

Coming together, is **beginning**
Keeping together, is **progress**
Working together, is **success**

Henry Ford
(1863 – 1947, American industrialist)





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Messege From the President

Cooperative sector, having the focus on social and human resources, high clarity in performance, concentration on social justice, wide-spread distribution power and a systematic approach to producers, is the best possible way to support employment, competitive production, and finally leads to sustainable economic growth.

The path to country's growth in employment is passing through cooperative sector, and Iran chamber of cooperatives, as the non governmental body of the cooperatives, is doing all it's best to raise cooperative economy to its real position in the society.

We are, therefore, determined to take necessary steps to reach cooperative goals by being actively present in the international positions. This will only be possible by working and standing strongly together with all the cooperators in the world.

Towards a better future for everyone with cooperatives.

Bahman Abdollahi
President





Introduction to Iran

Capital and largest city :**Tehran**
official language: **Persian**
Government: **Islamic Republic**
Area Total 1,648,195 km² (636,372 sq mi) (17th)
Population: 79,926,270[6] (18th)
Currency: **Rial** (IRR)
Religion: **Islam**







Iran Economic Indicators (2017)



- Iran GDP (purchasing power parity ppp) 1.630 billion dollars (18th rank worldwide)
- Non-oil exports: \$ 43.930 billion
- Imports: \$ 43.684 billion
- Major exports: crude oil, petrochemical products, industrial products, agricultural products, technical and engineering services
- Major imports: Industrial raw materials, capital goods, automobiles, foodstuffs, technical and engineering services
- Export destinations: China, UAE, Iraq, Turkey, Korea, Switzerland, Germany, France and etc.
- Origin countries: China, UAE, Turkey, Germany and etc.





Introducing the Iranian Economic Cooperatives Sector



• Statistical information

Number: 92,000 active Cooperatives society

Job creation: at least 1,700,000 people

members: About 14,000,000

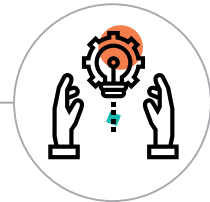


14 Thematic Tendencies

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Providing producers requirements

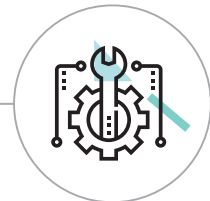
Number: **4602**
Members: **4976318**
Job creation: **206470**



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Providing service-providers requirements

Number: **501**
Members: **103109**
Job creation: **17795**



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Providing Consumer's requirements

Number: **1529**
Members: **248114**
Job creation: **36839**



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Credit Cooperatives

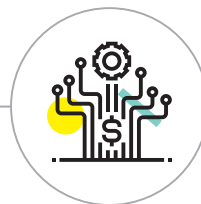
Number: **730**
Members: **406285**
Job creation: **51446**





5 Multi-purpose cooperatives

Number: **3644**
Members: **708927**
Job creation: **123659**



6 Equity Stock Cooperative

Number: **336**
Members: **32212702**
Job creation: **548260**





7

Transportation cooperatives

Number: **2140**

Members: **174256**

Job creation: **56586**



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Service cooperatives

Number: **25798**

Members: **561891**

Job creation: **335877**

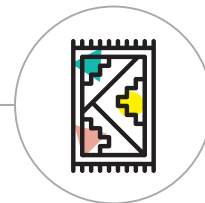




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Hand-woven carpet cooperatives

