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Oct. 2025 CCE Newsletter

Register now for our October 15th Luncheon!

11:30 am Oct. 15th at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel

Prof. Mohamed M. Maie

Seeding Resilience: Building Cooperatives



Register by October 10th by emailing cdn1906@gmail.com or at
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EABAF2FA7FCC70-58997090-prof>

Join the Canadian Club of Edmonton and Prof. Mohamed M. Maie, Founder & President of Cooprenourship Centre & Institute, for a conversation about channeling the entrepreneurial spirit of our immigrant communities through the powerful framework of cooperatives.

Speaker Statement: Prof. Mohamed M. Maie

Speaking Topic: *Seeding Resilience: How Immigrant-Led Cooperatives Can Build Canada's Global Economic Power*

Canada stands at a unique crossroads, facing global economic shifts, climate challenges, and the ongoing task of building a truly inclusive society. My presentation argues that the key to navigating this future lies in harnessing one of our greatest national assets: the entrepreneurial spirit of our immigrant communities, channeled through the powerful framework of cooperatives.

This is not a story of simple integration, but one of transformative economic leadership. Immigrant-led cooperatives are more than community initiatives; they are incubators for resilience, innovation, and global competitiveness. From community-owned renewable energy projects and ethical finance to affordable housing and worker-owned tech firms, these enterprises are solving pressing local problems while building sustainable, locally-anchored wealth.

This model, which I term "**coopreneurship**," merges entrepreneurial ambition with cooperative principles of democracy, equity, and solidarity. It positions Canada to lead in the new social economy, exporting not just resources, but a blueprint for how to build an economy that is both prosperous and principled.

My talk will provide a compelling vision for how supporting this movement is a strategic national investment. By seeding resilience at the local level, we can cultivate Canada's role as a global leader, proving that economic power and social inclusion are not just compatible, but mutually reinforcing.

Together, we can build a stronger, more inclusive Canada through the power of cooperatives.

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Please sign up with full names for all attendees and any dietary restrictions. Sign up for either the Full meal (\$35) or the Sandwich plate (\$30) includes the salad or soup, and a dessert – all served to your table. Parking at the hotel is only \$5 - just bypass the hotel meters and pay at the door to register your license plate.

Debit and Credit card payment options are usually available. Cash or cheques are also accepted at the door for luncheon.

Any questions can be sent by emailing cdn1906@gmail.com.

Please share with family and friends this opportunity to learn about the benefits of building cooperatives in Canada! Guests are always welcome, but Lunch registrations are required.

About our speaker: Professor Mohamed M. Maie is a Coopreneur and social entrepreneur. He is the Founder/President of Cooprenourship Centre & Institute (Canada, USA), CEO of Malaq Maye Cooperative Institute (Somalia), Co-Founder/Vice Chairman of Lower Shabelle University (Somalia). He is an international development practitioner with 35 years' experience in cooperative and social enterprise sector and relief/humanitarian services; He is expert in advising both government and non-government agencies in poverty eradication, food security and sustainable livelihood, having international working experiences across Canada, USA, Ethiopia, Namibia, Djibouti, Kenya, and Somalia.

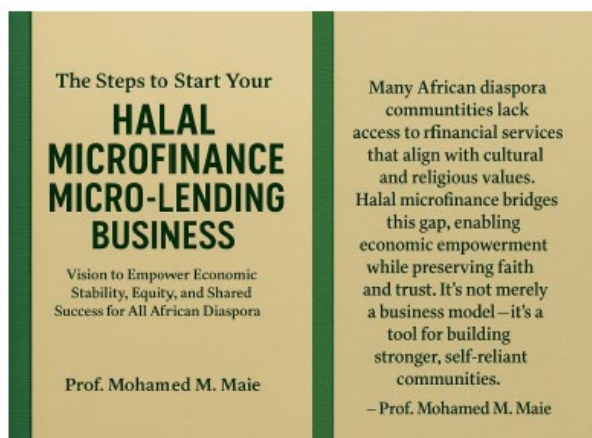


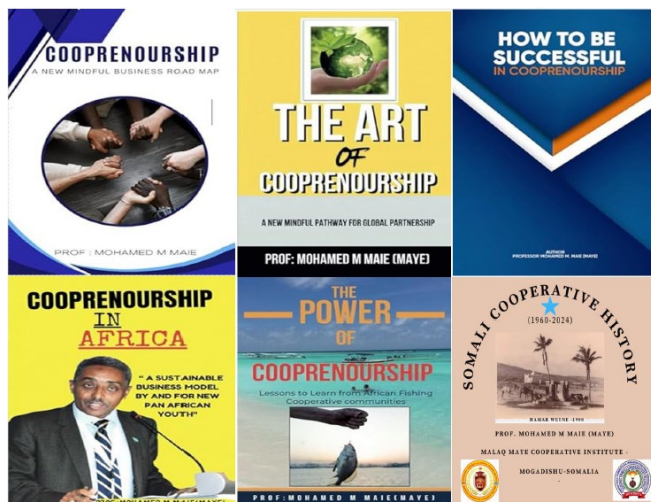
He has worked extensively within the government of the Federal Republic of Somalia holding various roles, including:

