



World Council



WORLDWIDE FOUNDATION
for CREDIT UNIONS

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WFCU + WOCCU: Strategic Partners



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WORLDWIDE FOUNDATION
for CREDIT UNIONS



World Council

(501 c6) Trade Association

**Leading global advocate for
credit unions and financial
cooperatives**



**WORLDWIDE FOUNDATIO
for CREDIT UNIONS**

(501 c3) Nonprofit Foundation

**Philanthropic engine of the
global credit union
movement**

Global Advocacy



Member Services



67,137
credit unions



412M+ members
in 101 countries

Cooperativ e Difference



Financial
inclusion through
credit unions

World Credit Union Conference



WORLD CREDIT UNION CONFERENCE
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
19-22 JULY 2026



WORLDWIDE FOUNDATION
for CREDIT UNIONS

Worldwide Foundation for Credit Unions

OUR PURPOSE

DO GOOD. DO GLOBAL GOOD.

Strengthening the international credit union movement through global philanthropy

THE PROBLEMS WE SOLVE

Financial Exclusion: 1.4B people lack access to finance

Gender Inequality: Only 30% of CU CEOs are women; just 30% of boards reach parity

Talent Shortage: Young professionals lack leadership pathways

Disaster Relief: Communities face climate, war & crisis shocks

Movement Disconnect: A gap in understanding and impacting our global movement

TUNE IN → TO THE CHALLENGES SHAPING OUR FUTURE

Worldwide Foundation for Credit Unions

Our Work



World Council

Advancing financial inclusion and sustainable livelihoods using credit unions in partnership with World Council of Credit Unions.



**Global Women's
Leadership Network™**

Connecting and empowering women to lead change across the movement.



WYCUP
World Young Credit Union Professional Network

Developing emerging leaders and expanding global youth engagement.



Global DE

Credit Union Development Education Network

Deepening cooperative understanding and purpose through immersive global learning.



**Project
Storm Break**

Delivering rapid disaster relief and long-term recovery support for credit unions and communities they serve.



Curating international learning experiences that strengthen credit unions.

Tune in To Global Women's Leadership Network



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vs2s4W9j6p0>

Your 2026 Global Tune with GWLN

GWLN Scholarships
January 5
Application Portal Opens

GWLN Lunch @ GAC
March 4
🕒 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
📍 Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC

GWLN @ WCUC
July 20
• 🕒 12:15 PM – 2:15 PM
• 📍 ICC, Sydney, Australia

Executive Readiness Summit
October 13-15
• 📍 Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

2026 GWLN Impact 2027 Journey

LAUNCH

GAC

WCUC

ICU DAY

FINALE

Sister Society Leader Series
Quarterly

Member-only EmpowHER hour
Monthly

Sister Society Launch Events
Q1 – Q4

Your 2026 Global Tune with GWLN

SISTER SOCIETY LEADER SERIES: Virtual /Quarterly

Wednesday,
January 21, 2026
8 am CST
&
1 pm CST

Wednesday,
April 22, 2026
8 am CST
&
1 pm CST

Wednesday,
July 8, 2026
8 am CST
&
1 pm CST

Wednesday,
October 21, 2026
8 am CST
&
1 pm CST

Q1

Q2

Q3

Q4

MEMBER-ONLY EmpowHER HOUR SERIES: Virtual /Quarterly

First Thursday of each month:

January 8 / February 5 / March 5 / April 2 / May 7 / June 4 / July 2
August 6 / September 3 / October 1 / November 5 / December 3

All sessions @ 12 pm CST



Your 2026 Global Tune with GWLN

**WOCCU webinar
GWLN – Purple
Bridges**
🕒 February 24
10:00 am CST

**GWLN and CUWLA
webinar**
🕒 March 19
11:00 am CST

**GWLN and
eLeadership
Academy**
🕒 May 28
11:00 am CST

**GWLN and
eLeadership
Academy**
🕒 September 17
12:00 pm CST

All communities
GWLN member-only
Virtual Events
Q1 – Q4

MEMBER-ONLY Leadership Development Webinars

May 28, 11 AM-12:15 PM CT – Leading Workplace Mental Health

September 17, 12-1:15 PM CT – Navigating Consolidation

Global Women's Leadership Network

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
Coaching for Performance

HOSTED BY
eLEADERSHIP ACADEMY™
PROUD GWLN LEARNING PARTNER

EDUCATION AND LEARNING EXCLUSIVELY FOR GWLN MEMBERS

Tune in To Global Women's Leadership Network in 2026

1

Gift a GWLN membership: Double your impact and give the gift of a [GWLN membership](#) to a team member, emerging leader

2

Join the GWLN x eLeadership Academy EmpowHER Hours

3

Engage your teams with GWLN (events, Sister Society meetings)



GWLN @ 2026 WCUC

1

Network, connect and engage with GWLN, WYCUP, conference attendees, board members

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**GWLN Lunch & Learn
July 20**

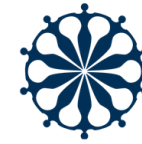
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**Growing Credit Union Membership –
Reaching Excluded Communities
GWLN & WOCCU breakout session
July 21**





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Global Women's
Leadership Network™

GWLN's Executive Readiness Summit is going global!



Punta Cana, Dominican Republic



October 13-15, 2026



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REGISTRATION
OPENING SOON

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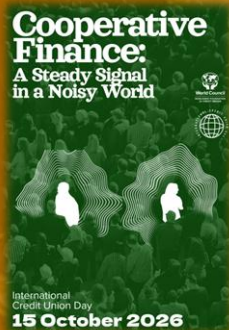
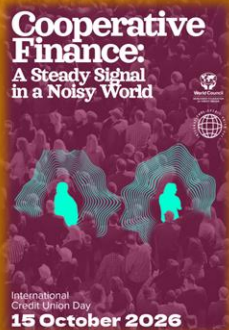
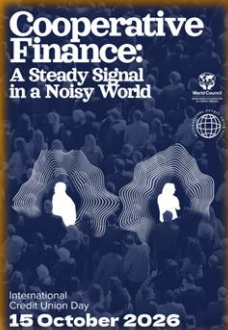


15 October 2026



International
Credit Union Day

Cooperative Finance: A Steady Signal in a Noisy World





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#icuday2026

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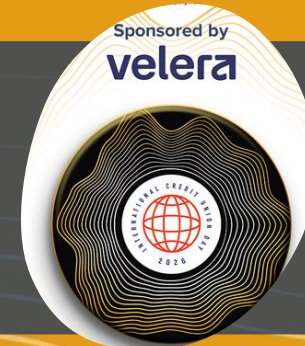


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Learn more



Order your ICU Day 2026 pin
and swag.



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Get the social media kit for
digital marketing.
Post with #ICUday2026.

Bring financial literacy to your
community — apply for a new
ICU Day Grant.



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