American Cooperatives and Their Experiences Abroad

Join us at the Center for International Programs for a discussion on how American cooperatives play a vital role in the economic well-being of millions of Americans and how they help low-income communities in developing countries achieve a higher standard of living. Universities, both at home and abroad, play a significant role in developing sustainable and successful cooperative techniques. Paul Hazen, executive director of the U.S. Overseas Cooperative Development Council, will share the insights of his organization’s research as they apply the cooperative model to create sustainable economic development abroad.

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Paul Hazen became executive director of the Overseas Cooperative Development Council in February 2012. Previously, he represented one of the member organizations and served as OCDC’s board chair and board member. Prior to joining OCDC, Hazen was CEO of the Washington, D.C.-based National Cooperative Business Association. During his 25-year tenure with the organization, he held key positions, including chief operating officer, vice president of public policy, vice president of member services and director of consumer cooperatives. Hazen is the one of the founders of DotCoop, the top-level domain for cooperatives around the world. He currently is leading IMPACT, an initiative to document the economic and social benefits cooperatives provide in the developing world. Active in cooperative matters at many levels, Hazen serves on the boards of the International Cooperative Alliance, where he chairs the Human Resources and Election Committees. Past board service includes the Consumer Federation of American, Cooperative Development Foundation, Cooperative Business International and NCB Retail Finance Corporation.

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