



## Co-operating for Change: Roles, Potentials, and Challenges of Cooperatives in the Decade Leading up to the Sustainable Development Goals

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