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# MESSAGE FROM JEAN CHAREST

Premier of Quebec



We have the honour and privilege to welcome to the city some 1,500 participants from around the world to the 2011 International Forum on the Social and Solidarity Economy.

The opportunity to build relationships between Quebec players from various regions, and those who are honouring us with their visit, is very fine. For Quebec it's also an opportunity to be enriched by the experience from elsewhere in order to continue the innovation it has demonstrated through the social economy and to share its expertise.

Quebec is recognized in Canada and around the world for creativity, uniqueness and the extent of its collective entrepreneurship. Our cooperative and associative model has inspired initiatives in several developing countries.

Social economy enterprises arise from the mobilization of communities. They are well rooted in their environment and by their presence they strengthen citizen action within their communities. The social economy is a source of solidarity and support for the people in their development and it contributes significantly to the vitality of the territories.

The government of Quebec is proud to be a partner with this International Forum to remain at the forefront of developing good practices between the public authorities and civil society.

Jean Charest  
Premier of Quebec

# MESSAGE FROM LAURENT LESSARD

Minister of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy



The entrepreneurial spirit that animates Quebec's social economy is characterized by the resourcefulness and cohesive strength of Quebec's mutually supportive environment.

This solidarity comes out in the cities, in the regions and in our municipalities. Social economy enterprises are interested in the needs of the people and develop through citizen participation in each community. It is indisputable that they contribute to the active and diversified development of the territories.

The significance of collective entrepreneurship as an engine of Quebec's socio-economic activity is undeniable: this sector represents some 125,000 workers in more than 7,000 companies.

Implementation of public policies such as the Government Action Plan for Collective Entrepreneurship confirms the commitment of our government to cooperatives and non-profit organizations to support their growth, facilitate their operation, respect their democratic governance and ensure that they are involved in the development of Quebec.

This commitment is reinforced through the involvement of craftsmen of the social economy and devoted workers who ensure the success of their business and who respond to the needs of their fellow citizens with understanding.

Quebec has much to offer. It also has much to learn.  
The International Forum on the Social and Solidarity

Laurent Lessard  
Minister of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy  
Co-chair of the sponsorship committee of the 2011 International Forum on the Social and Solidarity Economy

# MESSAGE FROM GÉRALD TREMBLAY

Mayor of Montréal



I am proud and delighted to welcome participants in the International Forum on the Social and Solidarity Economy to Montréal. This is the first major event to bring together collective entrepreneurs and representatives of different governments from throughout the world.

Your presence eloquently attests to the interest of our communities in the social economy. Our discussions and deliberations will certainly promote recognition of collective entrepreneurship as a key to local and global economic development.

We are particularly pleased to host this meeting because our efforts bear witness to the City Administration's desire to support the economy on a human scale. In 2006, we launched the Social Economy Partnership for Community-Based Sustainable Development and in 2009 created the Bureau de l'économie sociale, a permanent municipal structure. We also established the Montréal Social Economy Award to recognize innovation in this area.

I would like to thank the Chantier de l'économie sociale team for having organized this event. It constitutes an extraordinary opportunity for all of us to highlight the social economy's importance and the great value of its achievements.

Gérald Tremblay  
Mayor of Montréal  
Co-chair of the sponsorship committee of the 2011 International Forum on the Social and Solidarity Economy

# MESSAGE FROM NANCY NEAMTAN

President and executive director - Chantier de l'économie sociale



The Chantier de l'économie sociale is honoured to welcome participants from across the planet to the FIESS. Since 1996, the Chantier has been a hub for the social and solidarity economy movement in Quebec and its mission has been to promote and develop this people-centred economy, based on citizen mobilisation, democracy, solidarity and inclusion. What a great gift, on our 15th birthday, to be able to have this opportunity to bring together our members and partners from across Quebec with social and solidarity actors from around the world. What a wonderful collective challenge we have given ourselves to aim for strong partnerships between governments and the civil society at the heart of the economy to build the future!

The choice of themes for the forum reflects our vision of the social and solidarity economy as a strategic component of a new development model and of social transformation. In order to achieve its full potential, the social and solidarity economy must be innovative while combining social, economic, cultural and environmental objectives. It must also be strongly rooted in its territory and thereby contribute to food sovereignty and the creation of decent work for all. The social and solidarity economy must have access to financial tools and markets as great as its ambitions all the while respecting its specific characteristics and its objectives.

Above all, we must build the social and solidarity economy on the basis of international alliances and solidarity that go beyond the traditional North-South relationships, for in the field of the social and solidarity economy, we all need each other and need to learn from the experiences of others. No matter the size of each initiative, the means at its disposal or the country of origin, we share the fundamental conviction that we must work together for another type of development, and that the social and solidarity economy is one of the keys to building this future.

However, in order to achieve its full potential, the social and solidarity economy must win full recognition at all levels. From local communities to the national governments to international institutions, this economy, which puts people first, deserves the support and predominant consideration of future public policy. Indeed, more than other forms of economic development, the SSE contributes to an active citizenship and to reinforcing democracy while at the same time creating wealth.

In order to implement public policies that enable this 'other' type of development, these policies must also be produced differently, through an ongoing and open dialogue between governments and civil society. This is the profound signification of this forum. Let us hope that the lessons learned and the direct contact between so many participants will allow us all to progress in building a better world.

The FIESS would not have been possible without the collaboration of a wide range of individuals, organisations, institutions and networks. A huge thank you to the members of the Coordinating Committee, the Sponsorship Committee, the Scientific Committee, the Program Committee, the Logistics Committee, our sponsors and our speakers. The success of FIESS, like the success of the social and solidarity economy, is truly a collective effort!

I would like to extend a special thank you to Minister Laurent Lessard and to Mayor Gerald Tremblay, co-presidents of the FIESS, for the confidence they entrusted in the Chantier de l'économie sociale for the organisation of this event. And above all, a heartfelt thank you to all those who have come from near and far to make the FIESS an event that will, we hope, allow the social and solidarity economy to advance on all continents while respecting each and everyone's respective realities and wishes.

I wish you an excellent forum!

Nancy Neamtan  
President and executive director  
Chantier de l'économie sociale  
Co-chair of the sponsorship committee of the 2011 International Forum on the Social and Solidarity Economy







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Jean-Luc Trahan  
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## ■ Presentation of Research Activities

## PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

**Margie Mendell**

President, Research Committee FIESS



A Research Committee of the FIESS, made of academics and representatives from Canadian and international organizations, was convened to prepare five working papers on the Forum's themes, one synthesis paper on the broad theme of FIESS and six case studies. These background documents are available thanks to the generous support of three major partners of FIESS: the International Development Research Center (IDRC), the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Center for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI).

The objective of the working papers, written by experts on each of the five FIESS themes, is to provide an overview of the challenges and issues raised by each of the Forum's themes (territory and local development; innovation and collective entrepreneurship; solidarity finance; work and employment and food security and sovereignty) and the relations between government and civil society in several countries that are useful illustrations of collaborative approaches to policy formation. These papers document experiences in many parts of the world that have significant heuristic value; they are not presented as best practices or as models to replicate. They situate the discussions in different national contexts and introduce pertinent theoretical debates on the role of the social and solidarity economy today. As the social and solidarity economy continues to evolve, these papers are offered as a "work in progress". Their purpose is to stimulate debate and discussion among FIESS participants.

The case studies are not limited to a single experience within each country. They include a variety of initiatives (national, regional or municipal) and provide an overview of the current and potential partnerships between government and civil society. The case studies document a broad array of experiences in six countries on four continents where the social and solidarity economy has made significant progress (Canada, Brazil, Mali, Bolivia, Spain and South Africa). More specifically, they describe the processes underlying the co-construction of public policy that address one or more of the forum's themes. Each case study was co-authored by practitioners and local researchers and coordinated by the Research Committee, reflecting the commitment of the Forum to develop and nurture an ongoing dialogue between the different actors engaged in the social and solidarity economy and to create opportunities for collaboration.

As President of the Research Committee, I would like to thank all its members for their hard work and dedication. Finally, as you will notice, these papers have been written in several languages. They are available in their original language except for the Brazilian case study which was translated into Spanish.

I hope these documents will inspire a rich and constructive dialogue among FIESS participants and contribute to the growth of social and solidarity initiatives throughout the world.

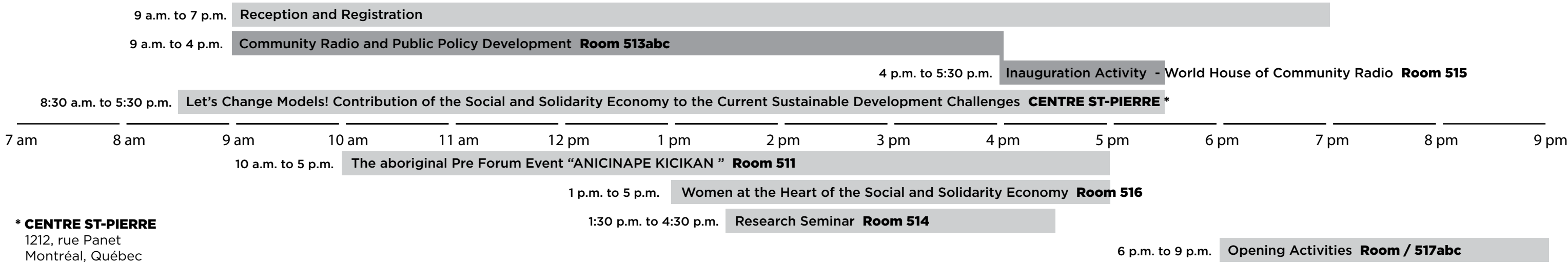


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**9 a.m. to 7 p.m.**  
**RECEPTION AND REGISTRATION**

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**COMMUNITY RADIO AND PUBLIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT**  
**Room 513abc**

Presented by the Quebec Association for Community Radio (ARCQ) and the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC) Various players from community radio, regulatory agencies and government will be asked to present the situation in their region (North America, Latin America, Asia, Europe and Africa) and take part in discussions with each other and the participants. The presentation will show how community radio can be a powerful tool for local development. What are the different public policies in terms of support and regulation for recognizing and supporting community radio around the world? What are some international examples of government support for local information?

**Speakers:**  
Michèle Leblanc,  
President, Alliance des radios communautaires du Canada  
Louise Poirier,  
Consellor, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission  
Daniel Cloutier,  
Director-general, Cultural and Communications Policies, Ministry of Culture, Communication and the Status of Women of Quebec

Marcelo Solervicens,  
Secretary General, AMARC, Canada and other representatives of community radios from Chile, France, India, Nepal, Senegal, South Africa, the Basque Territory and the United States,

**4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**  
**INAUGURATION ACTIVITY**  
**Room 513abc**  
Launch of the World House of Community Radio

In the presence of Christine St-Pierre,  
Minister of Culture, Communication and the Status of Women of Quebec

**10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**THE ABORIGINAL PRE FORUM EVENT "ANICINAPE KICKAN " Room 511**  
This event, held in conjunction with the FIESS, will bring aboriginal experiences in the social and solidarity economy in Quebec and Canada to the foreground while raising awareness of the issue among international players. In addition, the event will provide an opportunity to highlight First Peoples' contribution to the development and implementation of the social economy. The event will take the form of an exhibitor's fair, at which lectures will be given, and will be a unique opportunity to share and discuss indigenous social economy practices as well as the measures needed to influence public policy affecting indigenous with respect to the social economy.

**Opening prayer:**  
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**Opening speeches:**  
Édith Cloutier,  
President, Regroupement des centres d'amitié autochtones du Québec  
Nancy Neamtan,  
CEO, Chantier de l'économie sociale  
Vera Pawis Tabobondung,  
President, National Association of Friendship Centres

**Honorary President:**  
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**Speakers :**  
Benoît Lévesque,  
Université du Québec à Montréal and École nationale d'administration publique (to be confirmed)  
Ghislain Picard,  
Chef of the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Provincial associations of Aboriginal Friendship Centres Organisations, cooperatives and aboriginal initiatives of Quebec And others.

**1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**WOMEN AT THE HEART OF THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY Room 516**  
This activity will bring together women from all over the world to share feminist perspectives and experiences with respect to the social and solidarity economy. In particular, emphasis will be placed on the different ways in which the social and solidarity economy can help improve women's economic security and under which conditions. What role can public policy play? Video-clips with testimonies of women from different regions of the world, participatory activities, a panel of com-

mentators (Michèle Audette of Quebec Native Women, Magdalena Leon from the Red de mujeres transformando la economía in Ecuador and Josephine C. Parilla from Homenet in the Philippines) and the sharing of experiences and analysis among the participants will help us explore how the social and solidarity economy can improve women's living conditions. This activity is open to men and women registered for the Forum, and to individuals who have registered independently for the activity.

**1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
**RESEARCH SEMINAR Room 514**  
In preparation for the forum, several working papers are being produced in order to take stock of the situation within the five themes of the forum and to facilitate discussion during the event. As part of this pre-forum research project, national case studies presenting experiences of public/community partnerships and the policies that have enabled the emergence of social and solidarity enterprises were also carried out in Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Mali, South Africa and Spain. These research documents will be made public on the FIESS website several weeks before the beginning of the forum. The free seminar, open to all and particularly to students and researchers, will be an opportunity to meet the researchers and field actors who produced these studies and to discuss the results with their authors..

**Speakers:**  
Neil Bradford, Huron  
UHuron University College, University of Western Ontario, Canada  
Roger Spear,  
Open University, United Kingdom  
Marguerite Mendell,  
Concordia University, Quebec  
Mathieu de Poorter,  
Consultant on Social Economy and Cooperatives, International Labour Office  
Connie H. Nelson,  
Lakehead University, Canada

**8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**  
**LET'S CHANGE MODELS! CONTRIBUTION OF THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY TO THE CURRENT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES**  
**Centre St-Pierre: 1212, Panet street**  
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In the context of Rio+20 and the International Year of Cooperatives, the Caisse d'économie solidaire Desjardins, Fondation and the Groupe économie solidaire du Québec (GESQ), together with les Rencontres du Mont-Blanc have organised a debate in order for actors of the social economy to take a stance on sustainable development on the occasion of the International Forum on the Social and Solidarity Economy (FIESS). This is the beginning of a road that leads to a stronger affirmation of the Quebec social economy during the RIO Summit in June 2012. This international meeting will assess what has been accomplished since 1992 and what still needs to be done -the Agenda 21- to address the current ecological emergency.

**For more information:**  
<http://www.fiess2011.org/journee-du-17-octobre-2011-on-change-de-modele/>

**Notes about the Masters of Ceremony of the FIESS:**  
Clément Guimond was the General Coordinator of the Caisse d'économie solidaire Desjardins from 1986 to 2009. Amongst his current volunteer commitments, he is President of the Board of Directors of Équiterre and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the One Drop Foundation.

Director of the Centre d'amitié autochtone of Val-d'Or for the past 20 years, Édith Cloutier is also the President of the Regroupement des centres d'amitiés autochtone du Québec (Quebec Aboriginal Friendship Centres Association). Since 2009 she co-directs the ODENA research alliance "Aboriginal People in Québec Cities".

