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## **Title of abstract: 7 or 17: Principals and e Values of Cooperative and the Sustainable Development Goals**

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### **Abstract:**

According to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), in the course held in partnership with the National Cooperative Learning Service (Sescoop) – the mere fact that a cooperative exists already contributes to some goals of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Developed by the United Nations (UN) together with governments, civil society, the private sector and research institutions, the SDGs came in response to the results achieved with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) – a global agenda that sought to reduce poverty and world hunger – including, increasing its scope.

Emerged in the English city of Rochedale in 1844, cooperative is guided by 7 fundamental principles that guide the movement around the world. From the beginning, cooperative emerged as a proposal for differentiated work organization, generating income and social inclusion for its members.

Guided by five pillars (people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnerships), the 2030 Agenda, of which the SDGs are a part, has important allies in cooperatives for its achievement. Cooperative principles are naturally aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, after all, both are people-centered and seek harmony between social development, economic growth and the environment, without forgetting transparency and ethical conduct.

In Brazil, since the beginning in 2016, many of the 4,868 cooperatives, with the support and direction of the OCB System – the movement's representative body in the country – have generated changes in their communities, ranging from the creation of photovoltaic energy parks to the neutralization of the cooperative's carbon emissions, also offering training in the area of cooperative and entrepreneurship, in order to fight poverty and inequalities.

This article seeks to present how cooperatives, with their principles and values, are aligned with the Global Agenda, being one of the main agents for achieving their goals, also bringing examples of what has been done in Brazil.

**Keywords:** Cooperative; Sustainable Development Goals; Principles and values; Social Responsibility; Environment.