- Sr. Adviser SME and Cooperative Development Specialist with Minister of Commerce and Industry (current)
- Commercial Attaché at Somali Embassy in Washington DC
- Advisor of the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Forest and Range
- Director of the Department of Americas and Europe (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Director of Department of International Relation and Projects (Ministry of Public Works, Ports, Marine Transport, and Energy)

Prof. Maie was Vice Chairman of the Union of Somali Cooperatives Movement (Ururka Dhaqdhaqaaqa Iskaashatooyinka Soomaaliyeed -UDHIS), has served as Secretary General of Somali Industrial and Manufacturer Associations (SIMA) and is the Founder and CEO of [Tools for Humanity](#): A Canadian non-profit for community economic development and international humanitarian support.

He holds 2 MBAs in Community Economic Development (CED) and Cooperative/Public Administration, a BA in Business Administration from Somali National University, and a Diploma in Health Care Administrative from Career Canada College (now CDI).





Prof. Maie was recipient of 2024 COOP VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AWARD- ACCA-Canada and the of 2011 National Philanthropy Award in Canada. He was also featured on the 2018 SACCO TIMES-Kenya Front Page as Hero African Cooperative Practitioner.

He has authored/co-authored many reports and articles on Cooperative, Poverty and immigrant community in Canada, Community Economic development papers and professional journals.

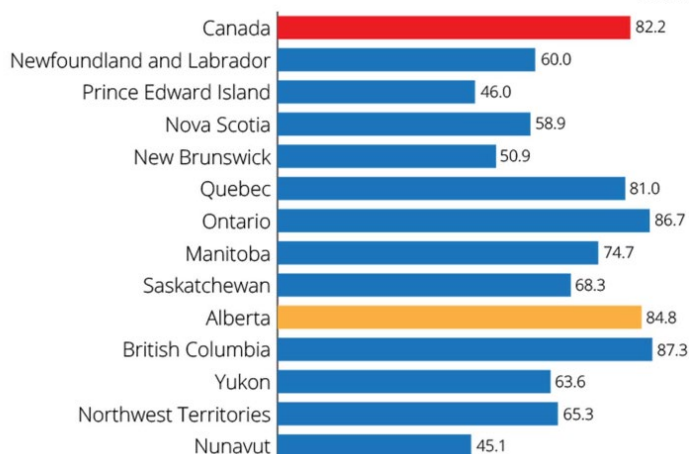
He has also authored many books, including five new books on Cooprenourship for International Cooperative year 2025!

Did you know Alberta is the 3rd most urbanized province in Canada?

Since Canada's confederation in 1867, the population has been proportionally becoming more and more urban with each passing year. The 1861 Census shows approximately 84% of the population living in rural areas. Falling to 50% urban/rural sometime in the 1920s. In modern Canada,

82.2% of Canadians live in urban population centres. Alberta ranks 3rd among the provinces and territories, having an 84.8% urban population. British Columbia, at 87.3%, has the highest proportion of urban residents. On the other end, Nunavut has the lowest proportion of urban population, coming in with a 45.1% urban population, narrowly clearing the 46% urban population of Prince Edward Island.

Urban population by province, 2021 % of provincial population that is urban



Graphic from <https://www.atb.com/company/insights/the-twenty-four/canada-day-2022/>

Meal Cancellations

If you have confirmed your attendance and have to cancel, you can adjust your attendance at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EABAF2FA7FCC70-58997090-prof> until October 12th. If you must cancel after the cut-off, please email cdn1906@gmail.com as soon as possible. At the Club's discretion, no-shows may be asked to pay for the cost of their meal.

Memberships

Memberships are encouraged as a measure of support for the Club. Note that for 2025, membership fees have been suspended. This is a great opportunity to reach out, bring a friend, and share the patriotic vision of the CCE! Thank you to all those who have joined recently or already renewed.

Topics and Speakers

If there are any topics or speakers you are interested in hearing from, please send your ideas and suggestions to cdn1906@gmail.com.

If you wish to have your name removed from our mailing list, or if you wish to update or add your email address, please advise the Club by email at cdn1906@gmail.com