



Montréal, September 27, 28, 29 2023

ACT NOW FOR A CIRCULAR AND DIGITAL FUTURE, THE COOPERATORS WAY

With the theme, “Act Now for a circular and digital future, the cooperator's way,” the Montréal event will focus on practical and realistic actions. Together, we will examine how we benefit our members and communities. Join us to have your say, and let's transform the way we do business in a circular economy and digital society.

SEPTEMBER 27	
<p>18:00 Room: A.373-ABC Centre de conférence Claude-Séguin</p> <p>Master of ceremony</p> <p>Speakers</p>	<p>OPENING CEREMONY—SPEECHS BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS</p> <p>Karina Lehoux, Founder and President of Eklosion, Professional Facilitator, Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christina Procopio, co-founder of Global Innovation Coop Summit, Brazil ● Federico Pasin, Director, HEC Montréal, Canada ● Luc Rabouin, Executive committee member responsible for economic, commercial and design development, City of Montréal et Ville de Montréal ● Jean Nolet, CEO, Coop Carbone, Canada ● Karine Awashish, co-founder, Coop Nitaskinan, Canada
<p>18:30 Room: A.373-ABC Centre de conférence Claude-Séguin</p>	<p>Welcoming Cocktail</p>
<p>20:00 End of the day</p>	
SEPTEMBER 28	
<p>8:30 Room: A.335 Amphithéâtre Rachelle et Alain-Paris</p> <p>Master of ceremony</p> <p>Speakers</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION - Opening remarks</p> <p>Karina Lehoux, Founder and President of Eklosion, Professional Facilitator, Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joanne Lechasseur, co-fondateur of Global innovation Coop Summit, Canada ● Ariel Guarco, President, International Cooperative Alliance (video) ● Graciela Fernández Quintas, President of ICA Americas, Uruguay (videooo) ● John Kay, President of the Board of Directors, Cooperatives Mutuels Canada ● Marie-Josée Paquette, General Director of Conseil québécois de la coopération et de la mutualité, Canada

<p>9:00 Room: A.335 Amphithéâtre Rachelle et Alain-Paris</p> <p>Interviewer</p> <p>Speaker</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION PLENARY – An interview with Coopoint – MC2M Solidarity Coop</p> <p>Opportunities and Challenges of Implementing Principle 6: Cooperatives Supporting Cooperatives on the International Level</p> <p>In today's interconnected world, the global cooperative movement is recognizing the significance and impact of collaboration and mutual support. Principle 6, "Cooperation Among Cooperatives," emphasizes the importance of solidarity and cooperation within the cooperative sector. Cooperatives around the world have experienced growth, however, in most economic sectors their contribution to the global GNP has decreased, giving more power and control to transnational corporations. This presentation will explore opportunities and challenges on how to maximize on Principle #6, and areas for collaboration to grow the cooperative movement globally, and in all sectors.</p> <p>Stéphane Desjardins, Editor-in-Chief of CoopointCoop - MC2M Solidarity Coop, Canada</p> <p>Paul Cabaj, Taktika Sustainability Solutions, Canada</p>
<p>9:30 Room: A.335 Amphithéâtre Rachelle et Alain-Paris</p> <p>Speaker</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION - THE LIMITS TO GROWTH - A JUST TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY WITHIN PLANETARY BOUNDARIES</p> <p>Most Circular Economy projects and policies have focused on 'how' to produce circularly but not really on 'what', 'how much' or 'for whom' to produce. The 'what' question relates to issues of democracy, participation, gender and global justice that are in turn connected to the capacity of any society to reflect about what kind of technological futures its members desire. The success of a transition toward a sustainable Circular Economy does not merely depend on the development of new technologies – artefacts or processes – but also in the reconfiguration of the governance of productive processes into more democratic and participatory mechanisms of designing and managing technology. Not only the ecological transition that humanity needs to face environmental crises will need to take into account the physical limits of the planet, it will also have to be necessarily just, inclusive and democratic.</p> <p>Mario Pansera, Director and ERC Grantee Vigo's Post-Growth Innovation Lab, Spain</p>
