

**Draft program for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the ICA-AP Committee on Women
organized by the ICA-AP Women’s Committee/hosted by the JCCU**

Theme: Gender Equality for a Brighter Future

Date: September 19, 2023

Time: 11 am to 5 pm JST

Mode: Hybrid (Online platform – Zoom)

Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/zgcQRJMSQK> (Registration open until September 8, 2023)

Time (JST)	Tentative Agenda	Speakers
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Special Keynote Lecture (Hybrid, ENG-JPN interpretation available) Moderator: Mr. Akihiro Yamakoshi, Manager, International Relations Department, JCCU	
	Welcome address	Ms. Chitose Arai, Chairperson, ICA-AP Committee on Women
	Special keynote lecture on “SDG 5: Achieving Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women in Asia and in the World”	Ms. Kae Ishikawa, Director of UN Women Japan Liaison Office
12:00 – 02:00 pm	Lunch hosted by the JCCU	
02:00 – 02:50 pm	25th Anniversary Ceremony (Hybrid, ENG-JPN interpretation available) Moderator: Ms. Simren Singh, Secretary, ICA-AP Committee on Women	
	Opening address	Ms. Chitose Arai, Chairperson, ICA-AP Committee on Women
	Video screening to review 25 years of the ICA-AP Women’s Committee	-
	Special address by guests of honour	Dr. Chandrapal Singh Yadav, ICA-AP President (video message) (TBC) Mr. Masanobu Ogura, Minister in charge of Women’s Empowerment; Minister of State for Gender Equality (on-site or video message) Ms. Simel Esim, Head of Cooperatives Unit, International Labour

		Organization (ILO)
		Ms. Junko Ito, Former Vice-Chairperson, ICA-AP Committee on Women
02:50 – 03:10 pm	Tea Break	
03:10 – 04:55 pm	Gender Equality for a Brighter Future: Reflections for Our Future Actions (Hybrid, ENG-JPN interpretation available) Moderator/Facilitator: Ms. Simren Singh, Secretary, ICA-AP Committee on Women	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six thematic presentations by Committee members <p>Part I : Good Practices</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Women Driving Cooperative Development Presenter: Dr. Ahyoung Kim, iCOOP, South Korea 2. Women at the Decision-Making Table Presenter: Ms. Gyanu Poudyal, NCF, Nepal 3. Mainstreaming of Gender and Development in Cooperatives Presenter: Ms. Hermes G. Vergara, NATCCO, Philippines 4. Addressing Gender-Based Violence Through Advocacy and Dialogue Presenter: Ms. Priti Patel, NCUI, India <p>Part II : Way forward for the next 25 years</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Priority areas and potential interventions for women farmers in Japanese agriculture cooperatives Presenter: Ms. Machiko Kubo, JA-ZENCHU, Japan 6. How to involve young girls and women in the cooperative sector and prepare them to become future leaders? Presenter: Ms. Hajah Noorizan Binti Abdul Latif, ANGKASA, Malaysia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open discussion 	
	Summing-up	Ms. Simren Singh
04:55 – 05:00 pm	Closing address	Ms. Priti Patel, Vice-Chairperson, ICA-AP Committee on Women