Number: **1691**
Members: **62128**
Job creation: **47128**



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Industrial cooperatives

Number: **16274**
Members: **186362**
Job creation: **176116**



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Construction cooperatives

Number: **1638**
Members: **31081**
Job creation: **43960**



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Agricultural Cooperatives

Number: **21978**

Members: **305496**

Job creation: **226464**



13

Housing cooperatives

Number: **9897**

Members: **1493019**

Job creation: **357688**



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Mining cooperatives

Number: **1189**

Members: **53839**

Job creation: **13974**



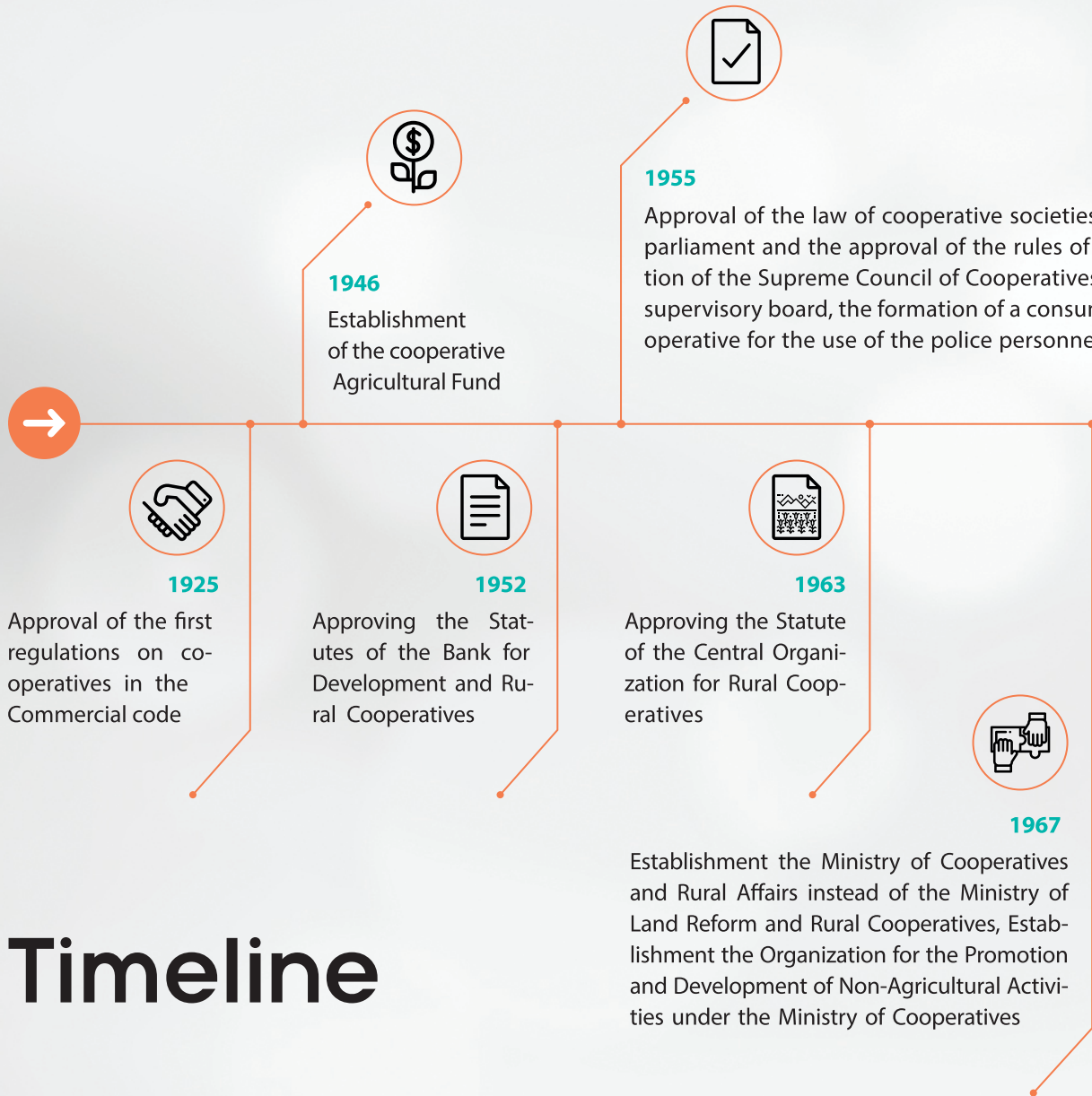




History and Evolution of the Rules and Regulations of the Cooperative Sector in Iran

- The Iranian economy is divided into three sectors: public, cooperative and private. The cooperative economy is the second pillar of the Iranian national economy.
 - The first cooperative society in Iran was established in 1935 with the trend of agriculture in Garmsar city, followed by that a number of cooperative societies with the aim of distribution of public goods was established.
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Timeline





1968

-Modification of the statutes of the Central Organization of Rural Cooperatives in compliance with the plans of Ministry of Land reforming and Rural Co-operative
-Establishment Iran Agricultural Development Bank



