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Dr. King's dream is as relevant today as ever.

#### On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, lifting up cooperatives as a strategy for greater equity in our economy and society

As we pause this week to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we celebrate his pivotal achievements in civil rights and economic justice. Dr. King inspired people of all backgrounds to strive for a more equitable nation. Through his courage, passion and tenacity, Dr. King transformed the world around him and continues to inspire generations of people committed to lifting up communities and championing a more equitable world.

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May 6th, 2020 National Press Club

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A closing workshop last month highlighted the project's achievements in increasing the agricultural productivity of Senegal's millet value chain and expanding millet trade.

NCBA CLUSA's Millet Business Services Project gets extension to measure impacts of five-year project

NCBA CLUSA's U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)-funded Millet Business Services Project has been awarded a research-focused extension through May 2020 to capture lessons and challenges that could inform future work.

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In Democratic Republic of the Congo, local entrepreneurs are anchoring community transformation

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded Budikadidi project in the Democratic

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NCBA CLUSA business development consultant Perry Amitai, second from right (seated), with a group of APSPs during a training last year. Republic of the Congo is linking local needs to local solutions, building the foundation for a sustainable, resilient value chain that will flourish long after the project ends.

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Last year, the ride-hail drivers' advocate Independent Drivers Guild was awarded \$25,000 to launch a purchasing cooperative to reduce expenses like fuel, maintenance and car repair for drivers. [photo: Capital Impact Partners]

# Capital Impact Partners' Co-op Innovation Award applications due next month

Capital Impact Partners is excited to announce a partnership with National Cooperative Bank for the 6th Annual Co-op Innovation Award. Winning organizations will receive a one-year grant of up to \$50,000 to advance cooperative development in communities of color and/or historically disinvested communities.

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Customers named Co-op Market Grocery & Deli in Fairbanks their favorite independent grocery store in Alaska. [photo: U.S. Department of Agriculture]

## Customers name seven food co-ops as their states' top independent grocers

According to data released by 24/7
Tempo that ranked top supermarkets and grocery stores in each state, customers voted seven retail food co-ops, all members of NCBA CLUSA, as their favorite independent stores.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



### CUNA Governmental Affairs Conference

February 23-27, 2020 Washington, DC



## 2020 Up & Coming Food Coop Conference

March 6-7, 2020 *Madison, WI* 





## 2020 Cooperative Issues Forum

May 6, 2020 Washington, DC

## 2020 Cooperative Hall of Fame Dinner & Induction Ceremony

May 6, 2020 Washington, DC

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#### 2020 CCMA Conference

## 2020 Co-op IMPACT Conference

June 4-6, 2020 Sioux Falls, SD October 7-9, 2020 Washington, DC

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