<p>10:00 Room: A.335 Amphithéâtre Rachelle et Alain-Paris</p> <p>Facilitator</p> <p>Panelists</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION - Let's get CIRCULAR</p> <p>We live in a world where our natural resources are overexploited and the fight against climate change is not getting easier. Our way of producing and consuming must be more sustainable and requires cross sector collaboration and systemic change in behavior and thinking. This session will explore what being circular really means, circularity strategies and innovative ways for all participants to act on their concern for communities. Together, we will explore pathways toward a circular and cooperative way of doing business. This panel will introduce the central circularity strategies and the policy and supporting ecosystem for cooperatives and their partners to advance circularity in practice. What are opportunities for cooperatives in the emerging circular economy policies? Are cooperatives acting on these opportunities, and are they equipped to do so? What cooperation between cooperatives but also with other actors is needed to advance circularity and transition to socially just and sustainable societies?</p> <p>Jean-Louis Bancel, Co-founder of Global Innovation Coop Summit, France</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pete Westall, Chief Values Officer at The Midcounties Co-Operative, United Kingdom ● Nina Elomaa, Senior Vice President Sustainability at S-ryhmä / S Group SOK Corporation, Finland ● Emmanuel Raufflet, Professeur HEC Montréal and co-holder, Circular Economy Research Network of Quebec, Canada ● Paul Hazen, Executive Director, Overseas Cooperative Development Council (OCDC), United States ● Antonella Noya, Head of the Unit on Social Economy and Innovation at the Center for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OCDC, France

<p>11:00 Room: A.373-ABC Centre de conférence Claude-Séguin</p>	<p>NETWORKING BREAK</p>
<p>Let's get CIRCULAR Breakout sessions – INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS WITH PARTICIPANTS</p>	
<p>11:30 Room: A.373-A Centre de conférence Claude-Séguin</p> <p>Facilitator</p> <p>Panelists</p>	<p>Circular business models for cooperatives: This session reviews all circularity strategies and the business model of cooperatives in a circular economy. Based on a pioneering research project in Quebec, we discuss the cartography of cooperative business models, and introduce tools for advancing circularity within a cooperative but also between cooperatives. How can these tools help cooperatives? How do they support inter-cooperation?</p> <p>Rafael Ziegler, Ph. D. Director, Institut international des coopératives Alphonse-et-Dorimène-Desjardins de HEC Montréal, Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gaëlle Génereux, Project Manager TIESS, Canada ● Cindy Vaucher, Co-founder of Retournyz - returnable containers sharing service for food service, Canada ● Akinori Suzuki, Head of Environmental Promotion Group, Co-op Sapporo, Japan
<p>11:30 Room: A.373-C Centre de conférence Claude-Séguin</p> <p>Facilitator</p> <p>Panelists</p>	<p>Community energy: Renewable energy is rapidly gaining popularity worldwide and is frequently the preferred energy source in communities with the resources and shared commitment to reduce energy costs and decrease reliance on fossil fuels. Cooperatives can play a strong role in community-owned energy initiatives and be impactful contributors to the circular economy -- both in developed nations and emerging economies. Learn how cooperatives can empower communities and municipalities by creating wealth sustainably and strengthening their economies. In what ways are cooperatives innovators in this space? Can the cooperative model be the catalyst for long-term sustainable energy use? What are the challenges?</p> <p>Zuraidah Hoffman, Award winning storyteller and producer, expert of communication and cooperative, United-States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Michaela Cryer, Head of Yunity, Midcounties, United Kingdom ● Dan Waddle, Senior VP, NRECA International, United-States ● Thomas Bauwens, Assistant Professor of Collective action for Sustainability ERC grantee, Netherlands
<p>11:30 Room: B.307 Salle multifonctionnelle - Association des diplômés de HEC Montréal</p> <p>Facilitator</p> <p>Panelists</p>	<p>Circular housing the cooperative way: What is causing the global housing crisis and how can circular economics and cooperation help fix it? Adequate housing is a basic need and a human right, and yet nearly 1.5 billion people are affected by a global shortage of adequate and affordable housing. In most countries, the cost of housing is growing faster than incomes with over one hundred million people experiencing homelessness every day. Furthermore, construction practices and housing use contribute to carbon emissions and unsustainable resource extraction. Circular economics and cooperation can help address these challenges by promoting sustainable building practices, reducing waste, and increasing access to affordable housing. The panel aims to explore solutions to these obstacles through policy, finance, industry, and end-user perspectives. Stretch your thinking and join this robust dialogue on housing challenges, opportunities, and solutions.</p> <p>Tim Ross, Executive Director, Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada (CHF Canada), Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Julie LaPalme, Secretary-General, Cooperative Housing International, Belgium ● Annie Levasseur, Professor at École de technologie supérieure; Chair holder of the Canada Research Chair in Measuring the Impact of Human Activities on Climate Change; Scientific Director of CIRIEC Canada ● Nadine Leblanc, Senior Vice-President of Policy, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

