

## Press Release

### VKN member of World Council of Credit Unions

The Hague, July 26th, 2014.

Yesterday, the World Council Board has approved VKN membership in the World Council. "We see this milestone as a reward for our efforts here in the Netherlands to build a nationwide Credit Union system, compliant to WOCCU standards", Roland Lampe stated in a first reaction. WOCCU, <http://www.woccu.org> represents 56,904 Credit Union systems in 103 countries, representing 207.935.920 private individual members.

This means that VKN now obtained a.o.:

- Public recognition as a member of World Council
- Non-voting representation at annual general meetings
- Periodic consultations
- Networking opportunities with the international credit union community
- Access to member-only activities, such as World Council's International Partnership Program and Young Credit Union People Program
- Access to exclusive online resources
- Use of World Council proprietary hands and globe image



**Brian Branch**  
President & CEO

Brian Branch, President & CEO of the World Council said: "I wanted to let you know right away that the World Council Board has approved VKN membership in the World Council. Welcome to the family".

"This will help us tremendously in gaining momentum and trustworthiness, not only among bankers, supervisory authorities and politicians, but also among our target group: Dutch SME's! We will do our utmost to be a reliable and contributing member of the family", Roland Lampe says.

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