**6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**  
**OPENING ACTIVITIES: COCKTAILS AND BUFFET**  
**Plenary session: 517abc**  
Presided by Nancy Neamtan, CEO, Chantier de l'économie sociale, Quebec



OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

*Starting from 6 p.m., participants are invited to attend the official launching of the FIESS during which well-known guests will intervene. Speeches will be punctuated by cultural presentations.*

### Performances from students of the National Circus School of Montreal

**Welcome:**

Denis Couture,,  
First Vice-President, Public Affairs, Caisse  
de dépôt et placement du Québec (to be  
confirmed)

**Speeches:**

Jean Charest,  
Premier of Quebec

Denis Lebel,  
Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and  
Communities of Canada

Ghislain Picard,  
Chief of the Assembly of First Nations of  
Quebec and Labrador;

Magdalena Leon,  
Coordinator, Red de mujeres transfor-  
mando la economia (REMTE), Ecuador

Madani Coumaré,  
President, Réseau national d'appui à  
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Daniel Boyer,  
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## NOTES

## Registration and Reception

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| Break | Room 710 |
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Room / 517abc

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch - Conference **Plenary Room / 517abc**

## Work session A - FOOD SECURITY AND SOVEREIGNTY

## Room 710

## Work Session B - SOLIDARITY FINANCE AND TRADE

**Youth and Cultural Evening**  
**Society for Arts and Technology (SAT) \***

1201, Boulevard Saint-Laurent  
Montréal, Québec

**(Room 710)**

Compagnie de Théâtre la Tribouille,  
France

Plenary Room / 517abc

Plenary Session / 517abc

## A WAY OUT OF THE CRISIS: THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY?

Ahmed Ait Haddout,  
Representative, Réseau Africain  
d'Économie Sociale et Solidaire (RAESS)

Ximena Ponce Leon,  
Minister for Economic and Social  
Inclusion, Ecuador

Maria Luz Rodriguez Fernandez,  
State Secretary for Employment, Spain  
(to be confirmed)

Room 710

**Plenary Room / 517abc**

ties (FQM)

such laws and the concrete effects that they have on a country.

Paul Singer,  
State Secretary for Solidarity Economy,  
Brazil

Samuel Barco,  
Vice-President, INNOMADES, Spain

Harouna Cisse,  
Minister of Social Development and  
Elderly People, Mali

**Plenary Room / 517abc**

The lunch conference will introduce the themes that will be discussed in the afternoon work sessions, namely, “Solidarity finance and trade” and “Food security and sovereignty”

Michael Swack,  
Founder and Chair, the Financial In-  
novations Roundtable, United States of  
America

Joan Brady,  
Women's President of the National Farm-  
ers Union of Canada, a founding member  
of La Via Campesina

**2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Workshop 1:**  
**MUTUAL COMPANIES AND THE**  
**SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY**  
**Room 514**  
**Regional Integration of Mutuels in**  
**the Americas**  
*Organización de Entidades Mutuales*  
*de las Americas (ODEMA)*

Daniel Lopez Villalba,  
Director, ODEMA Uruguay

### ***Union Africaine de la Mutualité (UAM)***

Andres Roman,  
Director Legal Affairs, AMPF and ODEMA  
Coordinator  
Maria Rosa Saenz Saralegui,  
Communications AMPF

**Workshop 2:**  
**IMPROVING MARKET ACCESS FOR**  
**PRODUCTS OF THE SOCIAL AND**  
**SOLIDARITY ECONOMY**  
**Room 513def**

**Shea Butter in Mali: Organizing the Production and Sale of a Cash Crop**  
*Coopérative des productrices de beurre de karité COPROKAZAN, Mali*  
Seydou Sagnon,  
Director, Association malienne pour la  
Promotion des Jeunes (AMPJ)

Nelsa Inês Fabian  
Nespolo,  
Director and Pres-  
ident, Cooperativa  
Central Justa Tran-

**Public Support for  
the Marketing and  
Certification of Agro-  
ecological Produc-  
tion in Ecuador**  
*Red Agroecológica  
del Austro, Ecuador*  
Germán Patricio  
Bravo Vera,  
Technical assessor,  
Red Agroecológica de  
Austro

**Workshops 3:**  
**INTERNATIONAL**  
**INITIATIVES TO SUP-**  
**SUPPORT THE SOCIAL**  
**AND SOLIDARITY**  
**ECONOMY**  
**Room 516cde**

## Implementing a Central American Social and Solidarity Economy Project

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Miguel Alonzo Macías,  
Coordinator of Planification and Projects,  
red Cokomal, Honduras  
Yasy Morales Chacón,  
Coordinator of Social Economy and Fair  
Trade, Consumo y Comunicación alterna-  
tiva (Cokomal), Costa Rica

**A Tri-National Cooperation Project to  
Fund and Support Social and Solidar-  
ity Economy Enterprises in Mexico  
*Développement Solidaire Interna-  
tional (DSI), Quebec / FIDES ECO-  
SOL, Mexico / Mondragón, Spain /  
Fédération européenne de finance et  
des banques éthiques et alternatives  
(FEBEA)***

Claude Dorion,  
Coordinnator DSI  
Jesús Campos Orozco,  
President, FIDES ECOSOL

**Building Prosperous Communities  
Through a Netherlands-Nicaragua  
Financial Circuit  
*Centro de Promoción del Desarrollo  
Local (CEPRODEL), Nicaragua /  
Netherlands***

Miguel González Solórzano,  
President of the board of directors,  
CEPRODEL  
Rigoberto Hernández Galo,  
Financial Analyst, CEPRODEL

**Workshop 4:  
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SERVIC-  
ING THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY  
ECONOMY**  
Room 516ab

**Impact of Bolivia's New Financial  
Policy on Microfinance Institutions  
*Fundación Fondo de Crédito Solidario  
(FONCRESOL), Bolivia***  
Gustavo Díez de Medina V.,  
General Manager, FONCRESOL

**Self-Management of Community  
Banks for the Democratization of  
Financial Resources in Argentina  
*Nuestras Huellas, Argentina***  
Nicolas Meyer,  
Director, Nuestras Huellas

**How Financial Cooperatives in the  
United States have Coped with the  
Financial Crisis  
*National Federation of Community  
Development Credit Unions, United  
States of America***

Clifford Rosenthal,  
President/CEO, National Federation of  
Community Development Credit Unions

**Funding Coffee Producers in Kenya  
*The Coffee Development Fund (CDF)  
(Kenya)***  
Patrick Nyaga,  
General Administrator, CDF

## FOOD SECURITY AND SOVEREIGNTY

**Workshops 5:  
PUBLIC POLICIES ON FOOD SECUR-  
ITY AND SOVEREIGNTY IN SUPRA-  
NATIONAL AREAS**  
Room 515

**North America: Three Countries  
and Three Approaches to Food  
Sovereignty and Food Safety  
*Union des producteurs agricoles du  
Québec (UPA), international division***  
André Beaudoin,  
Secrétaire General, UPA

**Organizing and Mobilizing Organiza-  
tions in West Africa to Promote Food  
Security  
*Réseaux des organisations paysannes  
d'Afrique de l'Ouest (ROPPE)***  
Mamadou Goïta,  
Executive Secretary, ROPPA

**Ensuring Food Security in South  
East Asia  
Asia Development of Human  
Resources in Rural Asia (DHRRA)**  
Maria Elena Verdadero Rebagay,  
Senior Program Officer, DHRRA

**Workshop 6:  
REDUCING THE VULNERABILITY OF  
WOMEN AND FAMILIES TO FOOD  
INSECURITY THROUGH COLLECTIVE  
ACTION: A DREAM OR A REALITY?**  
Room 513abc

**Integrated Efforts to Strengthen Rural  
Working Women in Brazil  
*Diretoria de Políticas para Mulheres  
Rurais e Quilombolas, Brazil***  
Isolda Dantas,  
General Coordinator of Land Access and  
Citizenship of Diretoria de políticas para  
Mulheres rurais e quilombolas, Ministry  
of Agricultural Development of Brazil

**Cooperatives of Women Rice  
Processors in Burkina Faso: Effective  
Advocacy  
*Comité interprofessionnel du riz au  
Burkina Faso (CIR-B)***  
Jean-Pierre Yameogo,  
Vice-President, CIR-B

**Self-Managed Soup Kitchens: From  
the Right to Food to Their Impact on  
the Management of Social Programs  
*Federación de Mujeres Organizadas  
en Centrales de Comedores Auto-  
gestionarios de Lima Metropolitana  
(FEMOCCPAALM), Peru***  
Ana María Gil Arcaya,  
President, FEMOCCPAALM

**4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
BREAK - FINANCE AND TRADE**  
Room 710

**4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
WORK SESSION B**

## SOLIDARITY FINANCE AND TRADE

**Workshop 1:  
PENSION FUNDS AND THE DEVEL-  
OPMENT OF THE SOCIAL AND SOLI-  
DARITY ECONOMY**  
Room 514

**Orienting Investment to Promote  
Development in Peru  
*La Superintendencia de Banca,  
Seguros y AFP, Peru***  
Giovanna Priale,  
Superintendencia de Banca, Seguros  
y AFP

**Investment Funds at the Service of  
the Development of Quebec  
*Fondation CSN, Quebec / Fonds de  
solidarité FTQ, Quebec***  
Léopold Beaulieu,  
CEO, Fondation CSN  
Mario Tremblay,  
Vice-President Public and Corporate  
Affairs, Fonds de solidarité FTQ

**Workshops 2:  
FINANCIAL INNOVATIONS OF THE  
SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY**  
Room 516cde

**Relevance and Challenges of Legal  
Foundations for NPO-Banks in Japan  
*Japan NPO-BANK Network***

Yuko Uehara,  
Auditor, Japan NPO-BANK Network

**An Italian Ethical Banking Model  
Replicated Internationally  
*Banca Etica, Italy***  
Ugo Biggieri,  
President, Banca Etica

**A Network of Solidarity Financing  
and Development Capital in Quebec  
*CAP Finance / Investissement Québec***  
Chantal Malo,  
Vice-President Cooperatives and Other  
Social Economy Enterprises, Investisse-  
ment Québec  
Jacques Charest,  
Vice-President Solidarity Finance,  
CAP finance

**Workshop 3:  
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SERVIC-  
ING THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY  
ECONOMY (2)**  
Room 513abc

**Sharing Risk within Producers' Orga-  
nizations: A Productive Microfinance  
Option in Bolivia  
*Pro-rural, Bolivia***

Flavio Ralde Laguna,  
Director, Pro-rural

**Designing and Offering Financial  
Instruments Adapted to Cooperative  
Economy Companies in Spain  
*Fundació Seira, Spain***  
Miquel Miró,  
Director, Fundació SEIRA

**A Savings Cooperative Serving the  
Community in Colombia  
*Cooperativa Latinoamericana de  
Ahorro y Crédito Utrahuilca, Colombia***  
Jose Ramiro Becerra Sterling,  
General Manager, Utrahuilca

## FOOD SECURITY AND SOVEREIGNTY

**Workshops 4:  
RECOVERING LAND TO ENSURE  
FOOD SECURITY AND SOVEREIGNTY**  
Room 515

**Preserving Agricultural Land Use in  
France through Collective Tools  
*Terre de liens, France***

Marc Barny,  
Manager of the Rhône Alpes Regional  
Network, Terre de Liens

**Reclaiming Idle Areas in São Paulo to  
Develop Urban Agriculture  
*Cidades sem fome, Brazil***

Hans Dieter Temp,  
Founder and Project Coordinator, Ci-  
dades sem Fome

**Workshop 5:  
IMPROVING NATIONAL FOOD SEC-  
URITY THROUGH PUBLIC POLICY  
AND THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY  
ECONOMY**  
Room 516ab

**The Cooperative's Resistance and  
its Response to the Food Crisis in  
Morocco  
*La coopérative Copag, Morocco***  
Youssef Alaoui Solaimani,  
Ex-General Director, Copag

**Food Safety and Food Sovereignty  
in Canada: Co-operatism and Public  
Policy Have Proven Themselves  
*Coalition pour la souveraineté alimen-  
taire, Canada / Coopérative fédérée,  
Quebec***  
Christian Lacasse,  
Coalition pour la souveraineté alimentaire  
et de l'Union des producteurs agricoles  
du Québec  
Denis Richard,  
President, Coopérative fédérée

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**Workshops 6:**  
**FARMERS AND THE CONSUMER**  
**MOVEMENT: A RECONCILABLE VI-**  
**SION IN FOOD SECURITY AND SOV-**  
**EREIGNTY? (DEBATE)**  
Room 513def

**A Strategy to Increase the Income**  
**of Peanut Producers in Senegal**  
*Cadre de Concertation des Pro-*  
*ducteurs d'Arachide (CCPA), Senegal*  
Sidy Ba,  
*General, CCPA*

**Wholesome Food and Accessible**  
**Food Products for Consumers in**  
**Japan**  
*The Seikatsu Club Consumers' co-op-*  
*erative Movement Group, Japan*  
Ms Yangja Suh,  
*The Seikatsu Club Consumers' co-opera-*  
*tive Movement Group*

**YOUTH AND CULTURAL EVENING**  
**SOCIETY FOR ARTS AND TECH-**  
**NOLOGY (SAT)**

**6 p.m.:**  
**DOORS OPEN**

**7 p.m.:**  
**BEGINNING OF ACTIVITIES**  
**AND MEAL**  
The Chantier de l'économie sociale's  
youth committee and the SAT invite  
you to take part in a unique experi-  
ence by immersing yourself in an  
atmosphere created by the best digital  
artists. Come and discover previously  
unpublished works inspired by young  
peoples' vision of the social and soli-  
darity economy.

A number of areas at the SAT will be  
set up to allow you to attend brief

presentations, dance, enjoy yourself,  
have quiet discussions, meet people,  
discover young peoples' vision, and  
experience avant-garde digital art. This  
event, which is interdisciplinary, inter-  
cultural and intergenerational, is open  
to FIESS participants and individuals  
interested in the social and solidarity  
economy.

**Master of ceremonies: Ivy**  
**Artists :** Ivy, Samian, Queen KA,  
Komodo and other surprises



*"The social economy was also emerging in many countries as an integrated system of social innovation rooted in local and regional development and supported by new systems of governance based on new partnerships with government, labour and the private sector. It also encompassed emergent financial institutions and investment vehicles. Social economy enterprises contributed to job creation as well as to social, environmental or cultural concerns. In developing countries, the social economy played a role in recognizing and structuring occupations within the informal economy as a step towards creating decent work. (...)*

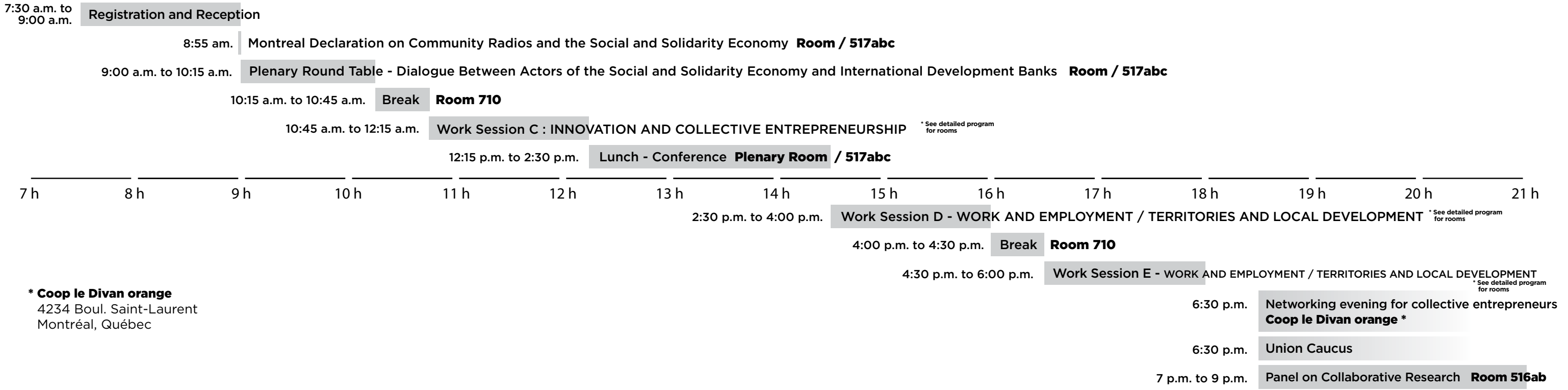
***The social economy should be considered as an important part of an economic recovery strategy."***

Report of the Committee of the Whole on Crisis Responses (ILO International Labour Conference 2009), §121

**More information**

- ILO and Cooperatives: [www.ilo.org/coop](http://www.ilo.org/coop)
- ILO Social and Solidarity Academy: [www.itcilo.org/socialeconomy](http://www.itcilo.org/socialeconomy)
- International Year of Cooperatives (IYC): [www.social.un.org/coopsyear](http://www.social.un.org/coopsyear)





**7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**  
**REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION (HALL, 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR) / COFFEE AND CROISSANTS (Room 710)**  
Theater Performance: compagnie de théâtre la Tribouille, France

**8:55 am**  
**MONTREAL DECLARATION ON COMMUNITY RADIOS AND THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY**  
**Room / 517abc**  
Maria Pia Matta,  
President of the Women’s organization La Morada and of Radio Tierra, Chile

**9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.**  
**PLENARY ROUND TABLE**  
**Room / 517abc**  
Dialogue Between Actors of the Social and Solidarity Economy and International Development Banks

Chaired by Jean-François Lisée, Executive Director, Centre d'études et de recherches internationales de l'Université de Montréal, (CERIUM) and Noemi Perez, Executive Director of Finance Alliance for Sustainable Trade (FAST)

A unique opportunity for players in the social and solidarity economy to take part in a discussion with representatives from multilateral development banks on the importance of the social and solidarity economy as a development solution. What initiatives (policies, projects and resources) should these organizations implement to support the development of the social and solidarity economy? How can access to the appropriate financial tools be ensured?

