

ICA Housing Sectoral Organisation: plenary meeting



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ICA Housing Sector Organisation

Members' Plenary meeting President's report to members on ICA Housing activities 2010 & 2011

David A Rodgers
ICA Housing President



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ICA Housing Board of Directors for the period

- David Rodgers, CDS Co-operatives, UK, **President**
- Nicholas Gazzard, CHF Canada, **Vice-President**
- Alexandra Wilson, CHF Canada, **Treasurer**
- Franz-Bernd Grosse-Wilde, GdW, Germany
- Herbert Ludl, GBV, Austria
- Kent-Olof Stigh, HSB Riksförfund, Sweden,
- Mehmet Aksoy, TURKKENT, Turkey
- Muhammad Sharif Bhaiji, Karachi Co-operative Housing Societies Union, Pakistan
- Roy-Berg Pedersen, NBBL, Norway
- Tomasz Jordeczka, ZRSMRP, Poland
- Vit Vanicek, SCMBD, Czech Republic



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Staff:

- Part-time staff member paid by funds from ICA Housing budget and special contribution from CHF Canada:



- ❖ Sylvie Moreau, consultant (3 days per week)

- Secretariat support: direct costs paid by funds from ICA Housing budget, time cost funded by



- ❖ Jane Cameron, secretariat, conference organiser and web manager





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Membership:

- 21 members from the 4 ICA regions
- New members since last 2009 Plenary:
 - ❖ Federation of Cooperative Housing Egypt
 - ❖ Cooperative House-Building and Finance Corporation from India
 - ❖ National Co-operative Housing Union from Kenya
- Joint Geneva/ Sectoral Organisation membership recruitment strategy adopted in 2011
- Potential members for ICA Housing:
 - ❖ All ICA members interested in housing and wishing to participate:
 - ❖ Non affiliated organisations (housing organisations and developers):
 - ❖ 66 currently identified: Africa: 5 – Americas: 20 – Asia Pacific: 19 – Europe: 22





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Governance

- Board meetings:
 - ❖ 4 face-to face meetings and 2 online meetings using Skype technology
 - ❖ Held in conjunction with other events to facilitate networking and sharing of knowledge
 - ❖ Open meetings: always several guests and members attending
- **Administration:**
 - ❖ Change of Secretariat from Washington to London
 - ❖ Active participation in ICA Sector Organisation discussions
 - ❖ Active representation of ICA Housing interests to Geneva
 - ❖ Ongoing financial and membership administration and recruitment with Geneva



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Communication:

- Website / Facebook / Twitter
 - ❖ Ongoing updating and maintenance of ICA Housing website
 - ❖ Regular increase in website traffic
 - ❖ Registration on Facebook and Twitter
- E-bulletin
 - ❖ Design a new electronic bulletin
 - ❖ Publication of 3 issues: Summer and Winter 2010 / Spring 2011
 - ❖ Sent to more than 100 contacts
 - ❖ Available to all on-line at www.icahousing.coop



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Centre of expertise and advice to members:

- **Assistance to members:**
 - ❖ **Poland** : Support our Polish members by writing letters to the President of the Republic of Poland, the Polish Prime Minister, and the Marshal of the Sejm to express concerns and reservations about the impact on co-operatives of two draft Bills. Letters were co-signed by the president of CECODHAS Housing Europe
 - ❖ **Turkey**: Support our Turkish member in the rebuilding of constructive relationships between Turkish Housing Authorities and Turkish housing movement by participating in a Round Table attended by 20 people.
 - ❖ **Israel**: advice and evidence about operation of co-operative legislation
 - ❖ **Europe**: liaison and co-operation with European members in CECODHAS
 - ❖ **Pakistan**: initiated discussions on prospects for development of co-operative college
 - ❖ **Australia**: links with credit union sector MECU
- **Requests for information**
 - ❖ Answered numerous requests for information via our website. Requests are from individuals as well as organisations; usually relate to information about the development of housing co-operatives; come from many countries
 - ❖ Provided in-depth assistance to a French organization developing a new model for housing co-operatives in France



