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WORKSHOP

► Social and Solidarity Economy for Advancing the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia

18-19 June 2024
9:00 – 18:00 (UTC+7)

Hybrid;
Sukosol Hotel,
477 Thanon Si Ayutthaya,
Thanon Phaya Thai,
Ratchathewi Thailand



Register Online



Hosted By	International Labour Organization (ILO)
Date and Time	18 June 2024 9:00 – 17:30 (UTC+7)/4:00 – 12:30 (CET) 19 June 2024 9:00 – 14:00 (UTC+7)/4:00 – 7:00 (CET)
Venue	Hybrid; Sukosol Hotel, 477 Thanon Si Ayutthaya, Thanon Phaya Thai, Ratchathewi, Bangkok 10400
Online Registration	and Zoom (in English with simultaneous translation into Thai)
Background	Building on strong local roots to address local challenges, social and solidarity economy (SSE) entities create quality jobs, contribute to inclusion of disadvantaged groups, driving inclusive and sustainable development across Asia and the Pacific. Social and solidarity economy entities address the multifaceted challenges and respond to transformations in the world of work, in and through their principle and values, such as pursuit of social mission and participatory governance. Attesting to its importance, the ILO, OECD, and UN have adopted Resolutions and Recommendation 2 acknowledging its role in the contributing to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals, encouraging Member States to implement enabling policies, programmes, and institutions for the social and solidarity economy. In Asia and the Pacific, understanding around the social and solidarity economy is still in its early stages, regarding its national definition, measurement, size, impact, potential and limitations. There are no framework laws or policies that encompass all elements of the social and solidarity economy, as defined by the ILC and UN resolutions. The ILO launched the project Strengthening Social and Solidarity Economy in Asia -Phase 2 to help policymakers, workers' and employers' organizations and practitioners better understand the social and solidarity economy's contribution to decent work and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to inform and create policy dialogue in four countries – Cambodia, Mongolia, Thailand, and Vietnam. This regional workshop will feature the key findings from the four country case studies to shed light on the social and solidarity economy landscape, its contributions to decent work and sustainable development, challenges and opportunities and policy recommendations. The workshop will also feature case studies on the social and solidarity economy's role and contributions towards 1) making supply chains more inclusive and sustainable, 2) facilitate the transition of informal workers and entities to the formal economy, 3) promoting a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies, and 4) promoting decent work in the platform economy. This workshop is organized by ILO and funded by the Government of the Republic of Korea.

1 A universal definition (see para. 5) on the social and solidarity was adopted at the 110th session of the International Labour Conference.

2 Resolution on decent work and the social and solidarity economy at the 110th International Labour Conference, the Recommendation on the social and solidarity economy and social innovation by the OECD Council at Ministerial level and the adoption of a UN resolution on the SSE for sustainable development

Objectives

- Strengthen the understanding of the ILO constituents and partners in the region on the social and solidarity economy, and its contribution to decent work and sustainable development based on the findings from four country case studies and good practices;
- Enhance the regional network on promoting the social and solidarity economy by providing a platform for policymakers, organizations, support institutions and practitioners to share knowledge, know-how and good practices; and
- Discuss the national action plans to operationalize the policy recommendations to strengthen the social and solidarity economy in the four countries.to strengthen the social and solidarity economy in the four countries.



8:30 – 9:00

► Registration

9:00 – 9:10

► Opening Remarks

► Ms. Panudda Boonpala

Deputy Regional Director, RO-Asia and the Pacific
Bangkok, ILO

9:10 - 10:30

► **Policy Roundtable Discussion**

This session will bring policymakers to share experiences and insights on developing and implementing policies, legal and regulatory frameworks on the social and solidarity economy and its entities in the Asia-Pacific region.