**Participants**  
Gemma Sacristan,  
Senior Financial Analyst, Inter-American Development Bank  
Alessandro Pio,  
Resident Director General NARO, Asian Development Bank  
Angelo Fuchs,  
Directeur, département d'économie sociale et solidaire, Banco Nacional do Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social (BNDES), Brésil  
Justin Murara  
representative, African Development Bank  
Luis Eduardo Salcedo,  
Representative, RIPESS Latin America and Caribbeans

Djakagbe Kaba,  
Assistant Secretary General to the government, Guinea  
Sunil Chitrakar,  
Representative, Asian Alliance for Solidarity Economy, Nepal

**10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.**  
**BREAK - SERVICES TO THE POPULATION AND PRESENTATION OF THE POSTERS**  
**Room 710**

**10:45 a.m. to 12:15 a.m.**  
**WORK SESSION C**

**INNOVATION AND COLLECTIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**Workshop 1:**  
**THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY IN RESPONSE TO BASIC NEEDS: HOUSING**  
**Room 515**

**Ensuring the Right to Housing in Quebec through Community Housing**  
**Association des groupes de ressources techniques du Québec / la Confédération des coopératives d’habitation**

**du Québec / la Fédération des OBNL en habitation du Québec / la Société d’habitation du Québec**

**Providing Permanently Affordable Housing in the United States**  
**Champlain Housing Trust, United States of America**  
Michael Monte,  
Director of Operations and Finance, Champlain Housing Trust

**Building a Framework Favourable to Cooperative Members and Sustainable Development in Senegal**  
**Union régionale des coopératives de construction et d’habitat de Thiès (URCCHT), Senegal**  
Maty Ndoye,  
President, URCCHT

**Workshops 2:**  
**THE ROLE OF THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY IN DEVELOPING AND MANAGING NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**Room 514**

**Experiences of Community Managed Forests**  
**Federation Of Community Forestry**

**Users (FECOFUN), Nepal / BC Community Forest Association (BCCFA), Canada**

Bharati Pathak,  
Treasurer, FECOFUN  
Susan Mulkey,  
Manager of Communication and Extension, BCCFA

**Citizen Wind-Turbine Cooperatives in Belgium**  
**Solidarité des alternatives wallonnes et bruxelloises (SAW-B), Belgium**  
Jean-Francois Mitsch,  
Administrator of the “Zero Emissions” Citizen Cooperative Wind-Turbine and Administrator and Member of the Fédération belge des coopératives éoliennes RESCOOP  
Jean-Marie Coen,  
Permanent Education Project Manager, SAW-B

**Successful Resource Management and Exploitation in Indonesia**  
**Bina Swadaya Konsultan Community Investment Programme (CIP), Indonesia**  
A. Irawati Hermantyo,  
President and PT director, Bina Swadaya

**Workshop 3:**  
**THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF COMMUNITIES**  
**Room 516cde**  
presided by Sonia Vaillancourt, Development director, Conseil quebécois du loisir

**The Role of the Social Economy in Supporting Families and Young Children in Quebec**  
**Réseau des Centre de ressources périnatales (CRP), Quebec / Association québécoise des centres de la petite enfance (AQCPÉ)**  
Louise Boucher,  
General Manager, réseau des CRP  
Anne Desforges  
Director General, Regroupement des CPE de l’Outaouais, Quebec  
A representative  
of the Quebec Ministry of Family

**Innovations for Domestic Workers in China**  
**Easy Home Service, China**  
Timothy Ma,  
Executive Director, Senior Citizen Home Safety Association

**Workshops 4:**  
**ROLE OF THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY IN THE INTEGRATION OF EXCLUDED INDIVIDUALS**  
**Room 513abc**

**Encouraging Collective Entrepreneurship in Immigrant Communities of Berlin**  
*BEST, Germany*  
Heike Birkhölzer,  
Director, BEST

**A Prisoners' Producer Cooperative in Ethiopia**  
*Prisoners Cooperative of the city of Mekelle, Ethiopia*  
Jürgen Schwettmann,  
Deputy Regional Director for Africa, International Labour Organisation Regional Office for Africa

**Vulnerable Youth and Employment: How to Provide Better Skills Training for Labour Market in Vietnam**  
*Hoa Sua School of Economics and Tourism, Vietnam*  
Pham Thi Vy,  
Founder and Director, Hoa Sua School of Economics and Tourism

**Workshop 5:**  
**NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY**  
**Room 516ab**

**Actions and Tools to Increase the Visibility of the Social and Solidarity Economy in Spain**  
*Red de Economía Alternativa y Solidaria (REAS Navarra), Spain*  
Carlos Rey,  
Technical Secretariat, REAS

**Freeware: Information Tools Adapted to the Social Economy's Needs**  
*Association Internationale du Logiciel Libre (Ai2L), France / Quebec*  
Claude Normandin,  
Technical Correspondant of Ai2L in Montreal  
Louis Martin,  
Director, Chaire de recherche du Québec en Logiciels libres, finance sociale et solidaire, Université du Québec à Montréal

**Mapping the International Social Economy**  
*Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of the Social and Solidarity Economy (RIPESS)*  
Jason Nardi,  
RIPESS Europe, Italy  
Daniel Tygel,  
RIPESS-LAC, Brazil

**Workshop 6:**  
**EXPERIENCES OF THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY IN INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTS**  
**Room 513def**

**Quebec's Native Friendship Centre Movement Chooses the Social Economy**  
Carole Lévesque,  
Co-Director, ARUC: ODENA and Director, Dialog network and professor, Institut national de recherche scientifique  
Édith Cloutier,  
Co-Director, ARUC: ODENA, President, Regroupement des centres d'amitié autochtones du Québec and Director of the Centre d'amitié autochtones de Val d'Or  
Conrad Saulis,  
Director of Policies, National Association of Friendship Centers

**Income-Generating Options Developed in Quilombola Territory: Tourism and Cultural Promotion**  
*Associação de Moradores do Campinho (AMOQC), Brazil*  
Vagner do Nascimento,  
Quilombola and President, AMOQC

**Local Development that Strengthens Aboriginal and Campesino Communities**  
*Oxfam Bolívia, Bolivia*  
José Marcelo Arandia Alarcon,  
Director, Medios de Vida program, Oxfam

**Affirming and Promoting the Rights and Development of the Inuit of Nunavik**  
*Makivik Corporation, Quebec*  
Charles Dorais,  
Assistant to the Vice-President for Economic Development, Makivik Corporation

**12:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**  
**LUNCH - CONFERENCE (MEAL FROM 12:15 P.M. TO 1:15 P.M. / CONFERENCE FROM 1:30 P.M. TO 2:15 P.M.)**  
**Room / 517abc**

Presided by Jean-Luc Trahan, President, Commission des partenaires du marché du travail, Quebec

A video by the Conseil québécois des entreprises adaptées (CQEA) will be presented during the luncheon.

The lunch conference will introduce the themes that will be discussed in the afternoon work sessions, namely, "Work and employment" and "Territories and local development"

**Speakers:**  
Éric Lavillunière,  
Representative, RIPESS Europe, Luxembourg  
Alain Bridault,  
President, Canadian Worker Co-op Federation, and Member of the Executive Committee, International Organisation of Industrial, Artisanal and Service Producers' Cooperatives (CICOPA)  
Jasseir Alves Fernandes,  
Executive Director, Central Única dos Trabalhadores (CUT), Brazil  
Louis Roy,  
President, Confédération of National Trade Unions (CSN), Quebec

**2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**WORK SESSION D**

■ **EMPLOYMENT AND WORK**

**Workshop 1:**  
**ACTION FOR CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY MEASURES AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY AND DECENT EMPLOYMENT**  
**Room 515**

**Le travail des syndicats pour des conditions de travail décentes**  
*Unit les travailleurs de l'agriculture, de l'agroalimentaire et de l'hôtellerie du monde entier (UITA)*  
David Morales,  
Membre du comité mondial UITA et secrétaire général de la Fédération Syndicale de Travailleurs de l'Alimentation, Agroindustrielle et Similaires (FESTRAS) du Guatemala

**Encouraging Businesses to be Socially Responsible**  
*La Coalition québécoise contre les ateliers de misère (CQCAM)*  
Renaud Ledoux,  
Coordinator, CQCAM

**The Effect of Government Purchasing Policies on the Social Economy**  
*Social Business International (SBI)*  
Jonathan Bland,  
Managing Director, SBI, and ex-General Director of Social Enterprise Coalition UK

**Corporate Social Responsibility: Social and Solidarity Economy on the Frontline**  
*Association des Employeurs de l'Économie Sociale (AEES), France*  
Emmanuel Boutterin,  
President, AEES

**Workshop 2:**  
**WORKING CONDITIONS IN SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY ENTERPRISES**  
**Room 513abc**

Presided by the Groupe national pour l'amélioration des conditions de travail en économie sociale (Quebec)

**Working Conditions in Brazilian Social and Solidarity Economy Enterprises**  
*Central Única dos Trabalhadores (CUT), Brazil*  
Ari Aloraldo do Nascimento,  
coordonnateur, Agência de Desenvolvimento Solidário (CUT)

**Working Conditions and Motivation in the Social and Solidarity Economy: Conclusions from Experiences in Geneva**  
*Chambre genevoise de l'ESS, Switzerland / Haute École de Gestion de Genève, Switzerland*  
Christophe Dunand,  
Lecturer, Haute Ecole de Gestion de Genève and General Director, Réalise

**Supporting the Community Employment Sector in Australia**  
*Jobs Australia Ltd*  
David Thompson,  
CEO, Jobs Australia Ltd.

**A Pension Plan for Workers in Quebec's Social and Solidarity Economy**  
*Régime de retraite par financement salarial des groupes associatifs et de femmes, Quebec*

Marie Leahey,  
Coordinator General, Régime de retraite des groupes communautaires et de femmes

**Workshop 3:**  
**COOPERATIVES: A MEANS TO REVIVE BUSINESSES AND ENSURE JOB SECURITY**  
**Room 514**

**"Recuperated Enterprises" in Argentina**  
*Asociación Nacional de Trabajadores Autogestionados (ANTA/CTA), Argentina*  
Mario Barrios,  
Secretary General, ANTA/CTA

**Establishing Public Policy To Strengthen Cooperatives and Provide Options for Business Successions**  
*International Organisation of Industrial, Artisanal and Service Producers' Cooperatives (CICOPA)*  
Alain Bridault,  
Executive Committee Member, CICOPA

SOCIÉTÉ  
D'HABITATION  
DU QUÉBEC

BÂTISSONS  
ENSEMBLE  
DU MIEUX-VIVRE



PECH Saint-Roch, Québec – @ Xavier Dachez

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The Role of Public Institutions and Policies in Enabling Cooperatives in Mexico

**Consejo Mexicano de Empresas de la Economía Solidaria, Mexico**  
Federico Luis Pöhls Fuentevilla,  
Executive Director, Consejo Mexicano de Empresas de la Economía Solidaria

TERRITORIES AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Workshop 4:  
ACCOMPANYING STRUCTURES OF LOCAL COLLECTIVE BUSINESSES  
Room 513def

Presided by France Joubert,  
President, Centre Européen de Ressources des Groupements d'Employeurs (Europe)

A Network to Support Social and Solidarity Economy Enterprises in Quebec

**Association des centres locaux de développement du Québec (CLD), Quebec / Fédération des coopératives de développement régional du Québec (CDR), Quebec**

Janvier Cliche,  
Director-General, Coopérative de développement régional de l'Estrie

Jacques Fiset,  
Director-General, Centre local de développement du Québec

Organizing to Obtain Recognition and Support from Public Authorities in Argentina

**Espacio Nacional de Economía Social y Solidaria (UNEM), Argentina**

Francisco Celia,  
Social Entrepreneur and member of UNEM

Conflict and Areas of Convergence in the Creation of Work- and Income-Generating Activities Through the Social Economy in Minas Gerais

Bianca Aparecida Lima Costa,  
Pontificia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais, ex-Public Manager for Solidarity Economy of Belo Horizonte

Workshop 5:  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY  
Room 516ab

A Dialogue Between the State and the Social and Solidarity Economy to Promote the Socio Economic Integration of Youth in Mali

**Association Jeunesse Action AJA Mali**  
Souleymande Sarr,  
Executive Director and co-Founder, AJAMALI

Encouraging and Promoting the Place of Youth in the Social and Solidarity Economy of France

**Programme JEUN'ESS, France**  
Alain Philippe,  
President, Fondation du Groupe Macif and President of the Enlistment Committee of Programme Jeun'ESS

A Youth Social and Solidarity Economy Partnership in Aboriginal Communities

Jaime Alberto Trejo de la Cruz,  
Coordinador of Productive Projects, Segretariado de los pueblos y la cultura indígena, Chiapas, Mexico  
Jesús Caridad Aguilar Muñoz,  
Secretary, Segretariado de los pueblos y la cultura indígena, Chiapas, Mexico  
Martin Gemme,  
Project Officer, Offices jeunesse internationaux du Québec  
Marie-Pierre Lainé,  
Youth Development Agent, Regroupement des centres d'amitié autochtones du Québec (RCAAQ)

Workshop 6:  
THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY TO REVITALIZE TERRITORIES  
Room 516cde

Collective Strategies for Community Development in Alta de Lisboa, Portugal

**Grupo Comunitário de Alta de Lisboa, Portugal**  
Vanessa Duarte de Sousa,  
Masters in planning, PhD candidate in Sociology - DINAMIA/ CET  
Isabel Saldanha,  
Coordinator of the North-West zone, GEBALIS

Pooling Capital for Community Investments in Nova Scotia

**Community Economic Development Investment Funds, Canada**  
Chris Payne,  
Senior Advisor, Evaluation of Finance and Private Sector Initiatives, government of Nova Scotia