1973

Establishment of City and rural consumer cooperative



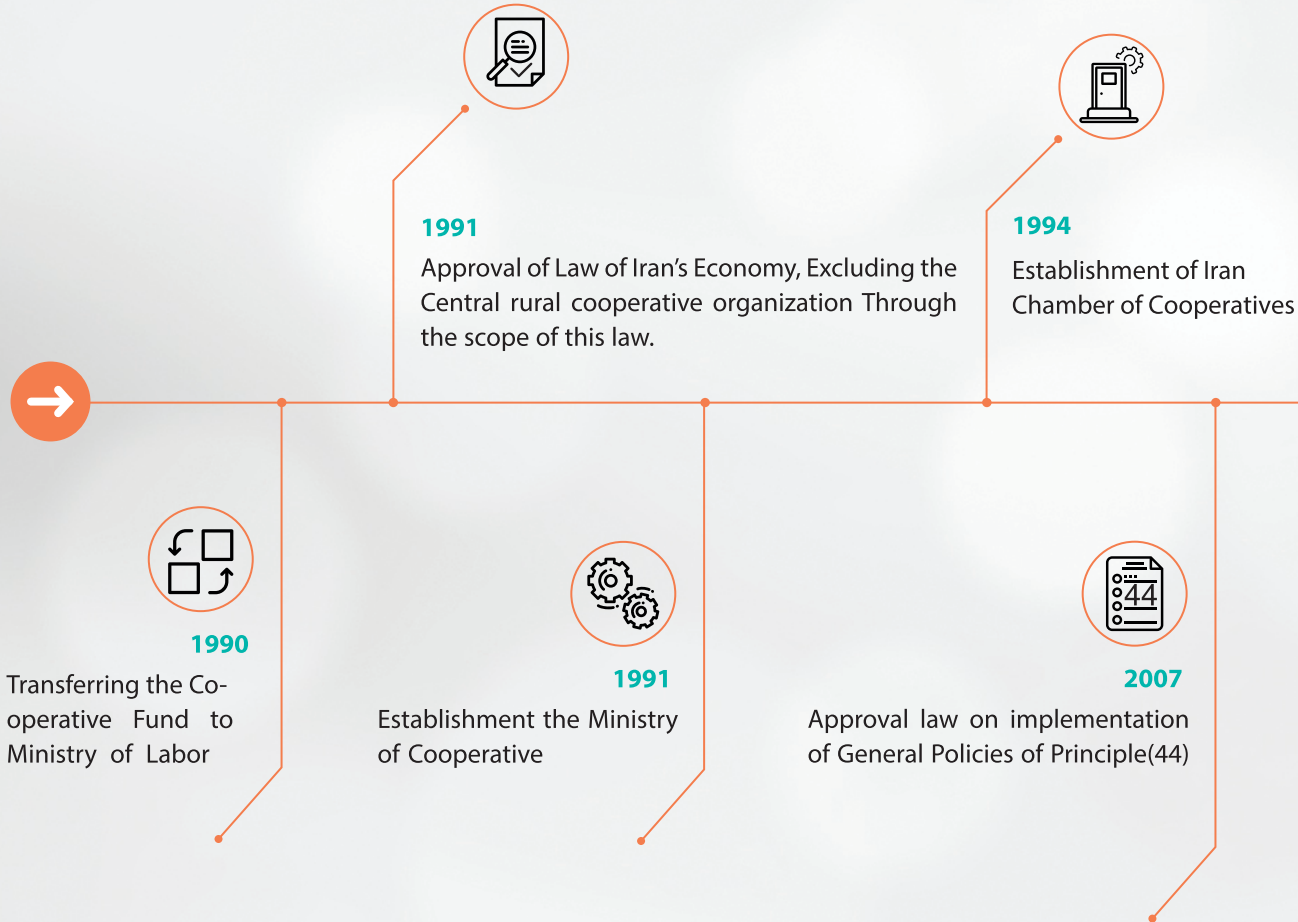
1977

The dissolution of the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Affairs, renaming the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Transferring most of organizations and institutions under the supervision of the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Affairs to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and annexation Co-operative of City and Village Consumers and Central Organization of Cooperatives of the Country to the Ministry of Commerce



1971

Forming the Ministry of Cooperative and Rural Affairs, instead of Ministry of Land Reforming and Rural Cooperative



Timeline



2011

Approval the law of Integration of the Ministry of Co-operative, Labor and Social Welfare with the Ministry of Labor ,Welfare and Social Security



2014

Approval of the law on amending the law of the cooperative sector of the Islamic Republic's economy



2013

Approval of the cooperative sector development document



2014

Modification of the Statutes of the Iran Chamber of Cooperatives



The Potential of the Iranian Cooperative Sector



- The Iranian Co-operative movement has more than 80 years old.
- Co-operatives sector is a second pillar of the national economy of Iran in the constitution of the country
- more than 14 million membership in cooperative society
- activity of more than 92,000 active cooperative societies in the co-operative sector (50% Manufacturing, 28% services, 22% Distributing)
- activities of 55 national cooperative Unions, more than 640 Provincial Cooperatives Unions and more than 1100 Union of Cities and over 50 Export-based cooperatives

