

The Role of ICTs in Promoting Cooperatives

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.Coop Background



• Awarded to NCBA in November 2000



• Went live on the Internet on January 30, 2002

Supported by the



International Co-operative Alliance and many co-ops around the world



Why .Coop?

• An existing global Community of 1 Billion

- The Cooperative Principles
- International representative organization (the ICA)
- The proven value of Cooperative Identity to Cooperatives

Where is .Coop today?



www.directory.coop



Helping Cooperatives Improve Efficiency



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- To identify co-ops on the Internet
- To start conversations about the co-op business model
- To differentiate co-ops as values-based businesses
- To connect co-ops with potential customers



Impact on Cooperatives

IFFCO Our Commitment Our thirst for ever improving the services to farmers and member co-operatives is insatiable, commitment to quality is insurmountable and 2012 International Year of harnessing of mother earths' bounty to drive hunger away from India in an ecologically sustainable manner is the prime mission. **Co-operatives** Read More .. News Archive Latest News Fertilisers & Products NPK BIO Fertilisers Water Soluble Urea DAP NP Fertilizer Marketing Network **Production Unit** Kalol Kandla Phulpur Aonla Paradeep From the desk of Chairperson & MD Highlights E- Procurement IFFCO - At a Glance New Tenders R Media Center CSR Dr. U. S. Awasth MD & CEO Mr. N. P. Patel ustainability Report/COP Board of Directors Executives [IFFDC] (IFFCO-TOKIO) NCDEX CORDET **IGPL NCMSL** Domestic 0 NE WOT -/-Our Ventures 🐴 • 🔍 100% • 8 😔 Internet

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What Needs to be Done?

- Promote .coop use
- Use IYC as a model
- Work together to make .coop available to cooperatives in your country







Innovations



.Coop was . . . and <u>is</u> an innovation!





Innovations

dotCoop Global Awards for Cooperative Excellence

Rung'eto Farmers - Kenya

ANGKASA - Malaysia





Implementation Challenges

Challenges • Availability of Internet access • Availability of website developers • Understanding of website value • Actual domain and website cost



Implementation Challenges



- First Year Free program
- Working with registrars to encourage low-cost programs for
 - Website packages
 - Local website developers
 - Web services



- YouTube videos for website value issues
- Programs with co-op organizations and governments for special pricing programs





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