development: practices and opportunities. *Presented by Prof. Esther Gicheru, DVC, FPA CUK*.
- (2) Co-operative Revolution under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). Presented by Mr. Steven Otieno, Advisor of President's Economic Transformation Office (PETO)- Cooperative Development, on behalf of Dr Augustine Cheruiyot, Senior Adviser and Head of President's Economic Transformation Office.
- (3) Leveraging technology for socio-economic inclusion in the co-operative movement. Presented by Mr. Nicholas Kamuyu, Director, Co-operative Bank of Kenya, representing the Group Managing Director, Dr. Gideon Muruiki, CBS.
- (4) The role of cyber security in supporting co-operative operations and management. Presented by Ms. Phides Nyamohanga, Cyber Security Lead, Safaricom Plc.
- (5) Preservation and promotion of the co-operative identity through legal and regulatory framework. *Presented by Mr. David Obonyo, Commissioner for Co-operative Development, State Department for Co-operatives.*
- (6) New Frontiers for Co-operative Development: ASAL areas of Kenya, Presented by Mr. Simon Muli Deputy Chief of Party, ACDI/VOCA.
- (7) Beyond reach: opportunities for export marketing and farmer financing. Presented by Mr. Timothy Mirugi, CEO, New KPCU.
- (8) Decent work: ILO approach to co-operatives as a pathway to job creation. Presented by Ms. Caroline Njuki, Officer in Charge ILO in Kenya.
- (9) CUK's facilitative role in Co-operative Development. Presented by Dr. Lydia Mutua, Registrar ACDRI, CUK
- (10) Unchartered territory: Expanding the co-operative enterprise in East and Central African Region. Presented by Dr. Chigoye B. Sifa, Regional Director & CEO ICA Africa
- (11) Supporting our own: opportunities for financial co-operatives in the growth and development of sustainable value chains. *Presented by Mr. Solomon At-*

- siaya, CEO, Kenya National Police Sacco
- (12) The Overview of the Financial Inclusion Fund Curriculum; Leadership and Integrity Course for Co-operative Leaders. *Presented by Prof. Wycliffe A. Oboka, Director, ICD, CUK*
- (13) Government priorities on the co-operative movement for FY2023-24. Presented by PS, State Department for Co-operatives.

#### **4.0 KEY CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS**

The maiden Co-operative Movement Stakeholders' Annual conference resolved as follows: -

Ν°	Priorities / Action activities / Resolutions	Responsibility	Timeline
1	To effectively harness co-operative business	CUK/ SDC/	August,
	model for national socio-economic inclusive	The Presiden-	2023
	and sustainable growth, the conference ad-	су	
	opted to develop & implement the National		
	Co-operative Transformation Strategy.		
2	Recognizing that the GOK is taking bold steps to	SDC / CUK	Continuous
	strengthen the cooperative sector as an anchor		
	and key enabler in the Bottom-up Economic		
	Transformation Agenda (BETA), the conference		
	resolved to mobilize cooperatives to support the		
	GOK agenda of transformation in the priority ar-		
	eas of value chains e.g. housing, coffee, dairy,		
	tea, miraa, livestock & leather, cotton, blue		
	economy etc. from production to consumption.		
3	Recognizing the great role that CUK plays in	National Trea-	FY. 2023 /
	cooperative development, the conference re-	sury through	2024
	solved that GOK through the CS to equip CUK	the SDC and	
	with proportionate infrastructure since CUK is the	MOE	
	Centre of Excellence for knowledge, research,		
	education & information for cooperative move-		
	ment (purchase of land to expand facilities)		

N°	Priorities / Action activities / Resolutions	Responsibility	Timeline
4	That cooperatives remain the critical vehicles to	SDC / COG /	Continuous
	drive the agenda of food security in Kenya. The	CUK	
	conference called for training of the coopera-		
	tive sector on good governance and leadership		
	to attain public confidence to mobilize Kenyans		
	to join cooperatives and empower agro-coop-		
	eratives to produce enough food & nutrition for		
	the nation.		
5	Recognizing the importance of stakeholder en-	CUK / SDC /	June, 2024
	gagement as envisaged in the Constitution of	COG/ coop-	
	Kenya, it was resolved that the Co-operative	eratives	
	Movement Stakeholders' conferences be held		
	every year in the Month of June.		
6	Develop National Standardized (universal) Co-	CUK	June, 2024
	operative Training Manual (a ToT facilitative		
	Manual for cooperative officers at County level)		
7	Championing for worker cooperative business	CUK / SDC	Continuous
	model to the country (CUK has developed a		
	curriculum on Worker Cooperative Business		
	Model to be up-scaled and promoted)		
8	Noting the importance and critical role that	CUK	Continuous
	CUK is playing, the conference resolved to align		
	CUK strategies & programs with the government		
	priorities so that they can attract & maintain the		
	national recognition.	25.0 / 0.11/	
9	Address the gaps identified during the Coffee	SDC / CUK	June, 2024
	Reforms Forum held on June 8 - 10, 2023 (that		
10	was hosted by the Presidency) in Meru County.	CHK / CDC	1 0004
10	Recognising the immense opportunities and po-	CUK / SDC	June, 2024
	tential of the coffee sector & appreciating the		
	challenges in human resources and farmers on		
	Good Agricultural Practices (GAPS), the con-		
	ference resolved to develop curriculum target-		
	ing players in different value chains e.g. coffee		
	(from production to marketspaces)		