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- **In- country Profiles**

- ❖ Continuation of the writing of the in-country profiles.
- ❖ There are now 18 profiles completed as compared to 9 at the last 2009 Plenary
- ❖ Agreement with CECODHAS Housing Europe to publish the profiles for 2012

- **Database**

- ❖ Ongoing updating of information
- ❖ Currently discussing the integration of our database with ICA Geneva database



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Symposia

- As recommended by the members at the last Plenary in Geneva 2009, the ICA Housing Board made it a priority to organise networking and knowledge sharing events. Two Symposia have been organised and both were a great success, attracting attendance by international housing experts, knowledgeable academics and co-operative housing practitioners.
- **London 2010 Symposium:**
 - ❖ Day 1: Financing for Housing Co-operatives: The Challenges in the aftermath of the global financial crisis:
 - ❖ 10 speakers / 70 participants
 - ❖ Day 2: Cooperative responses to the climate change challenge
 - ❖ 8 speakers / 60 participants
- **Istanbul 2011 Symposium in collaboration with TURKKENT**
 - ❖ Co-operative and Community-led Regeneration Partnerships
 - ❖ 11 speakers / 70 participants
- **Seminar on use of sustainable timber in construction in Cancun**



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Sectoral Organisations (SO) Discussion

- President actively involved in the SOLG – Sectoral Organisations Liaison Group
- SOLG includes all 8 ICA sectoral organisations
- Objective of the SOLG- in the context of the ICA restructuring:
 - ❖ ensure that SOs remain one of the 3 pillars of ICA
 - ❖ enable members to participate in matters relevant to their business sector
 - ❖ ensure that sectoral organisations are adequately resourced
- Progress made on:
 - ❖ Description of membership / New rules proposed
 - ❖ Extension of transition period for financing – 2011 and 2012
 - ❖ Agreement of a financial redistribution formula
 - ❖ Agreement that supplementary contributions from members can be made to SOs
 - ❖ Agreement on criteria for legitimacy and representation
- Still work to do on a long-term funding of sectoral organisations, but agreement that this issue should not be addressed until after International Year 2012



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ICA Housing's plans for IYC 2012:

5 IYC projects:

- ❖ Sustainable use of timber and other forest products from certified forestry management sources
- ❖ Global IYC Co-op Housing Banner
- ❖ Joint publication with CECODHAS – Housing Europe of ICA Housing 'In-country' profile
- ❖ Sound governance initiative and commitment
- ❖ Co-op housing development conference – probably South Africa



