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The role of AICESIS in promoting the SDG 8 and SSE

Decent work underpins the development process. Recognizing this, the international community has made decent work a global goal by including it in the Sustainable Development Goals along with inclusive growth.

In this regard, the implementation of the ideas and principles of the social and solidarity economy (SSE) occurs more often and, indeed, can be deemed as an alternative to the processes of neoliberal globalization and a possible path to a sustainable type of society.

Today SSE actors are in the pole position for pursuing the goal of inclusive growth and decent work, as entities that not only have economic objectives as their *raison d'être* but also social and even environmental objectives. It is about placing people and their work at the center of the economic system, providing markets with an instrumental role in the well-being of all people.

The AICESIS is a leading platform uniting economic and social councils and similar institutions (ESC-SIs) with a great capacity to strengthen the effectiveness of SSE actors and social dialogue. Involved in the ILO and ECOSOC activities, the AICESIS has become a liaison point for many SSE actors fostering the very development of the SSE and promoting the ideals of civil solidarity and social integration.

The contribution to attaining the SDGs is successful and sustainable when SSE's economic activities are conducted in conjunction with a diverse variety of SDG stakeholders at all levels of governance. The laws and policies are largely the results of a dialogue with a co-construction vision and in this context, ESC-SIs united by the AICESIS may take the lead in transmitting the ideas of SSE actors and becoming a liaison point with national or local authorities for many of them fostering the very development of the SSE and promoting the ideals of civil solidarity and social integration.

The SSE goes beyond traditional economic divisions. It encompasses both market and non-market producers, as well as formal and informal economy units, and can scale up even in the absence of legal recognition of SSE or within a weak legal framework for the SSE.

Conclusions. The advancement of the SSE to promote decent work and long-term inclusive growth requires new kinds of collaboration, new paths towards consensus building and social dialogue (among governments, employers, workers, and society at large) *ceteris paribus*. Respecting SSE values and principles implies prioritizing workers' rights, as well as the needs, ambitions, and rights of all people, in policies and practices at the enterprise level. Tripartite collaboration could be one of the answers with both the SSE core principles being promoted and implemented and the social and the ESC-SIs making a greater contribution to achieving the SDGs and SDG 8 in particular. All in all, Aicesis seeks harmony and contributes to global understanding.