

# Cooperatives Longevity and Sustainable Development Goals: *Longitudinal Case Study from the Co-operative*

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## *Abstract*

The study reviews the pragmatism of Social and Environmental Reporting in the contexts of Sustainable Development for cooperative enterprises. The United Nations has formulated the sustainable development goals (SDG) in 2015 as a comprehensive global framework, which addresses most significant social and environmental challenges that are faced by humanity at large. However, the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) has established its own blueprint for a Cooperative decade in 2013 which discusses cooperatives' involvement in achieving those SDG (*"Rethinking Co-operatives: Perspective based on past and present"*). Sustainable development has been created with the view to provide trans-boundary cooperation among riparian's as a core aspect of 2030 Agenda and SDG. Activities of cooperatives are primarily related to economic, social and environment, while those cooperatives are not legally binding governments that are expected to set out frameworks for achieving SDG. Indeed, ***Coops for 2030 has provided a platform for cooperatives to commit towards*** pledging to contribute in achieving the SDG. Thus, this study focuses on the implementation of SDG and the progress reported by a Canadian cooperative – The Co-operators: reporting sustainability is not a new phenomenon for this cooperative, which began in 2008 as sustainability policy and then incorporated into their operational activities. Such that, the study further analysis the sustainability strategy of The Co-operators towards achieving SDG and the progress made during these years since the introduction of 2030 agenda. Particularly, when considering SDG 13 and its goal for urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts has been considered as one of the most important aspect by The Co-operators due to climate change effects and reducing their carbon footprint to zero emission can minimize those impacts to a greater extend in Canada.

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