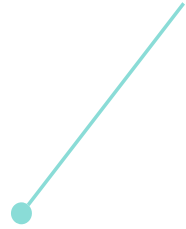
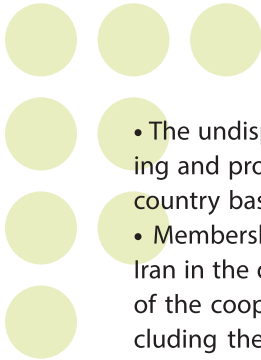


80 years

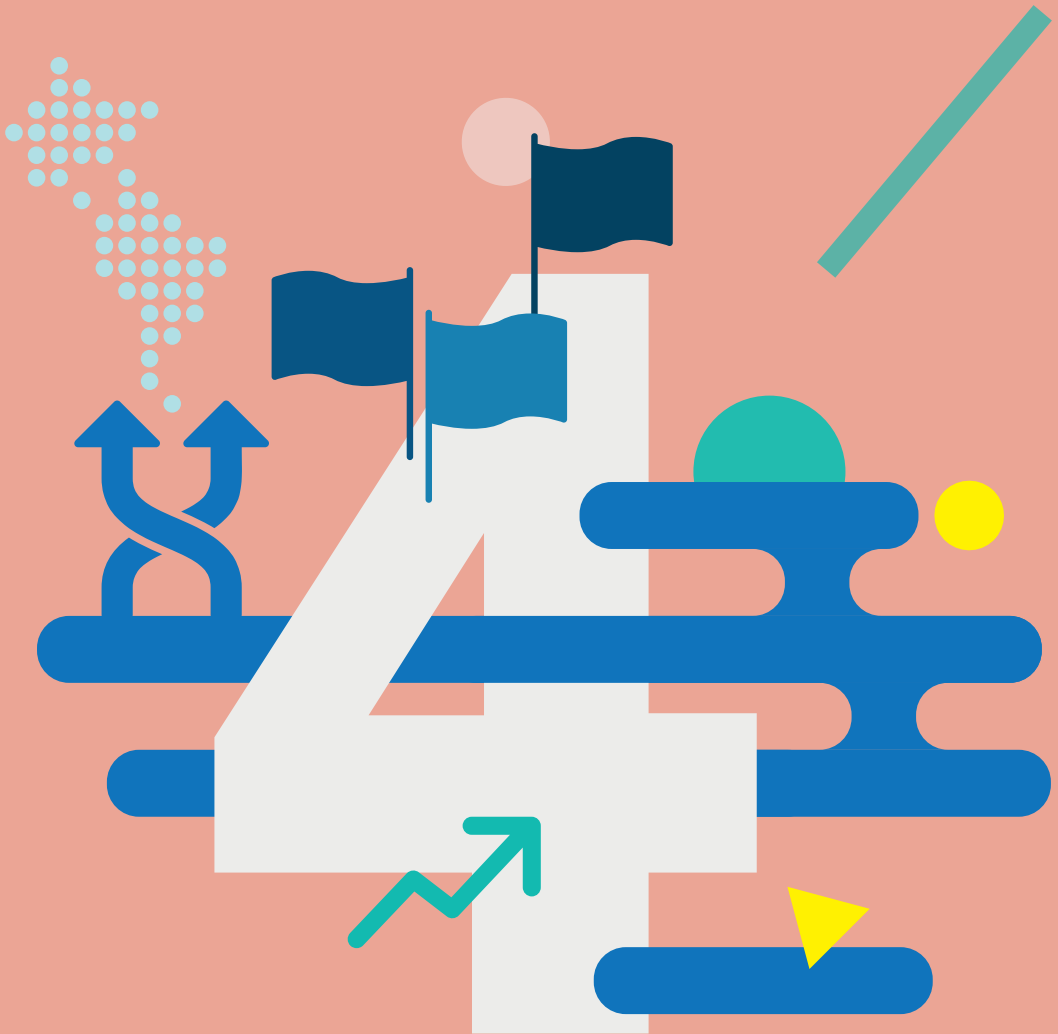
- dividing cooperative chambers across the country into 6 regions of the country, according to the climatic, environmental and ethnic conditions.
 - forming 13th specialized Economic committees In Iran Chamber of Cooperatives, and provincial and cities chambers.
 - Reception and dispatching trade and business delegations, holding training seminars, exhibitions and various fairs in different trends in international, country or provincial levels.
 - membership of cooperative representatives in 28 committees, councils, working groups, commissions, headquarters and decision-making circles of the country
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- The undisputed support of the Supreme Leader for cooperating and promoting the belief and cooperative approach in the country based on the constitution and development policies
 - Membership of representatives of the cooperative sector of Iran in the decision-making circles and specialist policy-makers of the cooperative sector at the regional and global levels, including the International Union of Cooperatives
 - Clustering and networking of cooperatives throughout the country, even in low-population and rural areas
 - The possibility for public to enter and participate in the economic, social and cultural environment in the form of co-operative
 - Integration of the approach and belief in co-operative with Iranian traditions and traditional attitudes from ancient times to today
 - The inclusion of “safeguarding human values and the rights of members in cooperatives” as the main pillar of cooperative activity
 - Interests and motivation of cooperators to interconnection, interaction and exchange with cooperative actors in different countries.
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Introduction to Iran Chamber of Cooperatives