An Integrated Community Development Program in Benin

**Centre Béninois pour le Développement des Initiatives à la Base (CBDIBA), Benin**  
Patrice Lovesse,  
Director General, CBDIBA

4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
BREAK - AGRICULTURE AND FOOD  
Room 710

4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
WORK SESSION E

WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

Workshop 1:  
ENSURING DECENT WORKING CONDITIONS IN THE INFORMAL ECONOMY  
Room 515

Promoting Decent Work in Africa's Informal Economy

**International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), Africa**

Yaovi Beleki (Adrien) Akouete,  
Deputy Secretary General, ITUC Africa

Achieving Recognition for Home-based Workers in Southeast Asia

**Homenet Southeast Asia, Cambodia / Indonesia / Laos / Malaysia / Philippines / Thailand / Vietnam**  
Josephine C. Parilla,  
Homebased worker and elected member, Homenet SEA Subregional Council and Executive Committee  
Poonsap Tulaphan,  
Homenet Thailand

Facilitation the Development of Agriculture and Food Workers in Haïti

**Association des Paysans de Vallue (APV), Haïti**

Abner Septembre,  
Director, Institutional Relations, APV

Workshop 2:  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY: AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR FOR ENTERPRISES' VITALITY  
Room 513abc

A Partnership to Develop the Social and Solidarity Economy Workforce in Quebec

**Comité sectoriel de main-d'œuvre**

économie sociale et action communautaire, Quebec / Commission des partenaires du marché du travail, Quebec

Louise Miller,  
Member of the Executive Committee and Founding Member, CSMO-ÉSAC

Skills Management in a Belgian Social Economy Enterprise

**Société Coopérative Proxemia, Belgium**  
Eric Bernard,  
Managing Director, Proxemia  
Charlotte Moreau,  
Researcher, Centre d'économie sociale de l'Université de Liège

Training Initiatives for Solidarity Economy Educators in Brazil

**Projeto do Centro de Formação para Economia Solidaria Nacional (CFES), Brazil**

Maria Isabel Rodrigues Lima,  
Representative, CFES

Workshop 3:  
JOB INSERTION THROUGH THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY  
Room 514

Social Integration in Switzerland and Quebec: Similarities, Differences and Best Practices

**Conseil romand de l'insertion par l'économique, Switzerland / Services publics cantonaux, Switzerland / Collectif des entreprises d'insertion du Québec / Emploi-Québec**

Richard Gravel,  
General Manager, Collectif des entreprises d'insertion du Québec  
Laura Venchiarutti-Tocmacov,  
Director, Association Pro-Jet  
Jean-Claude Pittet,  
Director, Fondation Le Relais  
Caroline Choisselet,  
Direction for Measures and Services to Enterprises and External Partners, Emploi-Québec

Managing Waste in a Sustainable Fashion in Argentina

**Cooperativa Recisueños, Argentine**  
Hector Marcelo Loto,  
Recycler and Environmental Promoter, Cooperativa Recisueños

A Partnership for Employment in Luxembourg

**Objectif Plein Emploi (OPE), Luxembourg**  
Abilio Machado,  
Citizen Education Consultant, OPE

TERRITORIES AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Workshop 4:  
EMERGING TRENDS IN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT  
Room 516cde

The Socioeconomic Impact of Social Purchasing Groups in Veneto

**Gruppi di Acquisto Solidale, Italy**  
David Marchiori,  
Acli Venezia-Sesterzo Coop

Institutionalizing Consultation in the Province of Tungurahua, Ecuador: How to Build New Democratic Institutions?

**Gobierno Provincial de Tungurahua, Ecuador**  
Jorge Sánchez Chavalié,  
Director of Planning, provincial government of Tungurahua  
Jorge Medardo Siza Mullo,  
President, Federación de Organizaciones y Pueblos Indígenas y Campesinos evangélicos de Tungurahua

Achieving Structural Support to Strengthen Women's Solidarity Economy Endeavours in Bangladesh

**Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha (BNPS)**  
Rokeya Kabir,  
Executive Director, BNPS

Workshop 5:  
PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN LOCAL ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY  
Room 516ab

Programs and Projects to Help the Social and Solidarity Economy in the French Region of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

**Région Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur, France**  
Christophe Castaner,  
Vice-President of the Regional Council on Employment, Regional Development, Higher Education and Research and Innovations, Région Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur

Fostering Agencies for Local Development in Guatemala

**International Links and Services for Local Economic Development Agencies (ILSLEDA), Guatemala**  
Heber Cabrera,  
Director, Local Economic Development Agency, Ixcan, Guatemala

Social Tourism, a Driving Force Behind Regional Development

**International Organisation of Social Tourism (IOST)**  
Jean Marc Mignon,  
President, OITS

Community-Based Neighbourhood Development in Manitoba

**Manitoba Neighbourhoods Alive! program, Canada**  
Shannon Watson,  
Director, Neighbourhoods Alive!  
Kemlin Nembhard,  
Executive Director, Daniel MacIntyre / St Matthews Community Association

Workshop 6:  
LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN FAVOUR OF SOCIAL COHESION AND THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY  
Room 513def

A Network of Women's Self Help Groups for Holistic Local Development in India

**Association for Serva Seva Farms (ASSEFA), India**  
S. Loganathan,  
Excutive Director, ASSEFA

The Development of Traditional Quilombola Communities Through the Solidarity Economy in Brazil

**Projeto Brasil Local Etnodesenvolvimento e Economia Solidaria, Brazil**  
Ronaldo dos Santos,  
Quilombola and Executive Coordinator, Etnodesenvolvimento e Economia Solidária  
Sidney Lianza,  
Professor, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro

Governance and Mobilisation in Favour of a More Equitable Development in Quebec

**Corporation de développement communautaire (CDEC), Quebec**  
Pierre Morrissette,  
General Director, Regroupement économique et social du Sud-Ouest (RESO)

Contributing to Social Cohesion by Developing the Social Economy in Cameroon

**Partenariat France Afrique pour le co-développement (PFAC), Cameroon**  
Pauline Eyebe Effa,  
Resident Representative, PFAC

**6:30 p.m.**  
**NETWORKING EVENING FOR**  
**COLLECTIVE ENTREPRENEURS**  
**LE DIVAN ORANGE COOPÉRATIVE -**  
**4234, BOULEVARD SAINT-LAURENT**

Come and meet collective entrepreneurs from here and from abroad in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere! Organized by the Social Economy Committee of the Island of Montreal (CÉSIM) and the Economic and Community Development Corporations (CDEC) of Montreal, this networking evening will be an ideal occasion for entrepreneurs to learn more about what is being done in the social economy throughout the world.

The networking activity is free and the show that will follow at 9:30 p.m. is free for FIESS participants. A buffet will be served, drinks available but not included. Meeting point: 6 p.m., Viger Hall. For more information: kiosk 312.

**6:30 p.m.**  
**UNION CAUCUS**  
**Room 515**

Participants from labour organizations are invited by three Quebec labour federations (Confédération des syndicats nationaux, Centrale des syndicats démocratiques, Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec) to a meeting on the evening of October 19th in the presence of representatives from the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), ITUC Africa, the Bureau for Workers' Activities of the International Labour Organisation and the United Central of Workers (Brazil). On the agenda, a collective reflection on the role of the labour movement in the development of the social and solidarity economy.

**7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**  
**PANEL ON COLLABORATIVE RE-  
SEARCH / PARTNERSHIP RESEARCH**  
**Room 516ab**  
This activity is organized by the Canadian Social Economy Hub, a research initiative lead by the Canadian Community Economic Development

Network (CCEDNet-RCdÉC) and the University of Victoria. It is aimed at the academic community and will underscore the importance of the link between researchers and practitioners. For the last five years, a vast research partnership between universities and communities on the social and solidarity economy has been taking place in Canada.

Thanks to a close collaboration between actors and academics, the understanding of the needs, issues and challenges of this sector in Canada has greatly improved. This research panel will present several key actors of this project and highlight the important contribution of this type of research for the social and solidarity economy. Through the presence of an international guest, this panel will also offer an outsiders' perspective on these practices and present what is done elsewhere in this regards.

**Moderator:**  
Marc Renaud  
President of Conseil de recherches en  
sciences humaines (CRSH) from 1997 to  
2005, Canada

**Speakers :**  
Mike Lewis,  
BC-Alberta Social Economy Research  
Alliance, Canada  
Marguerite Mendell,  
Réseau québécois de recherche  
partenariale, Quebec  
Benoit Lévesque,  
Alliance de recherche universités-com-  
munautés en économie sociale, Quebec  
Leslie Brown,  
Social Economy and Sustainability  
Research Network, Atlantic Canada  
Ian MacPherson,  
Canadian Social Economy Hub  
Ana Dubeux,  
Fórum Brasileiro de Economia Solidária,  
Brazil

**7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**  
**THE “EMPLOYER” FUNCTION: A CHALLENGE FOR THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDAIRTY ECONOMY**  
**Room 514**  
 Why and how can social dialogue with trade unions be organised in the different professional fields? Should this

terrain be left to traditional employers or should alternative governance and collective negotiation models be proposed? The Employer Axis, i.e. the “managerial” dimension is a question often forgotten about in the social and solidarity economy. Nonetheless, social economy companies, associations, mutual companies, cooperatives and subsidiary companies can not ignore the labour laws and their responsibilities as employers.

They have the utmost obligation to be a force in favour of the respect of rights and the improvement of working conditions. In their own internal management, as in their collective social agreements within their fields or interprofessionally, unions of social economy companies must build an exemplary dialogue with employee trade unions. The world-wide crisis is an opportunity to show the economic world that an efficient, equitable and user-centered managerial approach exists. Different experiences and national and international perspectives on the question will be presented.





**7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**  
**REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION**  
**(HALL, 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR) / COFFEE**  
**AND CROISSANTS**  
**(Room 710)**

**9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.**  
**PLENARY ROUND TABLE**  
**Room / 517ab**

**The Role of International Organizations and Institutions in the Development of the Social and Solidarity Economy**  
Chaired by Gervais L'Heureux, Director, Quebec Association of International Cooperation Organizations (AQOCI)

Through the priorities they promote and the programs they organize and fund, international organizations and institutions can play an important role in supporting the development of the social and solidarity economy around the world. The round table will present several of them that support the social and solidarity economy in their own way.

**Speakers:**  
Jürgen Schwettman,  
Regional Sub-Director for Africa, International Labour Organisation (ILO)  
Nair Goulart,  
Vice President, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) of the Americas  
Jean-Marc Mignon,  
President, International Organization of Social Tourism  
Antonella Noya,  
Senior Policy Analyst Manager of the OECD/LEED Forum on Social Innovations

**10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.**  
**BREAK - WORK AND EMPLOYMENT**  
**Room 710**

**10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**  
**THE SOCIAL ECONOMY AT THE HEART OF CITIES**  
**Room / 517ab**

**L'économie sociale et solidaire au cœur des villes**  
Chaired by the European Network of Cities and Regions for the Social Economy (REVES)

Most of the planet's inhabitants live in big cities. What measures are being taken by these municipalities to promote the emergence of the social and solidarity economy in their city? What are their reasons for doing so?

**Speakers:**  
Richard Deschamps,  
Vice-President of the Executive Committee, City of Montreal, Quebec  
Marcelo Henrique da Costa,  
Secretary for Economic and Social Development of the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Seybah Dagoma,  
Assistant to the Mayor of Paris, Representative for the Social and Solidarity Economy, France (to be confirmed)

**12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**  
**LUNCH-CONFERENCE / CULTURAL ACTIVITY AND SPEECHES**  
**Room / 517ab**

**The Role of Cooperative and Public Financial Institutions**

Chaired by Marguerite Mendell, Concordia University, Quebec and Benoît Lévesque, Université du Québec à Montréal and École nationale d'administration publique, Quebec

**Speakers:**  
Monique Leroux,  
President and CEO, Mouvement des caisses Desjardins, Quebec  
Chris Dobrzanski,  
Senior Vice-President, Risk Management and Operations, Vancouver City Savings Credit Union, Canada  
Angelo Fuchs,  
Director of Social and Solidarity Economy Department, Banco Nacional do Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social (BNDES), Brazil

**2:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.**  
**PLENARY CLOSING SESSION**  
**Plenary Room / 517ab**  
**Plenary Closing session: Future Prospects, Public Policy and the Social and Solidarity Economy**  
Chaired by Nancy Neamtan, Chantier de l'économie sociale, Quebec

**Speakers:**  
Laurent Lessard,  
Minister of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy, Quebec  
Ebrahim Patel,  
Minister of Economic Development (South Africa) (to be confirmed)  
John Anderson,  
Director, Government Affairs and Public Policy, Canadian Co-operative Association, Canada  
Andréa da Silva Mendes,  
Executive Coordinator, Fórum Brasileiro de Economia Solidária, Brazil

Alain Coheur,  
President, Social Economy Europe pays, Belgium  
Emily Kawano,  
Coordinator, US Solidarity Economy Network

**Ordre à valider**

**4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**CLOSING COCKTAILS AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FROM THE CITY OF MONTREAL**  
**Room 516**

**Speeches:**  
Gérald Tremblay,  
Mayor, City of Montreal, Quebec

Patrick Duguay,  
President, Chantier d'économie sociale, Quebec

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■ Workshop Descriptions



# October 18

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm - WORK SESSION A

## SOLIDARITY FINANCE AND TRADE

### Workshop 1: Mutual Companies and the Social and Solidarity Economy

Room 514

#### Regional Integration of Mutuals in the Americas

*Organización de Entidades Mutuales de las Americas (ODEMA)*  
*Alfredo Sigliano, President of the Board of Directors, ODEMA*  
*Daniel Lopez Villalba, Director, ODEMA Uruguay*

The presentation will cover the creation and evolution of ODEMA, a body that integrates and promotes mutuals in the Americas, and its work at building dialogue and procedures to improve joint mutualist action in the Americas. This consultation and collaboration between its members and with national governments and representatives of international institutions has yielded several benefits, in particular the inclusion of mutualism in national and international agendas, which involves a number of benefits for actors in the sector.

#### Disseminating Mutual Practices in Africa

*Union Africaine de la Mutualité (UAM)*

The Union Africaine de la Mutualité (UAM) brings together mutual organizations in various African countries to spread awareness of mutual practices on the continent. The organization, its membership, its evolution and the actions and programs it currently carries out will be presented. The importance of African mutualism in the social and solidarity economy and in response to the millennium challenges in the key sectors of health, welfare and education among others will also be addressed. Finally, public policies in the region that have had the greatest impact on mutualism will be identified.

#### Solidarity Mutuals in Argentina

*Asociación Mutual de Protección Familiar (AMPF), Argentina*  
*Andres Roman, Director Legal Affairs, AMPF and ODEMA Coordinator*  
*Maria Rosa Saenz Saralegui, Communications AMPF*

The Mutual Association for Family Protection (AMPF) works to meet the basic needs of Argentines and improve their quality of life. It also provides training on and raises awareness of mutualist principles and management in Argentina as well as with other mutuals belonging to ODEMA. What are the most urgent and most common needs of its partners? How do these affect the AMPF's relationship with the public and private entities with which it interacts? What public initiatives have facilitated or hindered its growth?

