

ICA GLOBAL CONFERENCE 2026

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

DEFINITIONS

These Terms & Conditions for participants apply to every person attending in person the Global Conference and Assemblies for ICA and Cooperatives of the Americas in Panama, Central America from 13 September to 18 September, 2026 (hereafter referred to as “the Global Conference”), organised by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) and the Cooperatives of the Americas (ACI) (hereafter collectively referred to as “the organisers”).

REGISTRATION FEES

The fees are not subject to VAT in Belgium. Any tax that would have to be paid in their country is the responsibility of each participant, particularly for the participants from Panama.

The **regular participation** registration fee is EUR 600.

Participants from ICA Members pay a discounted fee of EUR 450. ICA members will be informed how to apply this discount.

Participants from ICA Members in Panama pay a discounted fee of EUR 100. ICA members in Panama will be informed how to apply this discount.

Youth participants pay a reduced registration fee of EUR 100. Youth registration is for those who will be 35 or under as on 16 September 2026. In order to receive this reduced fee, a copy of the passport must be sent to the registration secretariat.

Personal interpreters (for languages other than English, Spanish and French) will be charged EUR 100. The number of personal interpreters is limited to two per delegation, with one interpreter allowed for delegations of less than 6 attendees and two for delegations of 6 or more attendees. To register personal interpreters, contact the registration secretariat for a discount code.

Amendments to registrations can be made in the registration portal by the registrants themselves.

All participants must register online at <https://ica.idloom.events/global-conference-2026>.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS & TERMS

Contact the **registration secretariat** with any **questions** regarding registration:

- Hannah Li at li@ica.coop (for registrants outside the Americas) and
- Carlos Gonzalez at carlos.gonzalez@aciamericas.coop (for registrants in the Americas)

Submission of the online registration form is regarded as a firm booking and acceptance of these terms and conditions.

Only fully completed registration forms will be accepted. A proforma invoice will be sent after receipt of your registration. The final invoice will be sent upon receipt of payment in full.

Your registration will not be confirmed until full payment has been received.

The registration fee for participants includes the entrance fee for the plenary and parallel sessions on the programme (unless otherwise specified), processing of registrations and registration materials, official documentation, coffee breaks, and lunches.

The organiser cannot guarantee available space in every session.

The registration fee does not include accommodation, transport or other incidental costs.

By registering to the Global Conference, participants agree that the organisers do not assume any liability whatsoever. Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for health and travel insurance. The Global Conference fee does not include insurance.

The Global Conference organisers cannot guarantee that a Conference bag and other materials will be available for late registrations. All materials will be distributed onsite.

If the maximum participant capacity is reached, the Global Conference organisers reserve the right to refuse additional registrations.

GROUP REGISTRATION

If you wish to register as group to have one invoice, you can do so using the regular online registration form and choose to “add another participant” after the first participant is created.

Should you wish to have one person who may or may not be a registrant receive all confirmations and invoices, this will be an option on the registration form.

Payments for the entire group should be made in one full payment and you will receive one invoice and one payment receipt for the entire group registration. Should you need individual invoices and payment receipts, please register each participant separately.

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION/RECEIPT

A registration confirmation will be sent by email after the online registration and the related payment has been received. Participants will be requested to present the QR code which will be sent in the joining instructions prior to the event at the registration counter when they collect their access badges.

MEDIA & PRESS PARTICIPATION

Members of the Media & Press are invited to attend the Global Conference free of charge provided that they produce *in situ* a minimum two articles on the Global Conference (plenary sessions or breakout sessions). Application for the media discount code and Media Accreditation should be submitted to media@ica.coop.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Payments should be received in euros only either by credit card or by bank transfer and no later than ten days before the date that the Global Conference begins. In the event that payment is not received ten days before the Global Conference, prior to 3 September 2026 the participant may be refused entrance unless he/she pays onsite by credit card.

You will receive a proforma invoice with all the payment details by e-mail once you have made your registration on the Global Conference website. Registration fees are payable by one of the three options below:

1. By credit card online: you will be directed to a secure credit card payment server which is connected to Saferpay (Worldline), an online payment provider. You will receive a credit card receipt after your payment.
2. By bank transfer: Participants are required to mention their identification or registration number as a reference on all bank transfers. It should be noted that all transfer charges must be met by the sender.
3. By credit card to the ICA (offline): you will provide your credit card details to the ICA who will charge your credit card. You will receive a credit card receipt after your payment.

Your registration will be validated, and a final invoice will be sent once we receive confirmation of your payment.

Furthermore, for security reasons, cash payments for the full registration costs onsite are avoided as much as possible.

REGISTRATION NAME CHANGE

A new registration form for the substitute participant should NOT be submitted. Registrants will be able to amend their registration themselves online in the registration portal at the link provided when you register. Any changes which incur a fee must be paid in order for the substitute participant to attend the Global Conference.

Name changes will not be accepted online after 3 September 2026. After this date, all name changes must be provided by email.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you are unable to attend the Global Conference, we welcome substitute participants attending in your place at no extra charge provided that we have at least eight days prior notice of the name of your proposed substitute and have received payment in full. See above “registration name change”.

Any cancellations received prior to 13 August 2026 will be given 90% refund. Any cancellations received on or after 13 August 2026 will be subject to the Global Conference fee being paid in full. No refund will be issued by the ICA until after the Global Conference has finished.