Iran Chamber of Cooperatives as the highest level of non-governmental people-based organization of the cooperative movement in Iran will give all its efforts for an overwhelming qualitative and quantitative development of the cooperative sector activities in different fields. Iran Central Chamber of Cooperatives was established in 1992 it has 31 cooperative chambers in provincial centers and 5 chamber in cities and 55 cooperative alliances and more than 50 supranational cooperatives. Representatives of the Iran Chamber of Cooperatives attending high councils for decision-making and advisory services within the country and international associations play a significant role in the policy-making process with the approach of protecting the rights of co-operatives and pursuing their legal demands.

Scope of Authorities and Activity of Iran Chamber of Cooperatives (ICC)

- Non-Governmental Representative of the Cooperative Division of Iran in the International Union of Cooperatives and all Associations, Councils, national and International Organizations.
- Issuance of a membership card and a business card for the cooperative sector activists.
- Establishing a higher education, technical and vocational training center in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

- Providing cultural services and promoting cooperative education for members and strengthening the principles and values of co-operation and publishing books and publications required.
 - Assist in the empowerment of cooperatives and their guidance in technical, legal, financial, administrative and commercial matters.
 - Performing applied researches on the types of activities of different types of cooperatives.
 - Provide advisory opinions to the government and parliament and other authorities on bills, drafts, drafts and sections related to affairs and activities of cooperatives.
 - Participation in planning for the development of the cooperative sector in line with the economic development of the country.
 - Establishment and administration of the Center for Economic and Economic Information in order to carry out the duties and activities of the Chamber.
 - Establishing an arbitration center in accordance with the terms and conditions approved
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Membership of ICC



• **International Cooperatives Alliance (ICA)**

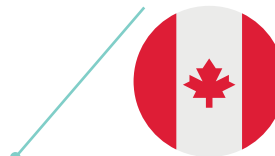
Signing Memorandum of Understanding with:

- Austria: Austrian Federal Chamber of Commerce
- China: All China Federation of Supply and Marketing Co-operatives (ACFSMC)
- Zimbabwe: Zimbabwe National Cooperative Federation (ZNCF)
- Iraq: Importer & Exporter Union of Iraqi Kurdistan region
- Vietnam: Cooperatives of Socialist Republic of Vietnam
- Bulgaria: Bulgarian Central Cooperative Union
- Thailand: Cooperatives League of Thailand (CLT)
- Malaysia: Malaysian National Cooperative Movement (ANGKASA)
- Lebanon: National Union of Lebanese Cooperative Society
- Turkey: Turkey's Independent Industrialists and Businessmen's Association (Musiad)
- Indonesian: Indonesia cooperatives council





Holding and Participating in International Exhibitions



Afghanistan
Algeria
Brazil
Cameron
China
Dubai
Ghana

India
Ivory Coast
Kenya
Portugal
Senegal
Sri Lanka
UAE
Uganda





Diplomatic Relations

Bangladesh
Brazil
Bulgaria
Canada
China
Croatia
Ivory Coast
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kuwait
Lebanon
Malaysia

Mexico
Poland
Romania
Sudan
Senegal
South Africa
South Korea
Sri Lanka
Tanzania
Uganda
Ukraine



Hosting Business Delegations



Afghanistan
China
France
Iraq
India
Indonesia
Italy

Ivory Coast
Jordan
Lebanon
Malaysia
Russia
Turkey



Hosting

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Cooperatives (ICC)