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SANASA Movement Reviews Performance and Revisits Vision



Colombo, Sri Lanka: The four-day workshop facilitated by ACCU on October 22 to 25 reviewed the performance of the SANASA network as to its market share and performance of the network of financial cooperatives.

Attended by 25 leaders of District Unions, primary societies, staff of the federation, SANASA development bank and other branches of SANASA, the workshop provided a fresh perspective on the development of credit unions in the advent of digitization, big data and presence of many alternative financial institutions. Growth strategies and integration of the

financial cooperative network were the focus of the action plan as shared at the closing program of the workshop.

ACCU CEO Shares Women Economic Empowerment in Asian CUs



Global Women's Leadership Network

On October 9 - Credit Union Executives Society (CUES) interviewed ACCU CEO Elenita V. San Roque expressing ACCU roles in promoting Women Empowerment through Credit Union Network. In her interview, Ms. Elenita V. San Roque emphasized that Women Empowerment is the one of significant challenge of credit unions in Asia.

“ACCU is a member-based organization for 22 countries in Asia. We recognize issues on empowering women economically. I get involved in the Global Women Leadership Network (GWLN) because I feel that we need to have an internal network in the credit unions to discuss and address issues of women,” said ACCU CEO.

The CEO shared that she received from GWLN in 2014 which was used to carry out an action research in Paglaum MPC to prove that by providing business coaching, poor women would be able to run a business that could generate dependable income, thus helping them get out of poverty. Credit unions provide women an access to financial services, but lack knowledge, skills, linkages and information to engage in sustainable and scalable business.

The action research came up with a solution to institutionalize Business Development Services at the Federation and credit unions to advise unemployed women and youth members on starting and growing their businesses by planning, operational improvement, and product or market development.

CUES (Credit Union Executives Society) was founded in 1962 on the firmly held principle of “cooperation among cooperatives” not only for credit unions but also for CU managers.



Proxfin’s Seminar in Line with ACCU BDS



ACCU CEO Elenita San Roque attended the international Seminar and Annual General Meeting of Proxfin on October 2 to 4, 2019 in Tunis, Tunisia. The international seminar was

in line with ACCU agenda on Business Development Services. The seminar shared the business consulting provided by Desjardins Group enabling members to grow and sustain their business.

Proxfin is an international network organized for study and discussion bringing together DID partner community finance institutions from every corner of the globe. Proxfin's goal is to foster communication among these institutions which share the same values and performance models in order to promote best practices in the field of community finance. ACCU is a member of Proxfin. The CEO has been appointed to as member of the management committee of Proxfin at the AGM.



CPD Technical Cooperative Department Visit ACCU

On October 22 – ACCU management team was delighted to welcome the representatives from the Cooperative Promotion Department of Thailand.

Ms. Tippawan Lerthiruh, Head of Thrift & Credit Cooperative Department and Technical Cooperative Officers

visited ACCU to learn about the credit union movement in Asia. ACCU introduced the quality assurance tool for credit unions called ACCESS, A-1 Competitive Choice for Competitiveness and Excellence in Service and Soundness.

ACCU works with regulators in Asian countries to ensure the supportive legal frameworks for cooperative growth in Asia.

Asian Experience Shared at African SACCO Summit



For the very first time, ACCU, represented by its CEO Elenita San Roque join as a speaker at the SACCO Summit organized by the African Confederation of Cooperative Savings and

Credit Association (ACCOSCA) on October 13 to 18, 2019 in Mombasa, Kenya.

The event kicked off with the launching of the African region women network aimed at providing platform for exchange and development of women. The summit was attended by close to 1,000 leaders and professionals of credit unions in Africa. The CEO shared her leadership journey and the strategy of Asian credit unions in empowering women.

ACCOSCA and ACCU are constantly sharing experiences and resources to support each other in developing their credit union systems. In January, ACCU is hosting ACCOSCA's 3rd deep dive study of the Asian Credit Union movement.

Forum Recommendations Incorporated to ACCU Workplan

The ACCU semi-annual staff meeting held in October 8 – 10, 2019 in Kanchanaburi Province, Thailand reviewed the achievements of the work plan as of September 2019 and updated the 2020 workplan based on the recommendations of the Asian Credit Union Forum and pre-forum workshops on September 26 to 28, 2019.

The following actions/activities are updated in workplan of October 2019 – June 2020:

No.	Activities / Trainings	Period
1	26 th Development Education Workshop	November 24 – 30, 2019
2	ACCOSCA Exposure Program	January 12 – 17, 2020
3	Asian Development Education Program - Continuing Professional Development & DE Renewal Workshop	January 16 -20, 2020
4	TOT Governance Assurance Program	February 23-27, 2020.
5	Supporter Member Study Visit	March 2020
6	Women Workshop and SME program	March 7-11, 2020
7	Transformative Leadership Workshop	May 24 – 28, 2020
8	Regional Seminar on Digitization of credit unions as Financial Inclusion Strategy	June 2020
9	27th DE workshop on 14-20 June 2020	June 14 – 20, 2020



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