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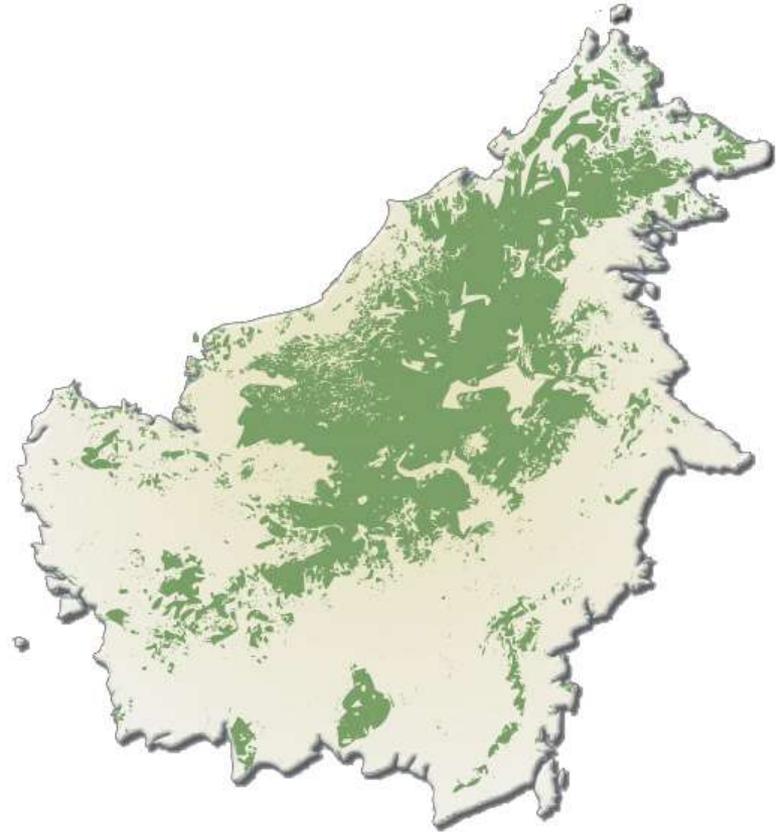
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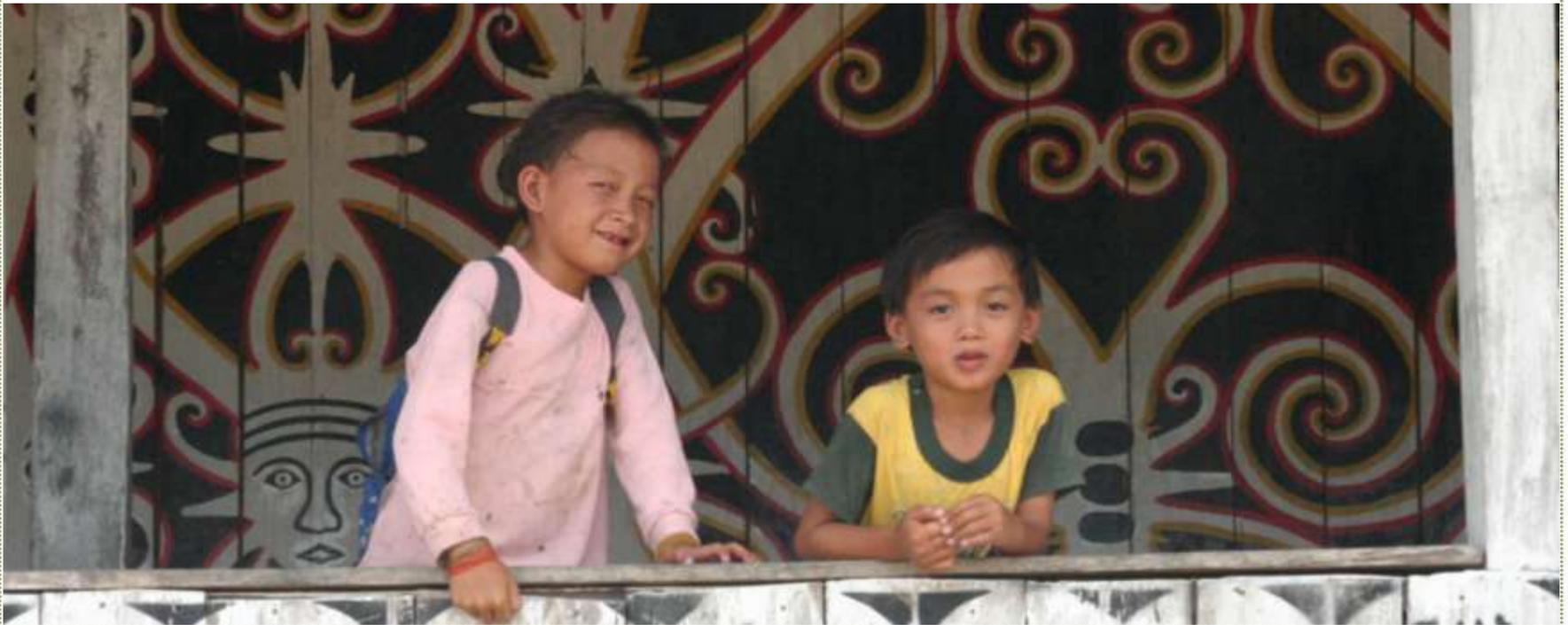
What is lost when rain forests disappear?

- Habitat endangered species
- Sustained stream of business revenues
- Employment, foreign exchange
- Tradition, subsistence lifestyle
- Eco-services: carbon, water, recreation

The Borneo Initiative.