<p>11:30 Room: A.373-B Centre de conférence Claude-Séguin</p>	<p>One Health - The positive circle: The Covid epidemic has demonstrated that human health is not limited to medical care in the event of illness. Experience shows that the state of health is influenced by external factors. There is their economic and financial situation (ecohealth) but also environmental factors such as interactions with animals or the quality of plant products consumed (one health). Based on examples, the workshop will aim to open avenues for reflection and action in the context of the circular economy so as not to neglect health issues.</p> <p>Facilitator Jean-Louis Bancel, Co-founder of Global Innovation Coop Summit, France</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Johanne Saint-Charles, Professor of Communication, Université du Québec à Montreal, Director of the Institut Santé et société and of the WHO/PAHO Collaborating Centre on Occupational and Environmental Health, Canada ● Mathias Savignac, President, MGEN Group, France
<p>13:00 Room: A.373-ABC Centre de conférence Claude-Séguin</p>	<p>LUNCH AND LEARN Courtesy of the Institut international des coopératives Alphonse-et-Dorimène-Desjardins, HEC Montréal</p>
<p>Speaker</p>	<p>ICA CONSULTATION ON THE STATEMENT ON THE COOPERATIVE IDENTITY</p> <p>ICA Consultation on the Cooperative Identity: A Once in a Generation Opportunity to Help Define the Values and Principles that Set Cooperatives Apart</p> <p>In 1995, following discussions among cooperators all over the world, the International Cooperative Alliance adopted the Statement on the Cooperative identity. The Statement defines the cooperative business model, makes explicit the cooperative and ethical values on which it rests, and sets out seven universal operating principles applicable to cooperatives of all kinds. Nearly thirty years on, the ICA has embarked upon a fresh examination of the cooperative identity. The world has changed in profound ways since 1995. Is the current Statement on the Cooperative Identity still fit for purpose? Do the values and principles it expresses equip cooperatives to be essential social and economic actors in the world to come or is the world passing us by? What actions do we need to take to better articulate, live, communicate and protect our shared cooperative identity? Come and hear how you can contribute to this once-in-a-generation consultation.</p> <p>Alexandra Wilson, Chair of the Cooperative Identity Advisory Group, International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)</p>
<p>14:00 Room: A.335 Amphithéâtre Rachelle et Alain-Paris</p> <p>Facilitator</p> <p>Panelists</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION - What we learned from the workshops: Let's get CIRCULAR</p> <p>Karina Lehoux, Founder and President of Eklosion, Professional Facilitator, Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rafael Ziegler, Ph. D. Director, Institut international des coopératives Alphonse-et-Dorimène-Desjardins de HEC Montréal, Canada ● Zuraidah Hoffman, Award winning storyteller and producer, expert of communication and cooperative, United-States. ● Tim Ross, Executive Director, CHF Canada's Board of Directors, Canada ● Jean-Louis Bancel, Co-founder of Global Innovation Coop Summit, France
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16:30 Room: A.335 Amphithéâtre Rachelle et Alain-Paris facilitator Speaker	PLENARY SESSION - A New Age of Impactful Cooperative Collaboration - Interview with Howard Brodsky In today's rapidly evolving landscape, cooperatives face immense challenges from larger corporations with vast resources. However, the strength of cooperatives lies in their foundational principle: Cooperation Among Cooperatives. Cooperative leader Howard Brodsky advocates for the creation of "Cooperatives of Cooperatives," where entities with shared objectives unite to achieve common goals, such as enhancing member communications. To actualize this vision, leaders within the cooperative ecosystem must be empowered, and online platforms can serve as a starting point to connect and collaborate. The future of cooperatives hinges on this intra-cooperative growth, unlocking the potential to address global challenges through collective action. Jean-Louis Bancel , Co-founder of Global Innovation Coop Summit Howard Brodsky , Co-founder & CEO, CCA Global Partners Global Leader of Cooperatives, United States