### Workshop 2: Improving Market Access for Products of the Social and Solidarity Economy

Room 513def

#### Shea Butter in Mali: Organizing the Production and Sale of a Cash Crop

*Shea Butter in Mali: Organizing the Production and Sale of a Cash Crop*  
*Coopérative des productrices de beurre de karité COPROKAZAN, Mali*  
*Seydou Sagnon, Director, Association malienne pour la Promotion des Jeunes (AMPJ)*

COPROKAZAN, a cooperative of producers of shea butter in Zantiébougou, is one of the main sources of revenue for inhabitants of the region and is made up mostly of women. The Malian government has recently begun a process to develop a national policy for the shea butter industry, and has made developing this industry one of Mali's sustainable development priorities. How do cooperatives such as this reduce poverty among women, especially in rural areas? In practice, how does the cooperative ensure improved production and marketing? How can public policies support these operations?

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Joining Together to Integrate the Production Chain in Brazil

Cooperativa Central Justa Trama, Brazil  
Nelsa Inês Fabian Nespolo, Director and President, Cooperativa Central Justa Trama

Justa Trama is a network of cooperatives working in the production chain, from the farming of cotton to the sale of finished products, through its clothing brand. The network is firmly committed to the equitable distribution of income and the protection of the environment. How was it founded? What are the advantages and challenges of this type of organization? How could this experience be replicated in other sectors or countries?

Public Support for the Marketing and Certification of Agroecological Production in Ecuador

Public Support for the Marketing and Certification of Agroecological Production in Ecuador  
Red Agroecológica del Austro, Ecuador  
Germán Patricio Bravo Vera, Technical assessor, Red Agroecológica del Austro

Ecuador’s Austro-Sur Agro-ecological Network presents its territorial joint management process by the public and private sectors in support of the production, certification and marketing of agroecological products from small and medium rural producers through a short-circuit (producer-consumer) network of local markets. Local governments are involved in the marketing and the national government is involved in the guarantee system for agro-ecological production within the framework of the principles of food sovereignty, fair trade and solidarity economy.

Workshops 3: International Initiatives to Support the Social and Solidarity Economy

Room 516cde

Implementing a Central American Social and Solidarity Economy Project

COKOMAL, Guatemala / Honduras / El Salvador / Costa Rica  
Miguel Alonzo Macías, Coordinator of Planification and Projects, red Cokomal, Honduras  
Yasy Morales Chacón, Coordinator of Social Economy and Fair Trade, Consumo y Comunicación alternativa (Cokomal), Costa Rica

Cokomal (Aq’ab’al) The Central American Social and Solidarity Economy for Integral Development Company was founded last year by companies in Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica with a strong social base that worked on common issues in order to develop joint cooperative projects to meet their needs. The two- year process to establish an autonomous Central American company which promotes solidarity and has a responsible vision of the future of the region will be described as well as the training, solidarity financing and solidarity management projects the company will take on.

A Tri-National Cooperation Project to Fund and Support Social and Solidarity Economy Enterprises in Mexico

Développement Solidaire International (DSI), Quebec / FIDES ECOSOL, Mexico / Mondragón, Spain / Fédération européenne de finance et des banques éthiques et alternatives (FEBEA)  
Claude Dorion, Coordinator, DSI  
Jesús Campos Orozco, President, FIDES ECOSOL

A tri-national project has brought together four major actors: FIDES ECOSOL, a Mexican solidarity economy investment fund; Développement solidaire international, a Quebec-based international cooperation NGO; Mondragon, a Basque cooperative and FEBEA, the European Federation of Finance and Ethical Alternative Banks. The objective is to join together in order to be able to intervene financially in support of producer cooperatives up to \$10 million initially. It is also a medium-term commitment to act as a leverage to attract new Mexican and international partners. In parallel to this financial project, the partners

have agreed to make their fund management and administrative management expertise available. They will provide technical assistance to help manage start-ups and businesses in development and recovery, especially in the social economy, notably by helping prepare business plans and funding applications. The presentation will cover how the project was put in place and the government and community organizations in the three countries that have enabled it to succeed.

Building Prosperous Communities Through a Netherlands-Nicaragua Financial Circuit

Centro de Promoción del Desarrollo Local (CEPRODEL), Nicaragua / Netherlands  
Miguel González Solórzano, President of the board of directors, CEPRODEL  
Rigoberto Rigoberto Hernández Galo, Financial Analyst, CEPRODEL

This international cooperation project is based on the solidarity relationship between Dutch and Nicaraguan cities that promotes economic and cultural development. Among other things, the project includes the construction of financial guarantees for obtaining financing from Dutch banks, the implementation of housing and employment programs through support for cooperative housing and the creation of co-investment funds, and expansion of the municipal services offered in Nicaragua. The presentation will describe the creation of the project and its components, its perceived impacts and lessons learned to date.

Workshop 4: Financial Institutions Servicing the Social and Solidarity Economy

Room 516ab

Impact of Bolivia’s New Financial Policy on Microfinance Institutions

Fundación Fondo de Crédito Solidario (FONCRESOL), Bolivia  
Gustavo Díez de Medina V., General Manager, FONCRESOL

Under Bolivia’s new political constitution, the State is the driver of economic development, which means that a new financial policy impacts the entire structure of the financial system. A process to regulate microfinance institutions has therefore begun. That process and its impact on the current status of solidarity finance institutions in the country, in particular the Fundación Fondo de Crédito Solidario (FONCRESOL) will be discussed.

Self-Management of Community Banks for the Democratization of Financial Resources in Argentina

Nuestras Huellas, Argentina  
Nicolas Meyer, Director, Nuestras Huellas

Nuestras Huellas is a community bank in Buenos Aires. The organization provides loans as well as training, and helps its member entrepreneurs with their marketing. Community banks generate their own savings. Through them, the community also gains access to credit for health care, housing, education, etc. How is a community bank created and how does it grow in a challenging financial climate? Which public policies can help or hinder the consolidation and expansion of community banks?

How Financial Cooperatives in the United States have Coped with the Financial Crisis

National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions, United States of America  
Clifford Rosenthal, President/CEO, National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions

Community development credit unions (CDCUs) are financial cooperatives of the United States that specialize in serving low-income people, in particular minorities and immigrants in urban, rural, and reservation-based areas. Thanks in part to an investment by the federal government, CDCUs have survived and grown despite the deep financial crisis that has devastated low-income communities. The presentation will cover the effects of the crisis on low-income financial institutions, the impact of public-sector support, and the prospects for growth of the community development financial sector.





Funding Coffee Producers in Kenya

*The Coffee Development Fund (CDF) (Kenya)*  
*Patrick Nyaga, General Administrator, CDF*

In Kenya, the coffee sub-sector is populated by smallholder farmers, who generate the greatest demand for credit and remain largely excluded from formal financial services. The Government of Kenya established the Coffee Development Fund, a financial institution dedicated to directing affordable and accessible credit to cooperatives of coffee farmers for farm development, inputs and operations. The presentation will discuss how this model has weathered past and emerging financing challenges along the coffee value chain, including the partnerships with grassroots financial institutions and mobile telephone operators to expand credit outreach, group lending approaches to overcome inadequate collateral among borrowers and bulk acquisition programs as a counter to high cost of inputs and procurement challenges.

FOOD SECURITY AND SOVEREIGNTY

Workshops 5: Public Policies on Food Security and Sovereignty in Supranational Areas

Room 515

North America: Three Countries and Three Approaches to Food Sovereignty and Food Safety

*Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec (UPA), international division*  
*André Beaudoin, Secretary General, UPA*

The mechanisms and policies of the United States, Canada, and Mexico regarding food safety and food sovereignty are different. This presentation will bring to light the fundamental differences between the three countries in this respect. It will promote a reflection on the policy directions on which the continent's food safety is based, from production to consumption, and will attempt to identify the conditions that favour social and solidarity economy businesses.

Organizing and Mobilizing Organizations in West Africa to Promote Food Security

*Réseaux des organisations paysannes d'Afrique de l'Ouest (ROPPA)*  
*Mamadou Goïta, Executive Secretary, ROPPA*

The Network of Farmers' and Agricultural Producers' Organizations of West Africa (known by its French acronym ROPPA) brings together organizations and advisory groups from ten West African nations. It seeks to strengthen its members' ability to persuade their respective governments to improve rural families' living and working conditions. What are the main challenges for food security in the region? What national and regional policies are considered exemplary?

Ensuring Food Security in South East Asia

*Asia Development of Human Resources in Rural Asia (DHRRA)*  
*Maria Elena Verdadero Rebagay, Senior Program Officer, DHRRA*

The presentation will focus on the efforts of Asia DHRRA, a regional partnership of eleven social development networks and organizations in ten South East Asian nations, as well as other civil society organisation initiatives on food security at various levels (village, national, ASEAN). It will discuss both community-based initiatives focusing on small-scale producers (e.g. community food reserves initiatives, sustainable farming systems, etc) as well as advocacy work. What are the main challenges to food security encountered in this region? How have local, national and regional public bodies responded to these challenges and to the demands of civil society organisations?

Workshop 6: Reducing the Vulnerability of Women and Families to Food Insecurity through Collective Action: a Dream or a Reality?

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Integrated Efforts to Strengthen Rural Working Women in Brazil

*Diretoria de Políticas para Mulheres Rurais e Quilombolas, Brazil*  
*Isolda Dantas, General Coordinator of Land Access and Citizenship of Diretoria de políticas para Mulheres rurais e quilombolas, Ministry of Agricultural Development of Brazil*

Management of the Organização Produtiva de Mulheres Rurais is funded and supported by the Brazilian government and aims to implement public policy for rural women organizations. It coordinates groups at the national level, ensures women have access to public policies that support production and marketing, provides training in public policy, including the preparation of projects for partnerships, and funds studies on access and policies to support production and marketing. In addition, it consults with other projects to improve the access of productive groups of rural women.

Cooperatives of Women Rice Processors in Burkina Faso: Effective Advocacy

*Comité interprofessionnel du riz au Burkina Faso (CIR-B)*  
*Jean-Pierre Yameogo, Vice-President, CIR-B*

In Burkina Faso, imported rice competes fiercely with local rice. Thanks to a well organized and well-supported advocacy strategy, the Comité interprofessionnel du riz du Burkina Faso helped lobby the government to adopt a policy of purchasing processed rice produced locally by women who have formed social economy enterprises. The rice processing cooperatives were thereby able to develop, and have gained access to lucrative markets (food security reserves, school canteens, hospitals, and other public institutions).

Self-Managed Soup Kitchens: From the Right to Food to Their Impact on the Management of Social Programs

*Federación de Mujeres Organizadas en Centrales de Comedores Autogestionarios de Lima Metropolitana (FEMOCCPAALM), Peru*  
*Ana María Gil Arcaya, President, FEMOCCPAALM*

The Federation of Women Organized in Committees of Self-Managed Soup Kitchens of Metropolitan Lima (FEMOCCPAALM) combines over 1000 soup kitchens and over 30,000 organized women in Metropolitan Lima. The soup kitchens organized under FEMOCCPAALM at the neighbourhood, district and metropolitan levels are legally recognized as "grassroots social organizations", together with other organizations devoted to feeding the community, and government support of their work has been secured. To what extent do the soup kitchens achieve food security for their members? What processes have been carried out to ensure that these women are recognized and heard by the public authorities? What have the results of this recognition and public support been so far?

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4:30 pm – 6:00 pm - WORK SESSION B

## SOLIDARITY FINANCE AND TRADE

### Workshop 1: Pension Funds and the Development of the Social and Solidarity Economy

Room 514

#### Orienting Investment to Promote Development in Peru

*La Superintendencia de Banca, Seguros y AFP, Peru  
Giovanna Priale, Superintendencia de Banca, Seguros y AFP*

The Superintendencia de Banca, Seguros y AFP is a public organization whose autonomy is recognized by the Constitution of Peru. The organization is in charge of regulating and supervising financial systems, insurances and private pension funds in order to preserve the interests of the depositories, the insured and its affiliates. It has promoted investment of pension funds in infrastructure, and in particular infrastructure to support small and medium enterprises. What are the mechanisms that have been created in order to do so? What have been the effects on the Peruvian economy and society?

#### Investment Funds at the Service of the Development of Quebec

*Fondaction CSN, Quebec / Fonds de solidarité FTQ, Quebec  
Léopold Beaulieu, CEO, Fondaction CSN  
Mario Tremblay, Vice-President Public and Corporate Affairs, Fonds de solidarité FTQ*

The Fonds de solidarité FTQ and Fondaction are workers' investment funds created and directed by Quebec labour unions. These funds allow workers to save for their retirement while preserving and creating jobs in Quebec through investments generally directed towards small and medium enterprises. They have become key economic actors and important investors in local funds and in social and solidarity enterprises. Their capitalization amounts to almost 8 billion dollars (Fonds FTQ) and 1 billion dollars (Fondaction) respectively. How did these funds come to exist? What are their main challenges today? Which public policies oversee and support them?

### Workshops 2: Financial Innovations of the Social and Solidarity Economy

Room 516cde

#### Relevance and Challenges of Legal Foundations for NPO-Banks in Japan

*Japan NPO-BANK Network  
Yuko Uehara, Auditor, Japan NPO-BANK Network*

NPO-Banks in Japan are “non-profit banks of the civil society” founded to lend the funds provided voluntarily from ordinary people to Non-Profit Organisations (NPO), individuals and others who work for territories, welfare, environment-preservation and other activities. NPO-Banks have not been recognised as financial institutions despite the use of the word “Bank”, and face various difficulties because of the lack of legal foundation. The presentation highlights why emerging forms of organisations from civil society need legal bases and official recognition in order to operate effectively.

#### An Italian Ethical Banking Model Replicated Internationally

*Banca Etica, Italy  
Ugo Biggieri, President, Banca Etica*

Twelve years after its creation, Banca Etica has achieved a social capital of over 31 million euros and counts over 35 thousand members. The institute finances over 4 700 social economy projects with a cumulated worth of over 645 million euros. How did the bank come to exist and what policies enabled its growth? What are the challenges the bank faces today?

A Network of Solidarity Financing and Development Capital in Quebec

CAP Finance / Investissement Québec  
Chantal Malo, Vice-President Cooperatives and Other Social Economy Enterprises, Investissement Québec  
Jacques Charest, Vice-President Solidarity Finance, CAP finance

For more than 25 years, a series of financial innovations in Quebec has made a wide range of financial products available to social and solidarity economy enterprises through a variety of financial institutions. In 2010, the actors of solidarity financing and development capital formed a network called CAP Finance. On their end, Investissement Québec, a public enterprise of the government of Quebec, has offered for several years financial products to collective enterprises. Together these collective and public actors will present their activities, their partnerships and their initiatives to build an adequate and reliable financial offer for social enterprises in Quebec. A portrait of solidarity finance in Quebec will emerge from this joint presentation, including its development and its capacities.

Workshop 3: Financial Institutions Servicing the Social and Solidarity Economy (2)  
Room 513abc

Sharing Risk within Producers’ Organizations: A Productive Microfinance Option in Bolivia

Pro-rural, Bolivia  
Flavio Ralde Laguna, Director, Pro-rural

Pro-rural aims to develop productive microfinance programs to ensure methodological and technological progress in the Bolivian microfinance industry. It seeks to build rural investment funds out of producers’ organizations and transform them from productive players to financial players. Among other things, the presentation will illustrate the challenges of disseminating financial products in rural areas and will present the tools used by this model that is today part of the agenda of the Bolivian financial authority. It will show that it is possible to carry out productive, sustainable and rural microfinance programs in response to the food crisis through a combination of investment and credit instruments.

Designing and Offering Financial Instruments Adapted to Cooperative Economy Companies in Spain

Fundació Seira, Spain  
Miquel Miró, Director, Fundació SEIRA

The SEIRA Foundation has conducted an in-depth analysis of over 400 cooperatives that provides details on the reality and needs of companies and that above all helps guide programs and instruments towards effectively responding to those needs. Its objectives are, on the one hand, to offer a view of the reality and challenges of work and service cooperatives in the financial economy, as well as the existing successful financial ventures arising from that environment. The presentation will cover the financial tools for cooperative companies that exist and the proposals for the future that are being considered as a result of the SEIRA Foundation’s actions.

