



QUEBEC INTERNATIONAL 2014 SUMMIT OF COOPERATIVES

OCTOBER 6-9

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Montreal, April 25, 2014

- See trainings to Canada on May already.

Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary General
United Nations
New York (N.Y.) 10017
United States

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Re: 2014 International Summit of Cooperatives – Quebec City, Canada

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cc: CWT, RM, JP

Dear Sir:

As co-hosts of the 2014 International Summit of Cooperatives, Desjardins Group and the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) are pleased to invite you to be a speaker at the second edition of the Summit, to be held from October 6 to 9, 2014.

The first edition was held in 2012 to celebrate the UN's International Year of Cooperatives and was a great success. More than 2,800 participants from 91 countries attended. The economy of cooperatives, their future growth, the challenges they face and their place in the global economy were the focus of discussions. Over 155 speakers from 35 countries shared their vision about the cooperative business model, including Nouriel Roubini, A. Michael Spence, Dominic Barton, Jacques Attali, Rosabeth Moss Kanter and Madeleine K. Albright.

The 2014 Summit aims to address global issues where cooperatives and mutuals, through their innovation capacity, can make a difference for humanity. Discussions will focus on how cooperatives contribute to each of these important global issues:

- **Global health:** Over 100 million households worldwide are served by health cooperatives. Because cooperatives exist to provide services to their members and are not driven by a profit motive, they ensure access to health services for all citizens regardless of socioeconomic status.
- **Agricultural development:** Agricultural cooperatives not only provide access to the essential farm inputs needed for production, but also ensure that their products are sold under the best possible conditions. Agricultural members with socio-economic power and create sustainable livelihoods in rural areas, through companies that are more resilient to economic shocks. And, because they return a portion of their profits to their members, that the wealth is locally-based and that it is distributed fairly.

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- **Financial services for the poor:** Financial cooperatives are some of the largest providers of microfinance services to the poor. It is estimated that globally financial cooperatives reach 78 million clients living below a poverty line of \$2 per day.

We would be honoured if you would accept our invitation to be a speaker during the closing ceremony of the Summit that will be held on October 9 in the afternoon. We are convinced that you would contribute significantly to the debates and discussions and that your perspective on the cooperative and mutual movement would lend valuable insights.

However, we know that your schedule is very busy. If you should be unable to attend personally, we would be truly grateful if you could provide us with a video in which you would address our guests.

We sincerely hope to have the honour of welcoming you to the Summit and remain available if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Dame Pauline Green
President
International Co-operative Alliance



Monique F. Leroux, C.M., O.Q., FCPA, FCA
Chair of the Board
President and CEO
Desjardins Group

Enclosed: Brochure