N°	Priorities / Action activities / Resolutions	Responsibility	Timeline
11	Taking cognizance of the establishment of the	CUK / COG	June, 2024
	cooperative movement stakeholders' secretar-		
	iat, the conference resolves that there will be		
	a deliberate effort to create and build part-		
	nerships between CUK and all County Govern-		
	ments represented at the inaugural conference		
	through signing of MOUs; and to reach out to		
	other counties and stakeholders to grow the		
	movement partnership umbrella.		
12	Taking advantage of the GOK in revamping	SDC/COG	June, 2024
	the various agricultural sectors and considering		
	proactive measures, there is need to restructure		
	and strengthen the value chains to enhance		
	transparency & benefit cooperatives / farmers		
	more as per the GOK aspirations e.g. coffee		
13	Establish solid partnership between CUK, the	SDC / CUK /	June, 2024
	Commissioner for Cooperative Development	COG / SASRA	
	and SASRA to strengthen Cooperatives through		
	harnessing and building capacity of staff of co-		
	operatives		
14	Promote inclusion in cooperative business mod-	SDC / COG	Continuous
	el (gender, youth and vulnerable communities)		
15	Noting the critical importance of technology		Continuous
	and innovation in spurring development, there	COG	
	is urgent need to support adoption & integra-		
	tion of digital technologies (ICTs) in cooperative		
1,	management & operations (mainstreaming).	0.414.400.0	
16	Appreciating the contribution of the coopera-	CAK / SDC	Continuous
	tives to the socio-economies of nations, confer-		
	ence resolved to promote universal compliance		
	with ICA - cooperative Identity, principles and		
17	values across the cooperative business models.	CHK	lune 000 4
17	Recognizing that Science, Technology, and In-	CUK	June, 2024
	novation (STI) has direct bearing on coopera-		
	tive development, the conference resolved to		
	embrace STIs and establish Innovation & Incu-		
	bation hub(s) for cooperative movement		

Nº	Priorities / Action activities / Resolutions	Responsibility	Timeline
18	Taking cognizance of the delayed development	SDC / COG /	Continuous
	in the ASAL areas of Kenya, and appreciating	CUK / Devel-	
	the opportunities in those areas, conference	opment Part-	
	resolved to deliberately support cooperative	ners	
	movement in North-Eastern & other ASAL parts		
	of Kenya that have had inequalities in cooper-		
	ative promotion (especially on capacity devel-		
	opment)		
19	Upon reflecting the critical role played by the	SDC / COG	Continuous
	technical assistants (TA)/ extension officers at		
	the grassroots farm level, the conference re-		
	solved that there is great need to employ Tech-		
	nical Assistants (TAs)/ Extension officers to sup-		
	port farmers & cooperatives at grass roots level		
20	Reflecting on the efficiency of service delivery	COG	Continuous
	and allocation of resources in line with the Min-		
	istry of Co-operatives and MSMEs Development		
	activities, the conference recommended the		
	establishment of mainstream (standing) Coop-		
	erative Departments at the County level to mir-		
	ror the Ministry.		
21	Develop a Postgraduate Diploma in Coopera-	CUK	September,
	tives for the graduate specialists who support		2024
	cooperative management and leadership		
22	Develop a Diploma Course in Coffee Technol-	CUK	September,
	ogy and Cupping (Also tea production value		2024
	chain)		
23	Considering the vibrancy and need to support	CUK / Meru	September,
	and harness cooperative business model in	County Gov-	2024
	agro-based activities, conference resolved the	ernment and	
	renewal of MOU between CUK with Meru Coun-	others	
	ty and with any other County Government		
	whose MOU has lapsed		
24	Conference resolved to explore on Inter-Coun-		June, 2024
	ty Trading among cooperatives, though the es-	COG	
	tablished regional blocs		
25	Establish a collaboration with Kenya School of	CUK / KSG	June, 2024
	Government (KSG) to offer training to the coop-		
	erative officers at management level		

