ICA's Virtual Coop-a-thon 15-17 October 2019

What is a Coop-a-Thon?

A Coop-a-Thon is inspired by hackathons, which are design sprint-like events in which computer programmers and others involved in software development, including graphic designers, interface designers, project managers, and others, often including domain experts, collaborate intensively on software projects.

The ICA will hold a virtual coop-a-thon during the [Global Conference for Development](#) to be held in Kigali, Rwanda starting 15 October and the winner will be announced on 17 October. Virtual global teams will be made up of IT coops, IT professionals from ICA member organisations, and others who support coops. They will propose solutions to your problems.

Why is the ICA doing this?

The ICA sent a survey to members in 2018 and the technology challenges showed up as one of the biggest obstacles that our members face. This will be a fun way to come up with IT solutions to coop problems and encourage cooperation amongst cooperatives.

How can I get involved?

You can get involved in one of three ways:

- **Submit a problem that technology could solve.** Submit the attached "Problem Statement Form" by 1 September 2019.

- **Join a global team to work together to propose a solution to a challenge.** Submit the attached "IT Coop-a-Thon Team Form" by 1 September 2019.

- **Sponsor the winners and support coop solutions to coop problems.**

Learn more by contacting Gretchen Hacquard at hacquard@ica.coop.

Problem Statement Form

Thank you for your interest in submitting a problem for the coop-a-thon. Valid problems should be able to be solved technically, be applicable to the cooperative movement as a whole and be submitted by ICA members.

Organisation Name	
Country	
Contact Person	
Email	

Problem Statement[1]

Would you be willing to make a donation to sponsor a cash prize for the winning team? If yes, how much?	

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[1] What is a problem statement? https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Problem_statement

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IT Coop-a-thon

IT Coop-a-Thon Team Form

Thank you for your interest in joining a Coop-a-Thon team! Teams will be formed taking into consideration language and diversity.

Name	
Organisation	
Country	
Expertise	
Language(s)	
Email	
Will you participate virtually (online) or in Kigali?	