A Savings Cooperative Serving the Community in Colombia

Cooperativa Latinoamericana de Ahorro y Credito Utrahuilca, Colombia  
Jose Ramiro Becerra Sterling, General Manager, Utrahuilca

Utrahuilca is a savings and loans cooperative. In addition to solidarity financial intermediation services, Utrahuilca has a social foundation and a school that provides academic, social, cultural and political programs. Approximately 40% of families in the territory it covers have someone with direct links to the cooperative’s services and programs, and various partners supported by the solidarity cooperative have held elected office.

Why, how and with what public support does a loans cooperative take on more responsibility and expand the role it plays in local development in its region?

FOOD SECURITY AND SOVEREIGNTY

Workshops 4: Recovering Land to Ensure Food Security and Sovereignty  
Room 515

Preserving Agricultural Land Use in France through Collective Tools

Terre de liens, France  
Marc Barny, Manager of the Rhône Alpes Regional Network, Terre de Liens

Terre de Liens, a national organization in France, mobilizes capital to ensure collective access to farmland in the common interest and to protect such land from financial speculation. This collective financial mobilization tool is useful in a number of situations, particularly when a farm is strategically located or configured. These mixed acquisition tools are another opportunity for elected officials to take concrete action on land use. To what extent do the initiatives of Terre de Liens ensure better food security for communities?

Reclaiming Idle Areas in São Paulo to Develop Urban Agriculture

Cidades sem fome, Brazil  
Hans Dieter Temp, Founder and Project Coordinator, Cidades sem Fome

Despite its urban nature, the city of São Paulo and its outskirts feature a large number of idle areas. These are both private and public areas that represent a major liability for the communities and the city, since they quickly devolve into illegal dumping grounds for garbage and debris, creating favourable conditions for illegal and disorderly house squatting. The aim of Cidades sem Fome is to develop community gardens to provide disadvantaged communities with job opportunities, job training and generation of income through the marketing of products produced by the project participants.

Workshop 5: Improving National Food Security through Public Policy and the Social and Solidarity Economy  
Room 516ab

The Cooperative’s Resistance and its Response to the Food Crisis in Morocco

La coopérative Copag, Morocco  
Youssef Alaoui Solaimani, Ex-General Director, Copag

In spite of the difficulties experienced by the Moroccan agricultural and cooperative sectors, the Copag cooperative is today a reliable asset and a true heavyweight in the regional solidarity economy. In these uncertain conditions, how does the cooperative manage to enhance the socio economic condition of its members and its region, create adequate and sustainable jobs, and meet the food needs of the community? What are the public policies that have supported its growth?

Food Safety and Food Sovereignty in Canada: Co-operatism and Public Policy Have Proven Themselves

Coalition pour la souveraineté alimentaire, Canada / Coopérative fédérée, Quebec  
Christian Lacasse, President, Coalition pour la souveraineté alimentaire et de l’Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec  
Denis Richard, President, Coopérative fédérée

Agricultural cooperatives play a major role in food processing in Quebec. The food this sector transforms has been feeding the country for a number of decades, in spite of market globalization. For example, Agropur, a dairy cooperative, and Coopérative fédérée, a cooperative specializing in the processing and marketing of agri-food products, remain major players in their respective markets. These cooperatives benefit from certain institutional arrangements (in particular the legislation on the marketing of agricultural



products and from supply management), by obtaining a guaranteed supply of staple foodstuffs and a guaranteed market for processed products at the domestic level. The presentation will promote a better understanding of these arrangements.

## Workshops 6: Farmers and the Consumer Movement: a Reconcilable Vision in Food Security and Sovereignty? (the workshop will be in the form of a debate)

Room 513def

### A Strategy to Increase the Income of Peanut Producers in Senegal

*Cadre de Concertation des Producteurs d'Arachide (CCPA), Senegal  
Sidy Ba, Secretary General, CCPA*

The CCPA represents 7,000 Senegalese peanut producers, organized in multi-village collectives that produce certified seeds, process peanuts into oil and peanut paste, and market these products. The privatization of this important agricultural sector led the CCPA to enter into fast-paced discussions with the government and large corporations to advocate for pricing and volumes that protect producers' interests. Several diversification initiatives made it possible to develop small cooperatives that have increased local spinoffs in a context where Senegalese consumers have limited purchasing power

### Wholesome Food and Accessible Food Products for Consumers in Japan

*The Seikatsu Club Consumers' co-operative Movement Group, Japan  
Ms Yangja Suh, The Seikatsu Club Consumers' co-operative Movement Group*

Since 1968, the Seikatsu Club regroups members of consumer cooperatives that have been purchasing food items directly from producers in order to obtain wholesome food at fair prices. Sustainable development is at the heart of their activities. Today, the 350,000 members, of which over 95% are women, have extended their activities beyond food purchasing. Moreover, the members created a non-partisan political action movement that has 140 elected representatives at the municipal level. What criteria are used in their purchasing of food items? What relationship do they maintain with producers? What are their demands of the state?

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10:45 am – 12:15 pm - WORK SESSION C

## INNOVATION AND COLLECTIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

### Workshop 1: The Social and Solidarity Economy in Response to Basic Needs: Housing

Room 515

#### Ensuring the Right to Housing in Quebec through Community Housing

*Association des groupes de ressources techniques du Québec / la Confédération des coopératives d'habitation du Québec / la Fédération des OBNL en habitation du Québec / la Société d'habitation du Québec*

For more than 30 years, community housing has been the preferred means in Quebec for ensuring the right to housing. A cornerstone of public policy, cooperatives and associations provide adequate and affordable housing to thousands of people. How is this form of organization more beneficial and more stable? How has the social economy come to play this role and what policies have supported these actions?

#### Providing Permanently Affordable Housing in the United States

*Champlain Housing Trust, United States of America  
Michael Monte, Director of Operations and Finance, Champlain Housing Trust*

The Champlain Housing Trust is a community land trust that develops and supports rental housing, shared-equity homeownership, cooperative housing. It also offers financial counselling and home repair loans in order to provide permanently affordable, safe, and decent housing to families and individuals with low to moderate incomes in the United States. The presentation will discuss what public policy contributed to the success of this model and why it is considered innovative, sustainable and transferable.

#### Building a Framework Favourable to Cooperative Members and Sustainable Development in Senegal

*Union régionale des coopératives de construction et d'habitat de Thiès (URCCHT), Senegal  
Maty Ndoye, President, URCCHT*

The Union régionale des coopératives de construction et d'habitat de Thiès represents 65 cooperatives that support their 4 800 cooperative members in their steps to create social real-estate and a dignified life by taking charge of their services at the community level. In addition to developing intercooperative solidarity, they work with authorities to avoid the anarchic development of cities by enabling the regular, programmed and successful occupation of space by social and rural housing.

### Workshops 2: The Role of the Social and Solidarity Economy in Developing and Managing Natural Resources

Room 514

#### Experiences of Community Managed Forests

*Federation Of Community Forestry Users (FECOFUN), Nepal / BC Community Forest Association (BCCFA), Canada  
Bharati Pathak, Treasurer, FECOFUN  
Susan Mulkey, Manager of Communication and Extension, BCCFA*

The Federation of Community Forestry Users of Nepal (FECOFUN) represents 12,500 forestry user groups which account for a third of the population of the country. It is the most important civil society organisation in Nepal. The British Columbia Community Forest Association (BCCFA) represents 50 forestry user groups across the province, representing aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities. This joint presentation will discuss the advantages of community management of forests, the challenges these groups face, and the policies that support them.



Citizen Wind-Turbine Cooperatives in Belgium

*Solidarité des alternatives wallonnes et bruxelloises (SAW-B), Belgium*  
*Jean-Francois Mitsch, Administrator of the “Zero Emissions” Citizen Cooperative Wind-Turbine and Administrator and Member of the Fédération belge des coopératives éoliennes RESCOOP*  
*Jean-Marie Coen, Permanent Education Project Manager, SAW-B*

A “citizen wind turbine” is a wind turbine built by a cooperative and owned through shares by local residents seeking to re-appropriate a source of available energy, though local municipalities can also be partners. This means creating solid structures, marshalling the necessary funds, and obtaining a permit. In Belgium, municipalities, called communes, are increasingly getting involved in wind-turbine cooperatives, for several reasons: the primary motivation is to prioritize renewable energy sources, but the desire to lay the foundations of energy self-sufficiency is also prominent.

Successful Resource Management and Exploitation in Indonesia

*Bina Swadaya Konsultan Community Investment Programme (CIP), Indonesia*  
*A. Irawati Hermantyo, President and PT director, Bina Swadaya*

The Bina Swadaya Konsultan Community Investment Program (CIP) aims to increase the capacity of communities to manage their environmental resources in a sustainable manner through the empowerment of groups and local resources management. What are the challenges for communities to exploit their natural resources in an environmental and economically sustainable way? What role must other stakeholders play in order to support these activities?

Workshop 3: The Contribution of the Social and Solidarity Economy to the Quality of Life of Communities

Room 516cde

presided by Sonia Vaillancourt, Development director, Conseil quebecois du loisir

The Role of the Social Economy in Supporting Families and Young Children in Quebec

*Réseau des Centre de ressources périnatales (CRP), Quebec / Association québécoise des centres de la petite enfance (AQCPE)*  
*Louise Boucher, General Manager, réseau des CRP*  
*Anne Desforges, Director General, Regroupement des CPE de l’Outaouais, Quebec*  
*A representative of the Quebec Ministry of Family*

Social economy enterprises play a central role in supporting families and preschoolers in Quebec, and their work is supported by public policy. Quebec’s network of day-care centres (CPEs), which brings together 220,000 children and 40,000 workers, and its network of perinatal resource centres (CRPs), combine educational, social and community missions. They strive for universality, accessibility and quality, and they recognize parents’ roles and strengths. They have helped build the government policies that apply to them. These networks are innovators in designing and delivering services to Quebec families and in shaping their own associational and business development.

Innovations for Domestic Workers in China

*Easy Home Service, China*  
*Timothy Ma, Executive Director, Senior Citizen Home Safety Association*

The Senior Citizen Home Safety Association of Hong Kong developed several innovative ways to improve the likelihood of being hired, the wages and the retention rates of trained domestic workers. The presentation will describe the economic and policy environment in which domestic service associations operate and the innovative mechanisms and information & communication technology put into place to ensure decent and active employment for domestic workers in Hong Kong SAR, China.

Workshops 4: Role of the Social and Solidarity Economy in the Integration of Excluded Individuals

Room 513abc

Encouraging Collective Entrepreneurship in Immigrant Communities of Berlin

*BEST, Germany*  
*Heike Birkhölzer, Director, BEST*

BEST, a development agency for social and neighbourhood enterprises of Berlin, offers training and support to immigrants starting up their own companies. Local agreements with public bodies are necessary to ensure the sustainable development of these social enterprises that is not dependent on subsidies. The presentation will identify the expectations of these entrepreneurs and those of the organisations that represent them before regional and national authorities.

A Prisoners’ Producer Cooperative in Ethiopia

*Prisonners Cooperative of the city of Mekelle, Ethiopia*  
*Jürgen Schwettmann, Deputy Regional Director for Africa, International Labour Organisation Regional Office for Africa*

The Mekelle prison has put in place a training and production program that provides prisoners with new skills and enables them to generate their own income. The project innovates on three fronts: the prisoners are encouraged to form producers’ cooperatives that they manage themselves and are run by democratically elected leaders; these cooperatives establish direct commercial relations with the “outside world” without interference from the prison administration; once released, the former inmates may remain members of the cooperatives and continue working with them. The process of implementing this program, its benefits and the extent to which it could be replicated elsewhere will be presented.

Vulnerable Youth and Employment: How to Provide Better Skills Training for Labour Market in Vietnam

*Hoa Sua School of Economics and Tourism, Vietnam*  
*Pham Thi Vy, Founder and Director, Hoa Sua School of Economics and Tourism*

The presentation by the Hoa Sua Vocational School, a not-for-profit training enterprise, will give an overall picture of the current state of vocational training and employment in Vietnam. It will describe its successful and comprehensive vocational education model to prepare poor and vulnerable Vietnamese youth for meaningful employment in key sectors in Vietnam through collaboration with partners from civil society, industry and government. The objective is to explore the dynamic interaction between education, policy and practice, highlighting the challenge of sustaining this model and expanding it to other schools and sectors in Vietnam.

Workshop 5: New Technologies and Communications of the Social and Solidarity Economy

Room 516ab

Actions and Tools to Increase the Visibility of the Social and Solidarity Economy in Spain

*Red de Economía Alternativa y Solidaria (REAS Navarra), Spain*  
*Carlos Rey, Technical Secretariat, REAS*

The Red de Economía Alternativa y Solidaria has various projects underway, amongst which a social auditing project for the building of a solidarity map, a web portal to inform, present and give visibility to the solidarity economy movement and other movements related to it, and the organisation of a common market. REAS also works to integrate the media coverage of the solidarity economy locally. The presentation will highlight the most useful tools in this respect, and the main challenges for these types of initiatives that aim at improving the coordination and visibility of the social economy in a territory, as well as the public initiatives that can contribute to these efforts.



Freeware: Information Tools Adapted to the Social Economy’s Needs

Association Internationale du Logiciel Libre (Ai2L), France / Quebec  
Claude Normandin, Technical Correspondant of Ai2L in Montreal  
Louis Martin, Director, Chaire de recherche du Québec en Logiciels libres, finance sociale et solidaire, Université du Québec à Montréal

Computer applications have become central to all activities in the social and solidarity economy’s activities, yet they are rarely adapted to the sector’s needs. This presentation will discuss the challenges of creating software adapted to the management of social and solidarity economy structures, and in particular the central issue of financing, which must involve specific public policies and software development projects in order to engage public actors. The reasons for choosing freeware licences to protect software will also be explained: What types of economic models do these licences create? How do they help disseminate the software throughout the sector in a way that promotes solidarity? By ensuring that software developed using public funds cannot be privatized, are licences better adapted to public financing?

Mapping the International Social Economy

Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of the Social and Solidarity Economy (RIPESS)  
Jason Nardi, RIPESS Europe, Italy  
Daniel Tygel, RIPESS-LAC, Brazil

With the growth of the organization of Social and Solidarity Economy in different countries, the capacity of publicizing and sharing information about of SSE initiatives has also grown, through mapping initiatives, constructions of databases, systems of information and internet portals. Unfortunately, this information is still restricted to each network. This international initiative, begun in 2008, has brought together the heads of 10 SSE networks from different countries to create global standards and achieve economic and thematic intercommunication among national SSE information systems. The presentation will also discuss the next steps and procedures for other national networks to join the initiative, and will present a first prototype of a global interactive map of SSE initiatives in ten countries, called ESSGLOBAL.

Workshop 6: Experiences of the Social and Solidarity Economy in Indigenous Environments

Room 513def

Quebec’s Native Friendship Centre Movement Chooses the Social Economy

Carole Lévesque, co-Director, ARUC: ODENA and Director, Dialog network and professor, Institut national de recherche scientifique  
Édith Cloutier, co-Director, ARUC: ODENA, President, Regroupement des centres d’amitié autochtones du Québec and Director of the Centre d’amitié autochtones de Val d’Or  
Conrad Saulis, Director of Policies, National Association of Friendship Centers

In light of new trends, the Native Friendship Centre Movement of Quebec has prioritized the social economy as a development model in view of its compatibility with First Nations’ traditional and contemporary values. Moreover, the social economy has become the cornerstone of an effective strategy to combat poverty and social exclusion. To promote the social, cultural and economic development of Quebec’s Aboriginal population, the Native Friendship Centres of the province have joined forces as part of a shift toward the social economy. What were the arguments on which this decision was based? What benefits have been noted since? In what ways did public policies support this choice?