N°	Priorities / Action activities / Resolutions	Responsibility	Timeline
26	Explore on Inter-Sacco Lending to ensure co-op-	SDC / SASRA	June, 2024
	erators access affordable financing		
27	Engage the cooperative movement on the re-	ICA / CAK /	Continuous
	view of the Cooperative Principles and Values	CUK / SDC	
	which are due for review (reviewed after 30		
	years).		
28	Noting the critical importance of having sound	Cabinet Sec-	June, 2024
	policies, regulations and legal frameworks to	retary	
	promote a good working environment for all,		
	the conference resolved to appoint a taskforce		
	to work on Cooperative Regulations		
29	County governments to come up with County	SDC / COG /	June, 2024
	Cooperative Bills in readiness for the National	Counties	
	Cooperative Development Bill and Regulations		
	that are being established		
30	Sensitization to the farmers to ensure they are	SDC / CAK /	June, 2024
	able to access international markets	CUK	
31	A model for identifying & awarding outstanding	CUK / ILO	4 Years
	cooperative development support by counties		
	– co-creation of model		
32	Annual Technical forum for County Cooper-	CUK / COG/	June, 2024
	ative Officers to share ideas, opportunities &	SDC	
	challenges, and standardize operations & man-		
	agement of cooperatives at county level		
33	Develop a Tool to measure the achievement of	CAK / CUK	June, 2024
	the ICA Principles at the cooperative level		
34	Lobby for adequate budgetary provisions to as-	SDC / COG	April, 2024
	sist delivery of the planned activities in cooper-		
	ative sector		

#### **5.0 CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

The inaugural annual co-operative movement stakeholders' annual conference attracted more than 180 delegates drawn from different cooperative organizations countrywide that included: -

 Hon. Simon Chelugui, EGH., Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Co-operatives & MS-MEs Development;

- Mr. Patrick Kilemi, Principal Secretary, State Department for Cooperatives;
- Mr. David Obonyo, Commissioner for Cooperative Development;
- Heads of key international agencies/ organizations including;
  - International Co-operative Alliance (ICA)
  - o International Labour Organizations (ILO)
  - Global Communities
  - WOCCU
  - ACCOSCA
  - o ACDI / VOCA
  - o DGRV Kenya
  - We-Effect
- CEO, SASRA;
- County Government officials including;
  - County Executive Committee Members for cooperative development
  - County Chief Officers for cooperative development
  - o County Directors, cooperative development
  - o Cooperative Officers, cooperative development
  - Cooperative Auditors
- CUK management;
- National Co-operative Organizations including;
  - Co-operative Alliance of Kenya (CAK)
  - o Co-operative Bank of Kenya
  - CIC Group
  - New KPCU
  - KUSCCO
  - o NACHU
- CEOs and managers of cooperative societies in different sectors, including coffee, dairy, tea, financial services, worker cooperatives;
- Conference sponsors, including Safaricom Plc and Sidian Bank;
- Universities, and research institutions
- Private sector and NGO representatives,
- Scholars, researchers, inventors, and professionals.

#### **6.0 SPONSORS AND PARTNERS - 2023**

The event attracted the following sponsors;

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=> Safaricom Foundation - Platinum sponsor

=> Kenya National Police DT SACCO - Platinum sponsor

=> The Co-operative Bank of Kenya - Gold sponsor

=> New KPCU - Gold sponsor

=> Sidian Bank - Bronze sponsor

=> CIC Group - Bronze sponsor

=> KUSCCO

=> WeEffect

=> Global Communities

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9	We Effect
10	Global Communities
В	County Governments
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11	Kakamega County Government
12	Mombasa County Government
13	Taita Taveta County Government
С	Co-operative Societies
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9	Smart Savers Sacco
10	Kenya Bankers Sacco
11	Tabasamu Sacco
12	Ports Sacco
13	Qwetu Sacco
14	Fasiseka Sacco
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16	Ushuru Sacco
17	Kitui Teachers Sacco
18	Kwetu Sacco
19	Barabara Sacco
20	Kimbilio Daima Sacco
21	Goodway Sacco
22	Boresha DT Sacco
23	Solution Sacco
24	Adventist Sacco
25	Mafanikio Sacco
26	Defence Sacco
27	Mentor Sacco
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1	ACCOSCA
2	NACHU
3	Meru Central Coffee Union
4	Machakos Co-operative Union

#### **APPENDIXES**

#### **Appendix 1: Abbreviations and Acronyms**

ACDRI Academic, Co-operative Development, Research & Innovation

ATC Agri & Co-operative Training & Consultancy limited

CAK Co-operative Alliance of Kenya

CEC County Executive Committee

CEO Chief Executive Officer

COG Council of Governors

Commissioner Commissioner for Co-operative Development

CS Cabinet Secretary

CUK The Co-operative University of Kenya

DT Deposit Taking

DVC Deputy Vice Chancellor

FPA Finance, Planning & Administration

GOK Government of Kenya

ICA International Co-operative Alliance

ICD Institute of Co-operative Development

ICT Information and Communication Technology

ILO International Labour Organization

KES Kenya Shilling

KPCU Kenya Planters Cooperative Union

KUSCCO Kenya Union of Savings & Credit Co-operative Societies

MD Managing Director

MOE Ministry of Education

MSMEs Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises

NACHU National Cooperative Housing Union

NACOs National Co-operative Organizations

PETO President's Economic Transformation Office

PS Principal Secretary

SASRA SACCO Societies Regulatory Authority

SDC State Department for Co-operatives

ToT Trainer of Trainers

VC Vice Chancellor

### **Appendix II: Conference Sessions in Pictures**

































































