

ICA ASIA-PACIFIC COOPERATIVE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

ICA Asia and Pacific Regional Office is pleased to announce the launch of the ICA Asia Pacific Cooperative Excellence Awards. These awards have been established to honour outstanding individuals, cooperative organizations, and government ministries/ departments that have made remarkable contributions to the growth of cooperatives and have significantly benefited the cooperative movement.

By acknowledging the extraordinary efforts and achievements of these exceptional entities, the ICA Asia-Pacific Cooperative Excellence Awards aim to foster a culture of excellence and innovation within the cooperative sector.

AWARD CATEGORIES

The awards will be presented in three distinct categories:

1. **Inspirational Cooperative Leader Award:** This award will recognize an exceptional individual who has demonstrated exemplary leadership, vision, and dedication to the cooperative movement. The recipient of this award will have played a pivotal role in driving positive change, championing the cooperative identity, promoting cooperation, and inspiring others within the movement. The award is open to cooperators from ICA-AP member organizations or their members/affiliates who inspire others as role models, leaders, and mentors. Self-nomination is not allowed for this category.
2. **Enterprising Cooperative Award:** This award will acknowledge a cooperative organization that has showcased outstanding performance, innovation, and sustainable growth. The recipient cooperative will have successfully implemented initiatives that have had a significant impact on the cooperative movement, fostering economic empowerment, social development, and environmental sustainability. ICA-AP members can nominate primary coops or if a primary coop self-nominates, the nomination should be endorsed by an ICA-AP member organization.
3. **Enabling Government Award:** This award aims to honour a government ministry/ department that has actively supported and facilitated the growth and development of cooperatives within their jurisdiction. The recipient will have implemented policies, programs, and initiatives that have created an enabling environment for cooperative enterprises to thrive and flourish. This award is open to any State/ national level Cooperative Ministry/ Department of the ICA-AP member countries.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process for the ICA Asia-Pacific Cooperative Excellence Awards will be rigorous and transparent, ensuring that deserving individuals, cooperative organizations, and government ministries/ departments receive the recognition they truly deserve.

A distinguished Review Committee of experts and leaders from the cooperative sector will be responsible for evaluating the nominations and selecting the winners.

NOMINATIONS

ICA Asia and Pacific Regional Office invites nominations from cooperative organizations, individuals, and government ministries/ departments across the Asia-Pacific region.

For the Individual category, the nominations will be open for ICA-AP member organizations who can nominate outstanding individuals from their organizations and those of their member organizations and affiliates.

For the Cooperative Organization category, nominations will be open for primary cooperatives that are either members of or are endorsed by ICA-AP members.

For the Government category, the nominations will be open for all ICA-AP member countries. The cooperative ministry/ department can either be self-nominated or by the apex organization in that country.

The nomination applications should elaborate upon and share specific examples of the nominee's achievements as per the judging criteria for each category. The applications should justify why the nominee deserves the award. All entries must be submitted online to ICA-AP Regional Office latest by August 31, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

The winners will be announced at the 16th ICA-AP Regional Assembly Welcome Dinner on November 8, 2023 in Manila, Philippines. The Regional Assembly brings together cooperative leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders from across the region and provides an invaluable platform for sharing best practices, fostering collaborations, and celebrating the achievements of the cooperative movement in Asia and the Pacific.