

THE COOPERATIVE ADVANTAGE SUMMIT

Thurs **05**
Nov, 2026

DAY ONE



For CEOs, Executive Directors, and senior leaders.

Session I: The Cooperative Advantage in an Era of Disruption

Speaker: Virginia Brown & Maurice Smith

A roundtable conversation testing a simple belief: that cooperation isn't just a principle, it's a strategic advantage. Leaders will discuss the moment cooperatives are in, what Principle 6 means in practice, and how the Council moves that forward together.

Session II: The CEO's Playbook

Speaker: Ronaldo Hardy

A facilitated workshop. Every leader leaves with a completed Cooperative Canvas, a one-page tool mapping their organization's Principle 6 opportunities and at least one cross-sector commitment.

Sector Roundtables

Facilitators: Skipper Jones (AgCarolina Farm Credit), **James Watts** (Weaver Street Market) & **Janiqua Jackson** (Three Sisters Market), **Brookes Versaggi** (Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation)

Small-group conversations organized in a cross-sector manner wherein each group surfaces shared challenges and real partnership opportunities to carry into the rest of the Summit.

The Gathering: An Evening Reception

Where Day One & Day Two earns its name. Decision-makers and practitioners come together for an evening of connection with purpose.

Fri **06**
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For mid-level professionals and cooperative movement practitioners

Session I: Do We Have An Advantage?

Speaker: Aisha Everett and Ivan Canada

An interactive, cross-sector conversation, exploring what the cooperative advantage looks like in practice today.

Session II: From Commitment to Action – Building Our 90-Day Roadmap

Co-Facilitators: Ashley Beach-Reid & Ronaldo Hardy

The Summit's closing session. Cross-sector working groups turn the ideas surfaced on Day One into a real 90-day roadmap: the initiative, the partners, the first step, and who's leading it.