Income-Generating Options Developed in Quilombola Territory: Tourism and Cultural Promotion

Associação de Moradores do Campinho (AMOQC), Brazil  
Vagner do Nascimento, Quilombola and President, AMOQC

The Associação de Moradores do Campinho works with 12 Quilombola, caiçara and indigenous communities to showcase the local community. Thus, the communities’ agricultural production, fish, recipes, crafts, stories, songs and dances are featured in our community-based tourism proposal, reviving the traditional way of life and providing income-generating opportunities thereby encouraging people to stay in the area. Cultural products are based on retrieving and recovering local knowledge, traditions, arts, and especially the practices of these communities. The goal is to enable these communities to protect their environment, improve the services provided and ensure fairer and more respectful relations between tourists and traditional communities. .

Local Development that Strengthens Aboriginal and Campesino Communities

Oxfam Bolívia, Bolivia  
José Marcelo Arandia Alarcon, Director, Medios de Vida program, Oxfam

The Productive Economic Proposal for the Northern Amazonian Region of Bolivia promoted by the Centre for Research on and Promotion of Campesino Affairs (CIPCA North) is based on the implementation of agroforestry systems, the diversification of productive economic activities, reforestation, natural resource management and organized processing and marketing. It works to improve the living conditions of rural families in a sustainable manner and to thus contribute to the organizational, political, economic and cultural strengthening of indigenous people and local farmers, and help build a democratic, fair and intercultural Bolivia. What challenges have been encountered in implementing this program? To what extent can or should the State support this initiative? What lessons can be learned from this proposal?

Affirming and Promoting the Rights and Development of the Inuit of Nunavik

Makivik Corporation, Quebec  
Charles Dorais, Assistant to the Vice-President for Economic Development, Makivik Corporation

Makivik, which in Inuktitut means “To Rise Up,” is an organization mandated to protect the rights, interests and financial compensation provided by the first comprehensive Inuit land claim in Canada in 1975. The Corporation’s distinct mandates ranges from owning and operating large profitable business enterprises and generating jobs; to social economic development, improving housing conditions, and protecting the Inuit language and culture and the natural environment. Makivik’s work has demonstrated that modern aboriginal treaties or land claim settlements can benefit all partners, governments and the Inuit people, and that the social economy is an important part of Inuit social and economic development.

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm - WORK SESSION D

WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

Workshop 1: Action for Corporate Social Responsibility Measures as a Contribution to the Social and Solidarity Economy and Decent Employment

Room 515

Encouraging Businesses to be Socially Responsible

La Coalition québécoise contre les ateliers de misère (CQCAM)  
Renaud Ledoux, Coordinator, CQCAM

Sweatshops are factories or manufacturing workshops that do not respect labour and environment standards. They operate in the developed and developing world. Working conditions are wretched and labour rights are systematically abused. CQCAM brings together Quebec union organizations, student associations and NGOs. What actions has CQCAM taken to fight against the purchase of sweatshop-made products and, more generally, to encourage businesses to be socially responsible? What are the strategies to be adopted in order to bring about procurement policies that encourage social economy businesses? How can public policies support these initiatives?

The Effect of Government Purchasing Policies on the Social Economy

Social Business International (SBI)  
Jonathan Bland, Managing Director, SBI, and ex-General Director of Social Enterprise Coalition UK

The British government has adopted procurement policies that specifically target social enterprise. Under what conditions were these policies put into place? What kinds of enterprises have most benefited from these policies and what have been their effect on the social economy in general? What are some of the most important challenges for social enterprises when bidding for and carrying out government contracts?



Corporate Social Responsibility: Social and Solidarity Economy on the Frontline

Association des Employeurs de l'Économie Sociale (AEES), France  
Emmanuel Boutterin, President, AEES

Corporate social responsibility is one of the essential axes in the governance of production and service units, regardless of size. In an economically unstable world, the social and solidarity economy must reinforce its capacities in order to be exemplary in its management of internal matters with employees, and its external relationships with citizens, users and clients. Only by respecting this development imperative will the social and solidarity economy be of universal value.

Workshop 2: Working Conditions in Social and Solidarity Economy Enterprises

Room 513abc

presided by the Groupe national pour l'amélioration des conditions de travail en économie sociale (Quebec)

Working Conditions in Brazilian Social and Solidarity Economy Enterprises

Central Única dos Trabalhadores (CUT), Brazil  
Ari Aloraldo do Nascimento, coordonnateur, Agencia de Desenvolvimento Solidário (CUT)

One of the defining goals of social economy enterprises is to defend the priority of people and labour over capital in the distribution of surpluses and revenues. What assessment does the CUT, one of the foremost Brazilian unions, make of the working conditions in social and solidarity economy enterprises in Brazil? What role do unions play in promoting decent work within these enterprises?

Working Conditions and Motivation in the Social and Solidarity Economy: Conclusions from Experiences in Geneva

Chambre genevoise de l'ESS, Switzerland / Haute École de Gestion de Genève, Switzerland  
Christophe Dunand, Lecturer, Haute Ecole de Gestion de Genève and General Director, Réalise

The goal of this presentation is to use examples from the experience in Geneva in order to show how the study of social and solidarity economy enterprise management makes it possible to identify important innovations that benefit the management of all businesses and public services. Participation, independence, values and cooperation promote well being and motivation. Moreover, other practices actively engaged in by social and solidarity economy enterprises, such as promoting mild exercise and a healthy diet, contribute directly to worker health. What initiatives (especially government initiatives) help support and widen the reach of these experiences with a view to implementing sustainable management practices?

Supporting the Community Employment Sector in Australia

Jobs Australia Ltd  
David Thompson, CEO, Jobs Australia Ltd.

Jobs Australia is the national network for non-profit organisations that assist unemployed people to get and keep jobs. The network helps members to make the most effective use of their resources and promotes the needs of unemployed people for the services and support that will help them to participate fully in society. It is the largest network of employment and related service providers in Australia and is funded and owned by its members. How did such an organisation come into existence? How does it fit into the government's employment strategies? What impact has it has on working conditions in the social economy?

A Pension Plan for Workers in Quebec's Social and Solidarity Economy

Régime de retraite par financement salarial des groupes associatifs et de femmes, Quebec  
Marie Leahey, Coordinator General, Régime de retraite des groupes communautaires et de femmes

The Régime de retraite par financement salarial des groupes associatifs et de femmes is a group pension plan created by Quebec associations and women's groups. It seeks to provide income security upon retirement for salaried employees, and in particular women, in the social and solidarity sector. By matching or exceeding employee contributions, the plan helps employers ensure that their workers can count on a much higher income when they retire. This makes it useful in attracting and retaining workers in this sector. The project shows that women's groups, social economy enterprises and non-profit organisations in the cultural sector can be responsible employers, and it reflects the government's willingness to amend existing legislation so that an innovative tool, adapted to the needs of a specific sector, can be implemented.

Workshop 3: Cooperatives: A Means to Revive Businesses and Ensure Job Security

Room 514

"Recuperated Enterprises" in Argentina

Asociacion Nacional de Trabajadores Autogestionados (ANTA/CTA), Argentina  
Mario Barrios, Secretary General, ANTA/CTA

The severe economic crisis that affected Argentina in the early 2000s caused a significant number of private businesses to shut down. Some were literally abandoned by their owners. A large movement of affected workers and unions "recuperated" these closed or abandoned businesses to preserve production capacity and save jobs. How did the cooperative model revive these businesses and sustain viable jobs? What conclusions can we draw from these recuperated enterprises?

Establishing Public Policy To Strengthen Cooperatives and Provide Options for Business Successions

International Organisation of Industrial, Artisanal and Service Producers' Cooperatives (CICOPA)  
Alain Bridault, Executive Committee Member, CICOPA

Worker Co-operatives and related models are an excellent option for small and medium-sized enterprises without successors, especially in rural communities – in addition to being a model uniquely suited to the challenges of the 21st century. Federations of worker co-operatives throughout North America are in the process of writing a joint public policy platform for advocacy with governments throughout Quebec, the rest of Canada, and the United States. The presentation will discuss the potential of the worker co-op model as well as the jointly agreed public policy platform of the North American worker co-operative movement.

The Role of Public Institutions and Policies in Enabling Cooperatives in Mexico

Consejo Mexicano de Empresas de la Economía Solidaria, Mexico  
Federico Luis Pöhls Fuentevilla, Executive Director, Consejo Mexicano de Empresas de la Economía Solidaria

Mexico has a long tradition of collective mobilisation and political institutions that recognize this reality. How have cooperatives ensured job security in Mexico? In what way have the institutions and attitudes of the State had an impact on the creation and development of cooperatives in the country?



# TERRITORIES AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

## Workshop 4: Accompanying Structures of Local Collective Businesses

Room 513def

Presided by France Joubert, President, Centre Européen de Ressources des Groupements d'Employeurs (Europe)

### A Network to Support Social and Solidarity Economy Enterprises in Quebec

*Association des centres locaux de développement du Québec (CLD), Québec / Fédération des coopératives de développement régional du Québec (CDR), Québec  
Janvier Cliche, Director-General, Coopérative de développement régional de l'Estrie  
Jacques Fiset, Director-General, Centre local de développement du Québec*

Several complementary structures encourage and support social economy enterprises in Quebec's regions. Regional development cooperatives (CDRs) support the creation of new cooperatives and the preservation and creation of sustainable jobs. Local development centres (CLDs), which foster local economic development and support entrepreneurship, provide technical and financial assistance to social and solidarity economy projects and their proponents. How did these structures come to exist? What impact is this support network having on the ground? How are government authorities involved in their work?

### Organizing to Obtain Recognition and Support from Public Authorities in Argentina

*Espacio Nacional de Economía Social y Solidaria (UNEM), Argentina  
Francisco Celia, Social Entrepreneur and member of UNEM*

The Espacio Nacional de Economía Social y Solidaria (ENESS) regroups NGOs of different profiles and goals, linked to or created by productive enterprises that share a commitment to developing and consolidating the social economy. The organization's experience illustrates the challenges faced when working for recognition and collaboration with national authorities in the creation of a structure to support social enterprises.

### Conflict and Areas of Convergence in the Creation of Work- and Income-Generating Activities Through the Social Economy in Minas Gerais

*Bianca Aparecida Lima Costa, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais, ex-Public Manager for Solidarity Economy of Belo Horizonte*

This presentation describes the experience of creating the State Policy to Foster the Solidarity Economy developed in the State of Minas Gerais, Brazil. This initiative gained national recognition for being among the first to be developed as a specific piece of legislation to support solidarity economy initiatives based on the mobilization of the social movement, organized in forums and working in coordination with legislators. The goal is to present the State's role in fostering the Solidarity Economy and the active participation of the social movement, especially the Fórum Estadual in the demand for public policy.



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## Workshop 5: Young People and the Development of the Social and Solidarity Economy

### Room 516ab

### A Dialogue Between the State and the Social and Solidarity Economy to Promote the Socio Economic Integration of Youth in Mali

*Association Jeunesse Action AJA Mali*  
*Souleymande Sarr, Executive Director and co-Founder, AJAMALI*

For a number of years, the emergence of professional organizations that bring together a number of operators from the social and solidarity economy has encouraged a meaningful exchange with the government of Mali. This has allowed the social and solidarity economy sector to better structure itself and make significant contributions to resolving the issue of youth integration. The government has, for its part, made youth employment its key priority and has started the Programme pour l'emploi des jeunes to help youth find employment. What advances have taken place in practice? What have been the most effective public policies in this respect?

### Encouraging and Promoting the Place of Youth in the Social and Solidarity Economy of France

*Programme JEUN'ESS, France*  
*Alain Philippe, President, Fondation du Groupe Macif and President of the Enlistment Committee of Programme Jeun'ESS*

The program Jeun'ESS pour l'économie sociale et solidaire is the result of a partnership between the French government and six social and solidarity economy businesses and organizations. The goal of the program is to facilitate the growth and development of socio economic initiatives among youth. How was this partnership developed? What are the benefits of this program for the parties involved? What have been the results of this program to date? What lessons can other countries learn from this experience?

### A Youth Social and Solidarity Economy Partnership in Aboriginal Communities

*Jaime Alberto Trejo de la Cruz, Coordinador of Productive Projects, Segretariado de los pueblos y la cultura indígena, Chiapas, Mexico*  
*Jesús Caridad Aguilar Muñoz, Secretary, Segretariado de los pueblos y la cultura indígena, Chiapas, Mexico*  
*Martin Gemme, Project Officer, Offices jeunesse internationaux du Québec*  
*Marie-Pierre Lainé, Youth Development Agent, Regroupement des centres d'amitié autochtones du Québec (RCAAQ)*

For the past two years, youth from Quebec's Native Friendship Centres have been visiting social economy enterprise projects in Chiapas, a region in Mexico with a large indigenous population. These missions have helped improve understanding of the impacts of globalization on various indigenous populations in the Americas, but also allow these youth establish a position as actors who can influence this phenomenon. What were the objectives and impacts of these missions? How do these young people envision the development of our communities? How can governments support these kinds of initiatives?

## Workshop 6: The Social and Solidarity Economy to Revitalize Territories

### Room 516cde

### Collective Strategies for Community Development in Alta de Lisboa, Portugal

*Grupo Comunitário de Alta de Lisboa, Portugal*  
*Vanessa Duarte de Sousa, Masters in planning, PhD candidate in Sociology - DINAMIA/ CET*  
*Isabel Saldanha, Coordinator of the North-West zone, GEBALIS*

The Alta de Lisboa, Lisbon's Alta neighborhood, is a community rife with tensions. It also features a local Community Group that has worked with over 30 partner organizations, from local grassroots organizations to public institutions in health care, education, environment and housing. This group has various priorities, which were jointly developed in line with the partners' profiles and focus on an extensive range of public-private partnerships, aimed at fostering sustainable and active community involvement and participation. This action is an example of the opportunities for coordination between the traditional forms of economy and employment, coupled with new challenges arising from the social and solidarity economy. The process shows that citizens are willing to actively participate in building their city and their neighborhoods.

### Pooling Capital for Community Investments in Nova Scotia

*Community Economic Development Investment Funds, Canada*  
*Chris Payne, Senior Advisor, Evaluation of Finance and Private Sector Initiatives, government of Nova Scotia*

Businesses in Nova Scotia find it difficult to access venture capital and this has an effect on the development of the community as a whole. Community Economic Development Investment Funds pool capital of individuals within a defined community through the sale of shares in order to operate or invest in local business. These pools are developed within the community. The program aims to increase the amount of capital reinvested in the province, and thereby stimulate new ventures and entrepreneurship. What kind of public support is needed for the successful creation, management and proliferation of these funds?

### An Integrated Community Development Program in Benin

*Centre Béninois pour le Développement des Initiatives à la Base (CBDIBA), Benin*  
*Patrice Lovesse, Director General, CBDIBA*

The Programme de développement communautaire intégré de CBDIBA GBESS has been implementing social and solidarity economy structures such as micro-insurance associations for the health sector, group agricultural businesses, and savings and credit organizations. How does the village development committee work together with state structures? How were development priorities established? How are the most disadvantaged populations (women and children) reached? What are the limits and benefits of this type of mobilization?