► Moderator:

Mr. Kelvin Sergeant
Specialist, Job Creation and
Enterprise Development,
DWT-Bangkok, ILO

► Discussants:

Mr. Jonathan Wong
Chief of Innovation, Enterprise
and Investment, ESCAP
Mr. Balu Iyer
Regional Director, Int'l Co-op
Alliance Asia and Pacific

► Panelists :

Enactment of the Law on Cooperatives in Vietnam and
the promotion of the collective economy
- Vietnam Cooperative Alliance

► Legal framework to promote social enterprises in
Thailand - Office of Social Enterprise Promotion

► Enactment of Workers' Cooperative Act 2020 in
Japan - Japan Workers' Co-operative Union

► Regional Regulation No. 13 of 2023 in Palu City,
Indonesia – Ms. Mutmainah Korona,
member of the Palu City Parliament

► Developing a conducive environment for promotion
of social economy in the Republic of Korea -
Korea Social Enterprise Promotion Agency

10:30 – 10:50

COFFEE - TEA BREAK

10:50– 12:00

► Panel Discussion:

**ILO and UN Resolutions concerning the social and solidarity
economy**

The tripartite constituents of the ILO adopted the Resolution concerning decent work and the social and solidarity economy at the 110th session of the International Labour Conference in June 2022; followed by the UN resolution on the social and solidarity economy in April 2023. What are the outcomes of these Resolutions, their significance and how can countries implement the Resolutions?

► Moderator:

Ms. Xiaoyan Qian,
DWT/CO Director, DWT- Bangkok

► Presenter:

Ms. Simel Esim
Unit Head, Cooperatives/SSE,
Enterprises Department, ILO

► Discussants :

Ms. Laurence Kwark
Former General Secretary of
Global Social Economy Forum

Dr. Denison Jayasooria
Board Member of Asian Solidarity
Economy Council, Professor
and Head of the Secretariat
for the All-Party Parliamentary
Group Malaysia on Sustainable
Development Goals

12:00 – 13:00

LUNCH

13:00 – 14:30

► Plenary Session:

Social and solidarity economy's contribution towards decent work and the SDGs in Asia, policy implications

This session will present the social and solidarity economy study in four project countries, its contributions to the SDGs, opportunities, challenges, and suggested policy recommendations.

► Moderator:

Mr. Benjamin R.
Quinones Jr
Chairman, Asian Solidarity
Economy Council

► Panelists :

Social and solidarity
economy in Asia –
phase 2 project –
Ms. Heejin Ahn,
ILO Bangkok
Cambodia–
Mr. Ngin Chanrith
CamTech
Mongolia –
Mr. Bat Orshikh
Erdenebat and
Ms. Purvedulam
Jamiyansuren
DS Mongolia

Thailand – Mr. Akkanut
Wantanasombut
Chulalongkorn University
Vietnam –
Ms. Kieu Oanh Pham,
Centre for Social Initiatives
Promotion
and Mr. Giang Chu
Vietnam Cooperative Alliance

14:30 – 15:45

► Social and solidarity economy and supply chain development

How does the social and solidarity economy entities make global supply chains inclusive and sustainable? Community-based supply chains, labels/certification practices, and cooperative-to-cooperative trade among other practices will be explored.

► Moderator:

Ms. Valkyrie Hanson
Regional Coordinator for Decent
Work in Supply Chains, DWT-
Bangkok, ILO

► Panelists :

Mr. Kon Onn Sein
Managing Director of the
Foundation for Community
Studies and Development, OA
Organik, Fair-trade community
enterprise working in partnership
with the Orang Asli

Mr. Xu Mingfeng
Division Chief of International
Business, International
Cooperation Department,
All-China Federation of Supply
and Marketing Cooperatives

Ms. Joanne Choi
Board Secretary of World Fair
Trade Organization Asia

15.45 – 16:05

COFFEE-TEA BREAK

TIME

SESSION & SPEAKERS

16:05 – 17:20

► **Social and solidarity economy's role in facilitating transition from the informal to the formal economy**

This session explores cases on the social and solidarity economy entities providing informal workers with opportunities to access decent, formal jobs, and facilitate access to social protection and protect the rights of workers.