INTERNATIONAL PLATFORM FOR LEI-FSC
CERTIFICATION INITIATIVES IN INDONESIA

Sustainability – a social concern.



Call to action

- Support the ICA Housing motion at the General Assembly





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Vice President



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Good Governance Initiative

Three dimensional initiative

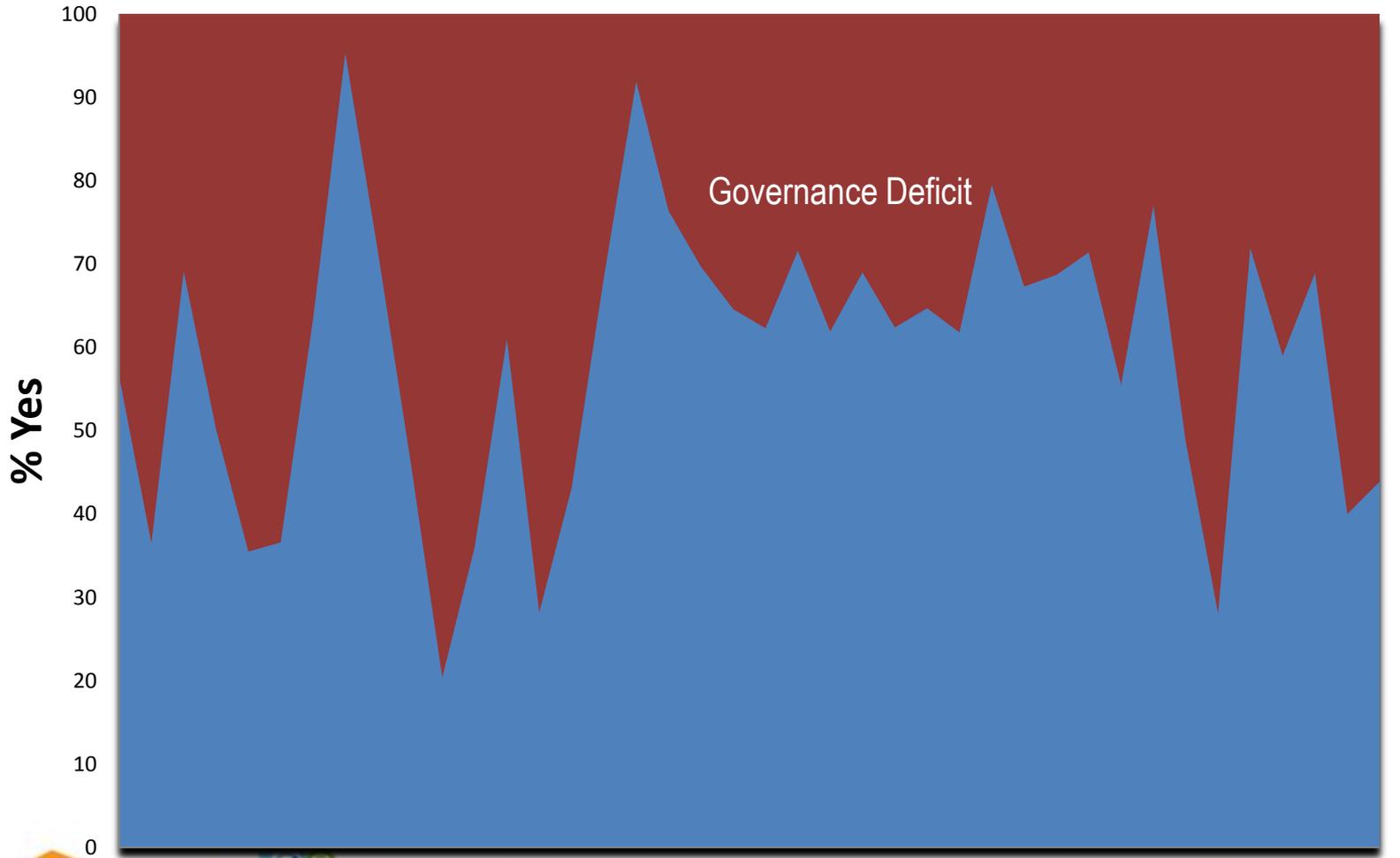
1. Governance Code and Best Practice
2. Training for Governance
3. Good Governance Test



