

October 6 from 2–5 p.m. in the Quebec Convention Centre



LEGAL FRAMEWORKS *for* HOUSING CO-OPERATIVES

As part of Co-operative Housing International's plan to map its activities to the International Co-operative Alliance's Blueprint for a Co-operative Decade, we will hold a seminar session in Quebec City on one element of the Blueprint, with a housing focus: Legal frameworks for housing co-operatives.

The Blueprint introduction has this to say on the legal frameworks element:

“Co-operatives in every jurisdiction sit within a legal framework. This framework plays a critical role for the viability and existence of co-operatives. The Blueprint seeks to ensure supportive legal frameworks for co-operative growth.”

Supportive legal frameworks are as important for housing co-operatives as they are for any other form of co-operative enterprise. Where they are strong, co-operative housing has the potential to thrive and grow. Where they are weak, under threat or nonexistent, both the development and the continued stable operations of housing co-operatives are similarly threatened.

At our seminar session we will want to hear from many different voices on the strength or weakness of legal frameworks in their countries. Between now and October we will try to secure seminar presentations from co-operative housing leaders in both the developed and the developing worlds. We will hear about what is working and what is not and we will identify best practices in enabling legal frameworks that can be transferred to other jurisdictions. Information on speakers for the seminar session will be available closer to the date of the event.



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