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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT -A CO-OPERATIVE APPROACH

Date: Wednesday, November 2 Time: 12:00 - 1:00 PM (Saskatchewan time) Where: on Zoom (free to attend)



Over the last 30 years, international development agencies have gradually abandoned the topdown approach to economic development that recipients have long criticized as paternalistic, inefficient, and insensitive to local realities. Increasingly, these agencies couch their work as "community-based", "community-led", "community-driven", or "locally-led" development. Rarely, however, do these development efforts structurally embed community voice in the form of a democratic voting mechanism. As member-owned and democratically controlled organizations serving the community's mutual needs and aspirations, co-operatives by contrast have long understood the benefits of hard-wiring local voices into economic development. Please join us on November 2 as Qian Wan, the Co-operative Development Specialist at CDF Canada and a PhD student at the University of Saskatchewan, introduces the concept of the Integrated Co-operative Approach CDF Canada uses in its international development work.