17:00 Room: A.335 Amphithéâtre Rachelle et Alain-Paris Speakers	PLENARY SESSION - International Coop Communities of Pratices (ICCP) GICS takes pride in unveiling the official launch of its International Coop Communities of Practice and elucidating the purpose, methodology, and intended audience for this endeavor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jean-Louis Bancel, Co-founder of Global Innovation Coop Summit ● Howard Brodsky, Co-founder & CEO, CCA Global Partners Global Leader of Cooperatives, United State
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<p>8:45 Room: A.335 Amphithéâtre Rachelle et Alain-Paris</p> <p>Speaker</p> <p>Speaker</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION - How digitization and AI is transforming our lives and businesses — a leap into the immediate future.</p> <p>Laurent Charlin, principal member at MILA, associate professor at HEC Montréal and holder of a Canada-CIFAR Chair in Artificial Intelligence.</p> <p>Guy Cormier, President and CEO of Desjardins Group, Canada</p>
<p>9:15 Room: A.335 Amphithéâtre Rachelle et Alain-Paris</p> <p>Facilitator</p> <p>Panelists</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION - Living DIGITAL</p> <p>For decades prior to the pandemic, the world experienced rapid shifts toward a more digital lifestyle, from how we share information, communicate with each other, work together and purchase goods. The pandemic pointed to the need for cooperatives not just to transform their way of thinking behind how to make digital tools and technology more efficient for their members, but also to address the critical need for the digitalization of cooperative operations, and at times removing or reducing the physical presence of an enterprise. This subtheme will explore ideas on how cooperatives can effectively improve their services and increase their engagement with their communities, move in parallel with digital trends, and learn from cooperatives of all sizes, who are leaders in this arena.</p> <p>Aaron Stewart, General Counsel, VME Coop, Scotland, United Kingdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pascal Houle, Chief Executive Officer, Sollio Cooperative Group, Canada ● Ana Aguirre, Co-Founder and Worker-Owner, Tazebaez Co-op, President of ICA Youth Committee, Spain ● Laurent Charlin, principal member at MILA, associate professor at HEC Montréal and holder of a Canada-CIFAR Chair in Artificial Intelligence, Canada. ● Guy Cormier, President and CEO of Desjardins Group, Canada
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Living DIGITAL Breakout sessions — INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS WITH PARTICIPANTS	
10:45 Room: A.373-A Centre de conférence Claude-Séguin	<p>Digital Coop Governance: this session discusses the relationships and tensions between established cooperative governance models, and emerging governance models relying on digital technologies. Collaborative governance, blockchain-based DAOs and open source collectives offer inspiring models of collective organization, relatively emancipated from traditional organization structures, and which generally emerge beyond the cooperative movement’s boundaries. What are the similarities and differences between emerging, digital-based governance models and established cooperative governance models? What are the perceived or verified areas of complementarities and tensions among both streams? How could cooperative governance benefit from such experimentations, and vice versa?</p> <p>Facilitator Myriam Michaud, PhD, management & gouvernance; coopératives & économie sociale, TELUQ, Canada</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nadine Groulx, President of the board Conseil québécois de la coopération et de la mutualité, Director of the Board of Desjardins Group, Canada ● Louis Cousin, Director of Operations, Startin’blox, France
10:45 Room: A.373-B Centre de conférence Claude-Séguin	<p>Digital Coop Sustainability: this session discusses whether and how digital technologies can help cooperatives in performing sustainability transitions aligned with their identity. While digital solutions facilitate inter-organizational collaboration, they also come with their own limitations and challenges, such as questionable extractive data management, high energy consumption, and standardization of behaviors. Are the concepts of “digital” and “cooperative sustainability” exclusive, or can we make them work together? Which transitions bottlenecks could be overcome through a better use of digital tools? What digital technologies and tools, if any, are specifically relevant for a cooperative sustainability transition?</p> <p>Facilitator Martin Van Den Borre, Manager Communautiq et Fad City</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● David Thomas, General Manager at Open Food Network Canada, Canada ● Sara Horowitz, Founder and Executive director of Freelancers Union and CEO of Freelancer Insurance Company (FIC), United-States ● Igor Calzada, MBA, Principal Investigator/Research Fellow, Ikerbasque, University of the Basque Country, and Cardiff University