All refund requests must have all relevant information regarding the bank account to which a possible refund may be remitted. In the case of over-payment or double payment, refund requests must be made in writing and sent to the secretariat and to accounting@ica.coop, by email. The email receipt date will be the basis for issuing refunds.

Note that hotels will have their own cancellation policies.

No refunds will be granted for unattended events or early termination of attendance, in case of cancellation of speakers, lack of space in the Global Conference room or any other incidents during the Global Conference, which are beyond the control of the Global Conference organisers.

CANCELLATION OF THE GLOBAL CONFERENCE

In the event that the Global Conference cannot be held or is postponed due to events beyond the control of the Global Conference organisers (force majeure) or due to events which are not attributable to wrongful intent or gross negligence of the Global Conference organisers, the Global Conference organisers cannot be held liable by participants for any damages, costs, or losses incurred, such as transportation costs, accommodation costs, costs for additional orders, financial losses, etc.

MODIFICATION OF THE PROGRAMME

The Global Conference organisers reserve the right to modify the programme. No refunds can be granted in case of cancellation of speakers, lack of space in the Global Conference room or any other incidents during the Global Conference which are beyond the control of the Global Conference organisers.

LIABILITY

Views expressed by speakers, sponsors and/or exhibitors are their own. The organisers cannot accept liability for any advice given, or views expressed, by any speaker, sponsor and/or exhibitor at the Global Conference or in any material provided to participants. In addition, the organisers shall not be responsible or liable for any direct or indirect loss or damage of any sort incurred as the result of the services or information provided in connection with the event.

Lastly, the Global Conference organisers cannot accept liability for loss of, or damage to, property belonging to Global Conference participants during the event.

LOST NAME BADGE

The Global Conference name badge must be worn at all times during the Global Conference. Access to the Global Conference venue will not be granted without the name badge issued by the Global Conference organisers. If a participant loses, misplaces or forgets the name badge, the participant will be required to register again and pay the full registration fee.

LETTER OF INVITATION

Individuals requiring an official Letter of Invitation from the Global Conference organisers for purposes of travel or applying for a visa can request one by contacting Hannah Li at li@ica.coop.

The Letter of Invitation does not financially obligate the Global Conference organisers in any way.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

It is the sole responsibility of the participant to ensure safe travel in Panama. Participants should reference the official information provided by their governments or the government of Panama regarding vaccination and safe travel recommendations.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

It is the sole responsibility of the participant to take care of his/her visa requirements. Participants who require an entry visa must allow sufficient time for the application procedure. Participants should contact the nearest British embassy or consulate to determine the appropriate timing of their visa applications.

The Global Conference organisers and/or the ICA will not directly contact embassies and consulates on behalf of visa applicants.

It is recommended that participants initiate their visa request at least 90 days prior to the Global Conference.

The visa will only be given for the dates that are covered by the insurance policy, which need to relate to the travel dates.

Note: Panamanian embassies and consulates-general are independent decision-making agencies for visas, sometimes after specific checks have been made with other countries. You cannot appeal against the rejection of a visa application, neither can the ICA intervene on your behalf in case of a rejection or to speed up the procedure.

TRAVEL-HEALTH INSURANCE

It is the responsibility of the participants to arrange appropriate insurance cover in connection with their attendance at the Global Conference. The ICA is not responsible for any individual medical, travel or personal insurance.

TRANSPORTATION

The Global Conference registration gives access to the event and does not include the travel arrangements and costs (air, sea or land transportation).

SECURITY

Attendees are required to kindly collaborate with security protocols at the venue.

PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION

The protection of your data is important to us.

The organisers will collect and store necessary personal information for the preparation and execution of the Global Conference and Assemblies to be held in Panama, Central America, from 13 to 18 September 2026.

By registering for this Global Conference, the parties concerned are agreeing that the Global Conference organisers may use that personal information to contact them by email, direct mail, telephone or fax, in order to supply information relevant to this Global Conference, or about other Global Conference, events and opportunities that the organisers are planning and feel may be of interest to them.

Please visit https://ica.coop/en/international-co-operative-alliance-data-protection-policy?_ga=2.209692754.1524377833.1554550669-1573556191.1515853062 for the data protection policy of the ICA. You may ask to be removed from the ICA database at any time.

PHOTOS & FILMING

Photos and videos will be taken during the event, for example, in a group of people or when presentations are made or questions asked, and these will be posted and shared by the structures of the ICA in their websites, social media pages or other communications channels having for purpose the promotion of the cooperative movement. Use of the photographic images for purposes other than those described above or for marketing via the transfer of the images to third parties is prohibited. Participants who do not wish for their photos or videos of them to be posted online should contact the Communications Director, Leire Luengo, at luengo@ica.coop who will ensure that the ICA and structures are informed.

WEBSITE & LINKS

The Global Conference and associated ICA websites may link to other websites and networking tools provided for the convenience of the users. The contents of these websites are maintained by their owners, for which the ICA takes no responsibility. Neither can responsibility be taken for contents of any website linking to this website.

GENERAL

We reserve the right at all times to change, amend, add or remove any of the above terms without prior notice if one or more of the conditions outlined in these Terms & Conditions should be or become invalid. The remaining conditions will continue to be valid and apply. These Terms & Conditions apply to all participants of this event, including speakers, sponsors and exhibitors.

APPLICABLE LAW AND COMPETENT COURTS

Except in case of contrary provisions of imperative law, Belgian law shall apply.

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