

The re-elaboration of cooperative principles based on the concept of decent work

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ABSTRACT

The main purpose of this proposal is to re-elaborate the cooperative principles based on the ILO's Decent Work Agenda.

In this regard, we consider that cooperative values should be reaffirmed. However, we also believe that in order to put cooperative values into practice, it is necessary to reconfigure currently existing cooperative principles as guidelines. All this, with the ultimate goal of adjusting these values to the challenges of the world of work in order to make a future of decent work possible for all.

To that end, we will start by analyzing the concept of decent work developed by the ILO in its Decent Work Program. Once the concept of decent work has been analyzed from the perspective of the ILO, we will relate it with the cooperative identity based on cooperative values and principles, taking into consideration the Statement on Cooperative Identity adopted by the International Cooperative Alliance in 1995. To do so, we will start from analyzing the historical links between the ILO and the cooperative movement and, then, we will analyze the link between cooperatives (and, in particular, worker cooperatives) and the promotion of decent work.

Based on this analysis, we will try to answer the questions that the future of work presents through cooperative principles. In this way, we consider that the objective of decent work will be integrated into the cooperative identity.