10:45 Room: A.373-C Centre de conférence Claude-Séguin	<p>Digital intercooperation: this session addresses principle 6, cooperation among cooperatives, in light of potential benefits offered by digital solutions. While the cooperative movement is characterized by a long-established network of cooperative associations, federations, and second-level cooperatives, online collaboration among cooperatives is still experienced as a hurdle by most practitioners. From citizens’ point of view, simple information such as how many cooperatives operate in my region and which services/products they offer is still hardly possible to find online. Why are cooperative networks so hard to replicate online? Can cooperative associations better capitalize on digital technologies to improve collaboration with and among their members? How can interoperable technologies, such as Solid and Web3, help the cooperative movement to untap the potential of its principle 6?</p> <p>Facilitator Luc Audebrand, Full Professor, Laval University, Canada</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dan Lussier, Director, Canadian Agri-Food Data Initiative, Canada ● Shaun Fensom, Secretary, Cooperative network Infrastructure, United-Kingdom ● Philippe Labrecque, Development Officer, Social Economy Center of the Longueuil Agglomeration, Canada

<p>10:45 Room: B.307 Salle multifonctionnelle - Association des diplômés de HEC Montréal</p> <p>Facilitator</p> <p>Panelists</p>	<p>Digital Coop Education: this session looks at how cooperatives could use digital solutions to mainstream cooperative education. Looking at past and existing digital initiatives, we will attempt to identify promising levers facilitating the diffusion of cooperative knowledge, as well as the shortfalls preventing our model to go mainstream across various educational frameworks. Is cooperative education more accessible thanks to digital solutions, or does it tend to be buried among the mass of (not-so-cooperative) information? How do we learn to cooperate through existing digital learning spaces? And, more generally, should cooperative education tend to go online, or should it rather focus on physical, in-person experiences?</p> <p>Claude-André Guillotte, Director, IRECUS, Department of Entrepreneurship, School of Management, University of Sherbrooke, Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ilana Gotz, EURICE and ICBEC coordinator, Italy ● John Kay, CEO and Senior Instructor, Live Learning Labs, RealizeU, Canada ● Janielle Maxwell, Project Coordinator, JEDDI Business Conversion Project, Canada
<p>12:15</p> <p>LUNCH AND LEARN Courtesy of the Institut international des coopératives Alphonse-et-Dorimène-Desjardins, HEC Montréal</p>	
<p>Room: A.373-ABC Centre de conférence Claude-Séguin</p> <p>Speaker</p>	<p>LE CONSORTIUM: AN INTERCOOPERATION SUCCESS STORY</p> <p>Despite our best intentions, developing and sustaining mechanisms of intercooperation between cooperatives represents a significant challenge. We are pleased to introduce you to a successful intercooperation story: the Consortium of Cooperative Resources and Expertise. In operation for over 12 years, it provides its nearly 200 members with a team of experts with both diverse and specialized skills. In a way, the Consortium allows its members to share nearly 100 resources (lawyers, accountants, various advisors, directors, etc.) at cost! We will present our history, achievements, and challenges, hoping that it inspires new intercooperation projects around the world!</p> <p>J. Benoit Caron, General Director, Consortium de ressource et d'expertises coopératives, Canada</p>
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<p>13:45 Room: A.335 Amphithéâtre Rachelle et Alain-Paris</p> <p>Facilitator</p> <p>Panelists</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION - Together we LEAD</p> <p>Together we lead is exemplified through the cooperative superpower Principle #6, Cooperation among cooperatives. Many global cooperatives extend their reach and create bigger impacts with their combined knowledge and shared expertise, and cooperatives of all sizes intercooperate to reinforce their ability to make social and economic changes. However, the true potential for cooperative transformation to address global issues has not been realized. This theme will define, exemplify, and explore a diverse range of inter-cooperation among cooperatives and beyond, taking particular interest in how leading organizations cooperate and collaborate with each other to collectively achieve their respective goals and move us all toward a co-operative economy and society.</p> <p>Karen Miner, Managing Director, International Centre for Co-operative Management, Saint Mary's University, Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● J. Benoit Caron, General Director, Consortium de ressource et d'expertises coopératives, Canada ● Agnes Matis, Director at Cooperatives Europe, Brussels ● Balu Iyer, ICA-AP Director general, Inde ● Andrea Harris, VP of Impact of Strategies, Vancity

