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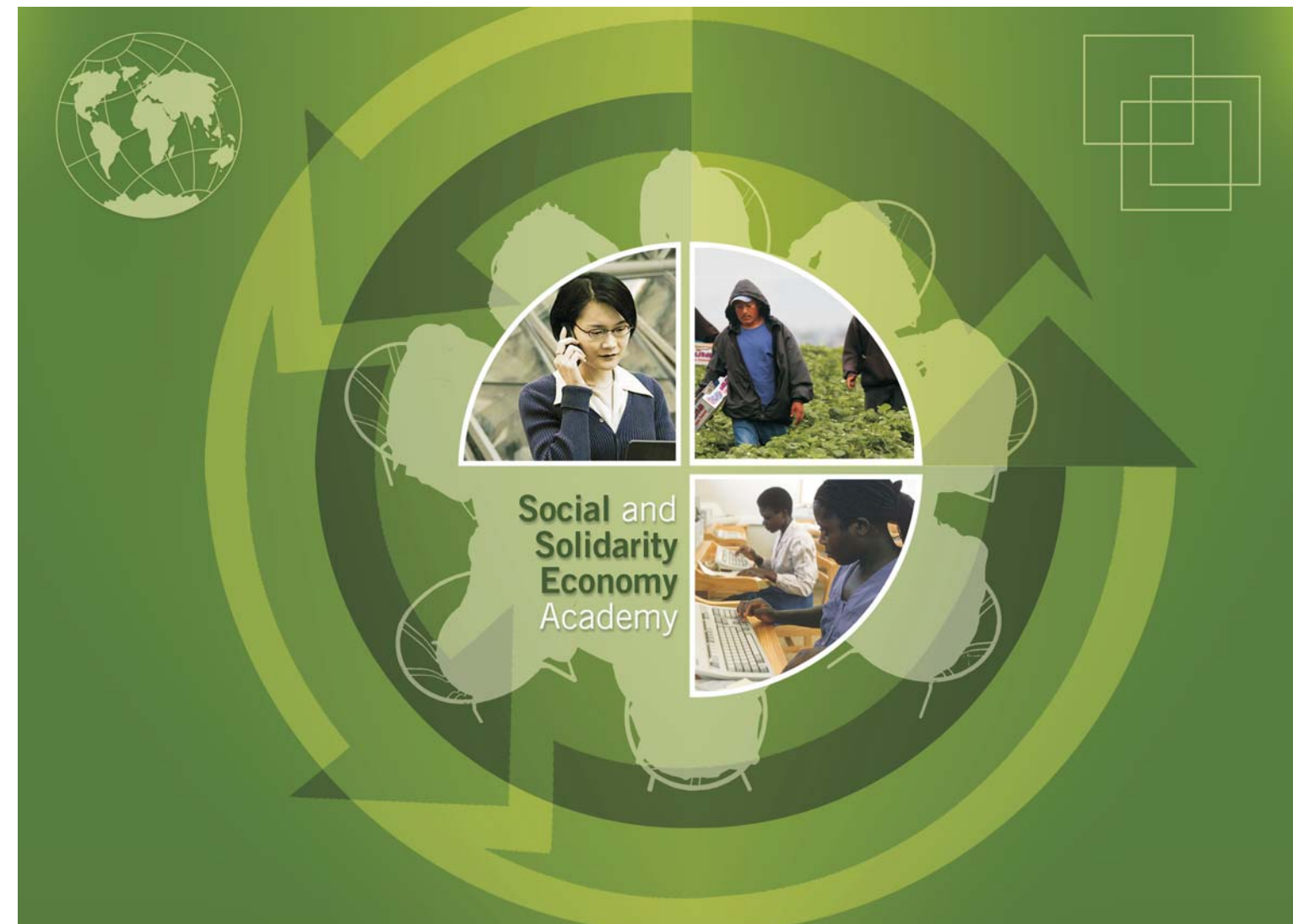
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## Background

The ILO holds that "productive, profitable and sustainable enterprises, together with a strong social economy and a viable public sector, are critical to sustainable economic development and employment opportunities" (ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalisation).

The concept of a social economy cuts across all four dimensions of the ILO's Decent Work Agenda. A high-level capacity building programme on Social Economy was proposed by more than 200 participants on the occasion of the ILO Regional Conference on Social Economy held in Johannesburg, South Africa, in October 2009.

The first training academy, organized by the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITC ILO), was held in October 2010 in Turin, Italy. Known as the "ILO Social and Solidarity Economy Academy (SSE Academy)," this inter-regional training opportunity has gathered together more than 70 practitioners and policy-makers from around the world, to share their experiences and meet leading SSE specialists.



## Objectives of the 2011 ILO SSE Academy

- To generate a better understanding of the concept of a Social and Solidarity Economy.
- To strengthen the impact of a Social and Solidarity Economy through the creation of a community of practice on the subject.
- At the end of the academy, the participants will be able to describe a Social and Solidarity Economy having a better understanding of the different areas such as employment creation, social protection, social dialogue, green jobs, legal and policy frameworks, informal economy and Local economic development.
- Make use of tools and approaches to effectively promote SSE initiatives and take actions within the context of such initiatives.



## Contents and Learning Methodology

The ILO coordinate the SSE reader formulated by a team of high level experts coming from Africa, Americas and Europe, with guidance, guidelines and technical inputs from ILO officials. Reviewed by a high level ILO experts and partner organizations, the ILO Reader on SSE constitutes the backbone of the training package to be delivered during the academy.

While the morning plenary sessions will be devoted to five thematic areas, the afternoon sessions will look at elective topics. In the elective sessions participants will be free to choose the electives they are interested in. The elective session will offer an opportunity to share knowledge; discuss concrete applications of a Social and Solidarity Economy at national and regional level; and draw up lessons for further research, projects and policy making.



## Who should attend?

The academy is designed for practitioners and actors from Social and Solidarity Economy entities, as well as policy makers and researchers from Africa, Asia, America, Europe and Arab states who are interested in learning more about the concepts and application of a Social and Solidarity Economy. This includes people who are willing to share their experience and learn from others, as well as get involved in a community of practice on SSE:

- SSE practitioners (leaders and managers of social and solidarity economy organizations).
- SSE promoters (UN organizations and development partners, foundations, networks of SSEs).
- Policymakers from different government ministries (labour, social affairs, cooperatives, women's entrepreneurship, youth).

- Social partners (workers' and employers' organizations).

The course may also interest researchers who would like to get practical insights into the application of a Social and Solidarity Economy in different regions.

Specific side-events will be organised within the Academy to allow Government/Employers/Workers representatives to meet and network with their Canadian counterparts.



## Venue and dates

The second edition of the ILO Academy on Social and Solidarity Economy will be held in Montreal, Canada, 24 - 28 October 2011.



## Participation costs

Tuition + H/B accommodation for 1 week: 2,500Eur

Tuition only: 1,700Eur