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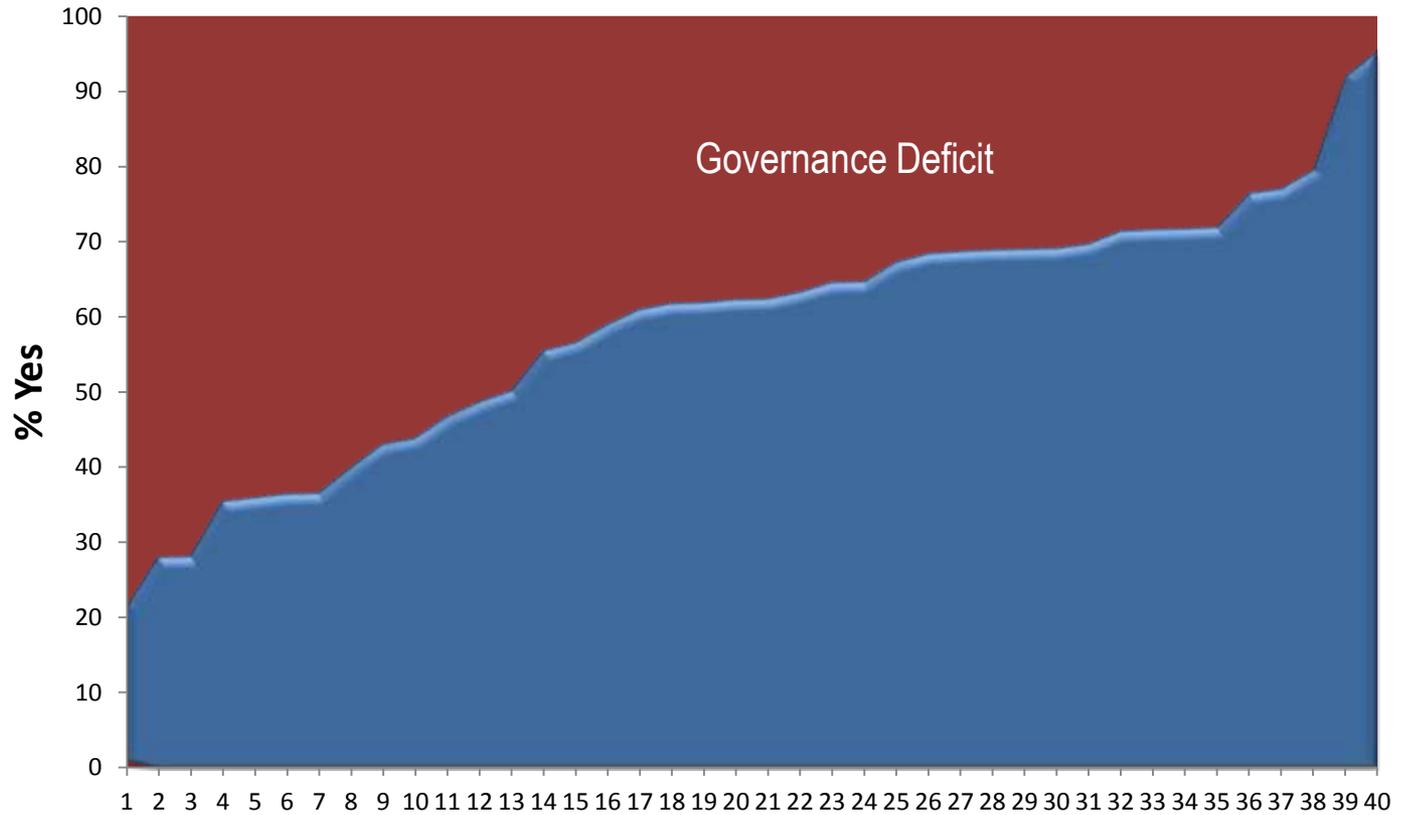
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