14:45	MOVING TO PARALLEL SESSIONS
Together we LEAD Breakout sessions — INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS WITH PARTICIPANTS	
15:00 Room: B.307 Salle multifonctionnelle - Association des diplômés de HEC Montréal	<p>Organizing collectively to transform: As we grapple with widespread systemic challenges across environmental, economic, and social systems, the need for transformation has never felt more relevant. This workshop is an opportunity to move from ideas to understanding purpose-driven examples. Let's discuss the tough questions: Does organizing collectively accelerate the transformation? What are the difficulties, contributions?</p> <p>Facilitator Justine Ballon, Assistant professor, Department of management, HEC Montréal, Canada</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luc Audebrand, Full Professor, Laval University, Canada • Sokchiveneath Taing Chhoan, Fédération des coopératives du Nouveau-Québec, Canada • Sarah de Heusch, Director, Social Economy Europe, Belgium
15:00 Room: A.373-B Centre de conférence Claude-Séguin	<p>Co-operation throughout the supply chain: Co-operation among co-operatives throughout a supply chain results in a powerful contribution to a more just and equitable economy and society. This workshop will delve into examples of successful strategies to build co-op to co-op business, often featuring collectivity through secondary co-ops and groups.</p> <p>Facilitator Patrice Gauthier, General Director, Écono Coop, Canada</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick Cyr, Senior Director of International Operations, Desjardins International Development, Canada • Tyler Paturel, General director Cheticamp Co-operative Ltd, Canada • LuAnn Werner, Deputy Director, Overseas Cooperative Development Council (OCDC), United States
15:00 Room: A.373-A Centre de conférence Claude-Séguin	<p>Multistakeholder cooperative governance: Cooperatives can engage multiple types of members to address complex societal challenges through jointly owned and controlled enterprises. Workers, consumers, producers and community members participate in setting the strategic direction of cooperatives and their networks to address multiple issues: from social integration to circular design, ethical finance to the environmental impact.</p> <p>Facilitator Martine Vézina, HEC Montréal</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goran Jeras, Manager and Founder, Cooperative for Ethical Financing, Croatia • Jean Nolet, General Director, Coop Carbone, Canada • Jean R. Soublière, Directeur général, MC2M, Canada
15:00 Room: A.373-C Centre de conférence Claude-Séguin	<p>Networking among co-ops and non-co-ops for local empowerment</p> <p>Co-operatives are only one of the ingredients in the robust and diverse ecosystem required to support a vibrant co-operative and broader social and solidarity economy. This workshop explores the range of ingredients, roles, and organizations that have resulted in regional hot spots for cooperation.</p> <p>Facilitator Jessica Cabana, Youth Cooperative Entrepreneurship Advisor at CQCM, Canada</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Nirlungayuk, Vice President, Corporate Services, Arctic Coops, Canada • Elena Badeanschi, Coordinator of the international activities and projects, Federazione trentina della cooperazione, Italy • Hazel Corcoran, Executive Director of the Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation, Canada • Claude-André Guillotte, Director IRECUS, Department of Entrepreneurship, School of Management, University of Sherbrooke, Canada
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<p>17:50 Room: A.335 Amphithéâtre Rachelle et Alain-Paris</p> <p>Speaker</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION— CLOSING REMARKS</p> <p>By the co-host of GICS Montreal 2023 - the Institut international des coopératives Alphonse-et-Dorimène-Desjardins, HEC Montréal, Canada</p> <p>Rafael Ziegler, Ph. D., Director of the Institut international des coopératives Alphonse-et-Dorimène-Desjardins, HEC Montréal, Canada</p>
<p>18:00 END OF MONTREAL GLOBAL INNOVATION COOP SUMMIT 2023</p>	