► Moderator:

Ms. Simel Esim
Unit Head, Cooperatives/SSE,
Enterprises Department, ILO

► Panelists :

Ms. Poonsap Tulaphan
Manager, HomeNet Thailand

Ms. Mirai Chatterjee
Chairperson, SEWA Cooperative
Federation, India

Ms. Fish Ip
Regional Coordinator Asia for
International Domestic Workers
Federation

DAY 2 - JUNE 19

9:00 – 10:15

► **Social and solidarity economy towards just transition**

How do social and solidarity economy entities promote environmentally sustainable economies in a way that is inclusive, by creating decent work opportunities, reducing inequality, and leaving no one behind?

► Moderator:

Mr. Eric Roeder
Technical Specialist, Green Jobs,
Climate Action and Resilience,
DWT-Bangkok, ILO

► Panelists :

Ms. Peerada Patitas
Chairman of the Community
Enterprise Waste Revolution
Coalition in Suphanburi, Thailand

Mr. Hadiyanto Rashid
Mayor of Palu city, Indonesia

Ms. Donna Dizon
Representative from CLIMBS
Philippines

10:15 – 10:35

COFFEE - TEA BREAK

10:35 – 11:50

► **Social and solidarity economy and workers' rights and conditions in digital labour platforms**

How can social and solidarity economy entities leverage the potential of the platform economy to build a fair, inclusive workplace where workers' voices and rights are respected and upheld? Examples of platform cooperatives, democratically owned and governed digital platforms in the region will be featured.

► Moderator:

Mr. Phu Huynh
Specialist, Employment
DWT-Bangkok, ILO

► Panelists :

Mr. Akkanut
Wantanasombut
Founder of Tamsang-Tamsong,
Community-based solidarity
economy platform

Ms. Anita Gurumurthy
Founding member and Executive
Director of IT for Change, India

Ms. Heira Hardiyanti
Co-founder of MyCoolClass
platform cooperative, Indonesia

11:50 – 13:00

LUNCH BREAK

13:00 – 14:00

► Advancing statistics of cooperatives and the social and solidarity economy

► Moderator:

Mr. Tite Habiyakare

ILO Regional Statistics Specialist,
ILO Bangkok

► Panelists :

Ms. Barbara Sak

Director of CIRIEC International

Mr. Mansour Omeira

Social Innovation Specialist, ILO
COOP/SSE

Mr. David Hunter

ILO Consultant

14:00 – 14:20

► Social and solidarity economy - from learnings to action

► Moderator:

Ms. Simel Esim

Unit Head, Cooperatives/SSE,
Enterprises Department, ILO

► Presenter:

Ms. Anita Amorim

Unit Head, Emerging
Partnerships, PARDEV, ILO

14:20 – 15:20

► National priority setting workshop *(Invitation Only)*

Participants will break into country groups and will develop national action plans based on the policy recommendations identified in the four country studies.

► Facilitator:

Ms. Simel Esim

Unit Head, Cooperatives/SSE,
Enterprises Department, ILO► Facilitators for breakout
working group sessions :

Mr. Sophorn Tun

Programme Officer, CO-Bangkok

Ms. Jittima Srisuknam

Programme Officer, CO-Bangkok

Ms. Heejin Ahn

Technical Officer, DWT- Bangkok,
ILO

Mr. Giulio Bordo

Technical Officer, CO-Bangkok

Mr. Ngoc Nguyen Son

Programme Officer, CO-Hanoi

Ms. Bolormaa Purevsuren

National Coordinator CO-Beijing

► Rapporteurs:

National consultants from
four countries

15:20 – 15:40

COFFEE - TEA BREAK

15:40 – 17:00

► National priority setting workshop continued

17:00 – 18:00

► Vision setting

Representative from each group will present the priorities identified for the national action plans (each have 8 minutes), and participants will reflect on the key lessons and takeaways from the workshop

18:00 – 18:10

► Closing