



In December 2009, the United Nations proclaimed 2012 as the International Year of Co-operatives (IYC). The IYC aims at raising awareness on the socio-economic impact of co-operatives for promoting the autonomous formation and growth of co-operatives.

Specifically, the aims of IYC are to:

- Increase public awareness about co-operatives, how they benefit their members and contribute to socio-economic development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.
- Promote awareness of the global network of co-operatives and their efforts in community building, democracy and peace.
- Promote the formation and growth of co-operatives among individuals and institutions to address common economic needs and for socio-economic empowerment.
- Encourage Governments and regulatory bodies to establish policies, laws and regulation conducive to co-operative formation and growth.

The Year will be planned by the United Nations (UN) in close collaboration with the members of the Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Co-operatives (COPAC).

St. Vincent and the Grenadines

[SVG Cooperative March and Rally Highlights](#) (Friday 24th February, 2012)

IYC 2012 Theme Song

Title: "Building Cooperation"

Artist: Shaunelle McKenzie

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