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm - WORK SESSION E

## WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

## Workshop 1: Ensuring Decent Working Conditions in the Informal Economy

### Room 515

### Promoting Decent Work in Africa's Informal Economy

*International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), Africa*  
*Yaovi Beleki (Adrien) Akouete, Deputy Secretary General, ITUC Africa*

In a number of African countries, the vast majority of jobs are in the informal economy. According to the ILO, these jobs are characterized by inadequate working conditions, and workers generally do not benefit from any social welfare programs. Can social economy initiatives within the informal economy contribute meaningfully to promoting decent work? What roles can unions and ITUC-Africa play?

### Achieving Recognition for Homebased Workers in Southeast Asia

*Homenet Southeast Asia, Cambodia / Indonesia / Laos / Malaysia / Philippines / Thailand / Vietnam*  
*Josephine C. Parilla, Homebased worker and elected member, Homenet SEA Subregional Council and Executive Committee*  
*Poonsap Tulaphan, Homenet Thailand*

Homenet Southeast Asia, a network of homebased workers -mostly women- in seven countries, works within the solidarity economy framework to provide coherence to the various national homenet's initiatives from the ground up. Different projects are currently underway in each country. Realizing that these grassroots initiatives must also translate into policy, homebased and other informal workers strive to achieve visibility and voice at national and ASEAN levels. They advocate for social protection for all, occupational safety and health, environmental sustainability, and gender equity in the work place. The presentation will cover the best practices of this network and discuss their achievements and challenges in obtaining recognition and support from local, national and regional governments.



Facilitation the Development of Agriculture and Food Workers in Haïti

Association des Paysans de Vallue (APV), Haïti  
Abner Septembre, Director, Institutional Relations, APV

In 1997, the Association des Paysans de Vallue (APV) of Haiti launched an agriculture and food transformation initiative that became a cooperative aimed at mobilising peasants from different communities of Vallue and its surroundings, particularly women (90 %). Members contribute human, financial and physical capital and in exchange receive training and participate in small groups in the production or transformation process under the supervision of appropriate personnel. Their products are commercialised by APV on the regional markets of the capital, in particular in supermarkets and large hotels. The activity creates jobs, teaches new working methods and creates a sense of belonging and pride amongst members. What are the conditions of success of such a project? Which public initiatives aided in its creation and its development?

Workshop 2: Human Resource Development in the Social and Solidarity Economy: An Essential Factor for Enterprises’ Vitality

Room 513abc

A Partnership to Develop the Social and Solidarity Economy Workforce in Quebec

Comité sectoriel de main-d’œuvre économie sociale et action communautaire, Quebec /  
Commission des partenaires du marché du travail, Quebec  
Louise Miller, Member of the Executive Committee and Founding Member, CSMO-ÉSAC

The Commission des partenaires du marché du travail (CPMT) is a workforce consultation body whose mandate is to promote the development and recognition of labour skills in Quebec through partnerships. It created the Comité sectoriel de main-d’œuvre économie sociale et action communautaire (CSMO-ÉSAC) to meet the common needs of enterprises and agencies in the social economy and community action sector. By forming CSMO-ÉSAC, the CPMT has helped develop the social economy by formally recognizing the specific nature of the sector and giving it more power to shape the development of its workforce. A member of CSMO-ÉSAC’s board and a CPMT representative will jointly discuss the public policy that enabled such a contribution to the social economy.

Skills Management in a Belgian Social Economy Enterprise

Société Coopérative Proxemia, Belgium  
Eric Bernard, Managing Director, Proxemia  
Charlotte Moreau, Researcher, Centre d’économie sociale de l’Université de Liège

Proxemia, a cooperative enterprise, offers domestic help services and works to achieve social integration through economic integration. To that end, skills management has proven critical: it is essential not only for an enterprise to run smoothly, but also to mobilizing workers and ensuring a competitive edge in this particular market. This joint presentation by Proxemia and the Centre d’économie sociale de l’Université de Liège will describe their attempts to better define, assess and manage workers’ skills in the social economy, and the government initiatives that support them.

Training Initiatives for Solidarity Economy Educators in Brazil

Projeto do Centro de Formação para Economia Solidaria Nacional (CFES), Brazil  
Maria Isabel Rodrigues Lima, Representative, CFES

The Centros de Formação em Economia Solidária (CFESs) are spaces dedicated to training solidarity economy educators who come from enterprises, advisory organizations and public administration. Their educational practice is based on the principles of self-management and public education. How were these centres created and what partnerships were necessary to do so? What are the objectives of the CFESs? What impact have they had on the solidarity economy in Brazil, and what do they expect of the government today?

Workshop 3: Job Insertion Through the Social and Solidarity Economy

Room 514

Social Integration in Switzerland and Quebec: Similarities, Differences and Best Practices

Conseil romand de l’insertion par l’économique, Switzerland / Services publics cantonaux, Switzerland / Collectif des entreprises d’insertion du Québec / Emploi-Québec  
Richard Gravel, General Manager, Collectif des entreprises d’insertion du Québec  
Laura Venchiarutti-Tocmacov, Director, Association Pro-Jet  
Jean-Claude Pittet, Director, Fondation Le Relais  
Caroline Choisselet, Direction for Measures and Services to Enterprises and External Partners, Emploi-Québec

This presentation will discuss social integration enterprises in Quebec and Switzerland in order to highlight the benefits and drawbacks of the existing partnerships between these organizations and government authorities. Among other things, these partnerships account for the differences in the perception of unfair competition with the private sector, the organizations’ management independence and innovative capacity, inter-institutional cooperation, and the ability to implement new projects. The presentation will thus identify opportunities and related best practices.

Managing Waste in a Sustainable Fashion in Argentina

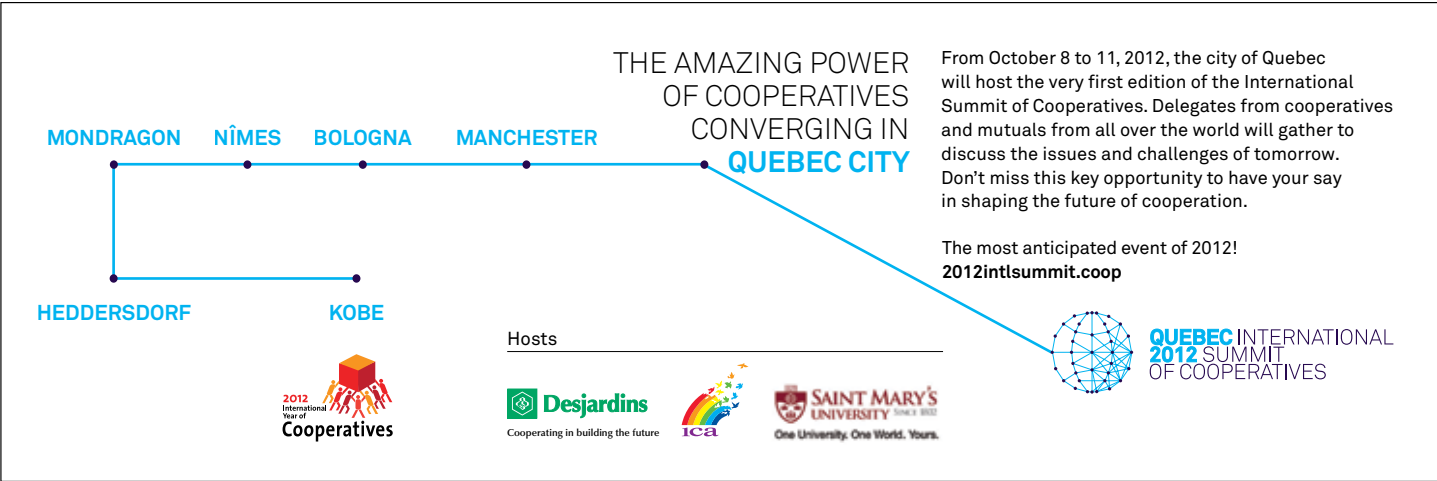
Cooperativa Recisueños, Argentina  
Hector Marcelo Loto, Recycler and Environmental Promoter, Cooperativa Recisueños

Reciclando Sueños, a garbage recyclers’ cooperative that formed after the huge financial crisis in Argentina, helps manage urban waste, but also aims to help create a healthy and fairer planet. Indeed, out of concern for sustainability, it works to educate the population, and calls upon all levels of government to adopt policies to recognize and support this work. How was this cooperative organized in practice? To what extent has it been able to count on public support? What policies can favour this type of program? The main lesson learned is that above all, we must unite to create our own jobs.

A Partnership for Employment in Luxembourg

Objectif Plein Emploi (OPE), Luxembourg  
Abilio Machado, Citizen Education Consultant, OPE

Objectif Plein Emploi is a citizen initiative in which associations teamed with labour union OGB-L to help disadvantaged youth integrate into the workforce. The initiative was repeated on a larger scale by local communities and government authorities. Its objectives are to create jobs, engage in territorial development, provide support for personal and professional development, improve public awareness and knowledge, promote sustainable development, and conduct research. The presentation will explain the contributions made by these partners in practice, and will discuss specific challenges to employment integration in Luxembourg and how to deal with those challenges.



# TERRITORIES AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

## Workshop 4: Emerging Trends in Local Development

Room 516cde

### The Socioeconomic Impact of Social Purchasing Groups in Veneto

*Gruppi di Acquisto Solidale, Italy*  
*David Marchiori, Acli Venezia-Sesterzo Coop*

A Solidarity Purchasing Group (GAS in Italian) chooses their products and producers based on their respect for the environment and the solidarity between members of the group, retailers and producers. These guidelines lead them to choose local products, goods from equitable trade, and re-useable or eco-compatible goods. Today, there are more than 150 GAS in Veneto, Italy that bring together approximately 11,000 people and 100 local small and medium-sized enterprises. How do these GAS function in practice, and what is their impact on the local territory? What are the potential new spheres of development for this sector?

### Institutionalizing Consultation in the Province of Tungurahua, Ecuador: How to Build New Democratic Institutions?

*Gobierno Provincial de Tungurahua, Ecuador*  
*Jorge Sánchez Chavalié, Director of Planning, provincial government of Tungurahua*  
*Jorge Medardo Siza Mullo, President, Federación de Organizaciones y Pueblos Indígenas y Campesinos evangélicos de Tungurahua*

The New Management Model in Tungurahua has strengthened the recognition and participation of actors who were traditionally excluded from provincial decisions. A space has been opened for discussion with political and economic institutions in Tungurahua. The process calls the existing political system and the national unitary government into question, while building new democratic institutions. Why and how was this management model created? How are its results measured?

### Achieving Structural Support to Strengthen Women's Solidarity Economy Endeavours in Bangladesh

*Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha (BNPS)*  
*Rokeya Kabir, Executive Director, BNPS*

Poor, unorganised women are particularly vulnerable when living in a male-dominated and class-divided society and an economy controlled by profit maximizing business entities. This reduces the livelihood options of large sections of the society, especially women. Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha (BNPS) mobilizes grassroots women in rural and urban Bangladesh and tries to ensure policy changes at national level through advocacy. The experience will illustrate why structural support is imperative for the survival and revitalization of women's solidarity economic endeavours.

## Workshop 5: Partnerships Between Local Elected Representatives and Civil Society in the Social and Solidarity Economy

Room 516ab

### Programs and Projects to Help the Social and Solidarity Economy in the French Region of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

*Région Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur, France*  
*Christophe Castaner, Vice-President of the Regional Council on Employment, Regional Development, Higher Education and Research and Innovations, Région Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur*

Local Economic Development Agencies in 3 Departments of Guatemala were created following the civil war to facilitate the peace process and address extreme poverty in rural areas, with the technical assistance of the UN ILSLEDA program. They have provided the context for a diversity of stakeholders to work together, in collaboration with local governments, to facilitate social cohesion and the access of poor and marginalized people to the local economy, mainly through cooperatives. These agencies represent key tools in the national strategies for rural development and poverty reduction of the Ministries of the Environment and Economy, who intend to extend them to all the Departments in the country.

### Social Tourism, a Driving Force Behind Regional Development

*International Organisation of Social Tourism (IOST)*  
*Jean Marc Mignon, President, IOST*

The main goal of the Réseau des autorités locales et régionales de tourisme social et solidaire is to promote partnerships and an exchange of best practices between local and regional stakeholders working in the field of social and solidarity tourism. This involves initiatives to help citizens in the regions in question go on holiday, the organization of services to welcome tourists, and the contribution of social and solidarity tourism to job creation, social cohesion and economic growth. This presentation will offer an overview of the various partnerships that exist between the social and solidarity economy and public authorities working in this field. The presentation will also discuss best practices identified to date.

### Community-Based Neighbourhood Development in Manitoba

*Neighbourhoods Alive program, Canada*  
*Shannon Watson, Director, Neighbourhoods Alive!*  
*Kemlin Nembhard, Executive Director, Daniel MacIntyre / St Matthews Community Association*

Most often the best ideas for neighbourhood revitalization come from the community itself. Recognizing this, the Neighbourhoods Alive! program supports local ideas and goals with funding and planning assistance in order to create a long-term, community-based, social and economic development strategy. How is this program implemented in practice, what were the challenges of setting it up, and what sort of strategies have emerged as a result?

## Workshop 6: Local Governance in Favour of Social Cohesion and the Social and Solidarity Economy

Room 513def

Presided by Antonella Noya, Senior policy analyst,manager of the OECD/LEED Forum on Social Innovations

### A Network of Women's Self Help Groups for Holistic Local Development in India

*Association for Serva Seva Farms (ASSEFA), India*  
*S. Loganathan, Excutive Director, ASSEFA*

The Association for Serva Seva Farms (ASSEFA) operates in 7 States in India and works with women's self help groups in over 10 000 villages on topics such as agriculture, microfinance, health, education, environment, peace, etc. The presentation will highlight the kinds of collaboration that can be achieved with local public bodies in order to ensure the empowerment of rural women

### The Development of Traditional Quilombola Communities Through the Solidarity Economy in Brazil

*Projeto Brasil Local Etnodesenvolvimento e Economia Solidaria, Brazil*  
*Ronaldo dos Santos, Quilombola and Executive Coordinator, Etnodesenvolvimento e Economia Solidária Sidney Lianza, Professor, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro*

The Brazilian project - Etnodesenvolvimento e Economia Solidária is one of the major public policies in economic solidarity for traditional peoples and communities. Since 2005, Quilombola representatives have sought to foster regional development using the social economy as a structuring strategy. How did this project come into being? What are the advantages of focusing on a specific community?

Governance and Mobilisation in Favour of a More Equitable Development in Quebec

*Corporation de développement communautaire (CDEC), Quebec  
Pierre Morrisette, General Director, Regroupement économique et social  
du Sud-Ouest (RESO)*

In the middle of the 1980s, citizens from central neighbourhoods created Corporations of Community Economic Development (CDEC). These structures foster consultation and development by supporting projects and companies that are socially profitable and economically viable. Their democratic governance, representative of the socioeconomic actors of their territory, and their capacity to mobilize their environment in favour of a more equitable local development were deemed a success by Quebec governments. How and why do CDECs contribute to greater social cohesion in the territories where they are present, and how do they favour the emergence and support of the local social economy?

Contributing to Social Cohesion by Developing the Social Economy in Cameroon

*Partenariat France Afrique pour le co-développement (PFAC), Cameroon  
Pauline Eyebe Effa, Resident Representative, PFAC*

The social economy is developing rapidly in Cameroon, aided by the political decentralisation underway and the bottom-up push for its promotion and development. The presentation will cover the efforts of the NGO PFAC to create policies and institutions favourable for the development of the social economy and to educate local and national elected officials about this sector. The structures created, their contribution to the quality of life of the citizens, and the challenges still to be faced will also be discussed.

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