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UNTF SSE 5th Technical Symposium

Murcia, Spain (4-5 December, 2025)

Fundación Cajamurcia, Almudena, 2, 30005 Murcia (see location [here](#))

Background

The [UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy \(UNTF SSE\)](#) was established in 2013 in response to a growing recognition within the UN system of the need to rethink development approaches in the wake of multiple global crises. Since its foundation, the UNTF SSE has been working to advance the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) for sustainable development within the UN system and beyond.

Past Technical Symposia of the UNTF SSE

The Task Force convenes quarterly virtual meetings and has previously organized four technical symposia to establish joint action plans for implementation: Rome (2016), Trento (2019), Online (2021), and Montreal (2023). These symposia serve toward the identification of the priority areas of work for the UNTF SSE Members and Observers. The [current Strategic Action Plan](#) of the UNTF SSE was discussed and agreed upon at the end of 2023 in Montreal and is being implemented.

5th Technical Symposium of the UNTF SSE

The 5th Technical Symposium is scheduled to take place on 4-5 December 2025, in Murcia, Spain. Murcia has been declared as the Social Economy Capital of Spain in 2025. Spain has been a global leader on the SSE as a co-sponsor of the two UN GA resolutions on advancing the SSE for sustainable development. This year has also been marked around the world as the 2nd UN International Year of Cooperatives.

This Task Force symposium will reinforce the positioning of Spain as a global leader in advancing the SSE for sustainable development. It will allow the UNTF SSE Members and Observers to learn about the rich history and vibrant ecosystem of the SSE in Spain in general and in Murcia in particular.



The technical symposium will further reinforce the UNTFSSSE's role as a platform for knowledge exchange and policy dialogue, enabling it to leverage Members' and Observers' expertise to promote SSE in line with the two UN General Assembly resolutions (2023, 2024). The event will also provide an opportunity to start identifying the priorities to be reflected in the UN SG report that will inform the next UNGA resolution.

The 5th Technical Symposium is co-organized by:

- The ILO as Chair and Secretariat of the UNTFSSSE, in consultation with Members, Observers and resource persons
- The Government of Spain (Ministry of Labour and Social Economy)
- CEPES (Spanish Business Confederation of the Social Economy)
- Council of Government of the Region of Murcia

The co-organizers have jointly:

- Developed the agenda
- Organized the receptions
- Communicated for visibility of the event
- Coordinated logistics and administrative details
- Identified key participants to be invited to the event along with the co-organizers

Participants

- UNTFSSSE Members, Observers and Resource Persons (25 people registered, thereof 15 in-person)
- SSE entities from Spain (60 people on 4-Dec morning, then ca. 15-20)

Zoom link for the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85380106466?pwd=eAQJ3Kpuj1nE9NEnnmGZb3GU24dwVs.1>



Agenda of the 5th UNTFSSSE Technical Symposium

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Time	Session
From 20:00	Welcome Dinner (organized by hosts)

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Time	Session
08:30 – 09:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09:00 – 10:00 [Session 1]	Welcoming Remarks - Jaime Iglesias Sanchez-Cervera, Special Commissioner for the Social Economy, Spain - María Isabel López Aragón, Regional Minister for Enterprises, Employment and Social Economy, Regional Government of Murcia - María de las Mercedes Bernabé Pérez, 4th Deputy Mayor and Councillor Delegate for Open Government, Economic Promotion and Employment, Municipality of Murcia - Juan Antonio Pedreño, President of UCOMUR, CEPES and Social Economy Europe - Simel Esim, Head of ILO COOP/SSE, Chair of the UNTFSSSE <i>Moderator: Juan Antonio Pedreño, President of UCOMUR, CEPES and Social Economy Europe</i>
10:00 – 10:30 [Session 2]	Spain's Contributions to the Promotion of the SSE at the International Level Speakers: - Jaime Iglesias Sanchez-Cervera, Special Commissioner for the Social Economy, Spain - Juan Antonio Pedreño, President of Social Economy Europe, CEPES and UCOMUR <i>Moderator: Sarah De Heusch, Social Economy Europe</i>
10:30 – 11:00 [Session 3]	Murcia: Spanish Capital of the Social Economy - Highlights of progress and achievements in 2025 and showcase of selected initiatives <i>Moderator: Antonio Pasqual del Riquelme Herrero, Director general of self-employment and Social Economy, Regional Government of Murcia</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break



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11:15 – 12:00 [Session 4]	Mainstreaming the SSE in the UN and the Multilateral System - Panel of regional / intergovernmental bodies Speakers: Margit Perko, EC (online); Amal Chevreau, OECD (online); Felipe Correa, ECLAC; Mansour Omeira, ILO <i>Moderator: Marta Perez Cuso, ESCAP</i>
12:00 – 12:45 [Session 5]	UNTFSSSE Action Plan (2024-26): existing technical and priority areas and the way forward - Key milestones, challenges, and policy developments, highlighting priority areas aligned to the current action plan . Speakers: Pauline Mollard-Giboudeau, UNCTAD, UNTFSSSE/TWG-FAS Secretariat; Nawon Lee, ILO, UNTFSSSE/TWG-SSES Secretariat (online); Natalie Laechelt, ILO, UNTFSSSE Secretariat ILO <i>Moderator: Ilcheong Yi, UNRISD</i>
12:45 – 13:30 [Session 6]	Institutional pathways for the future of the UNTFSSSE Speakers: Maxime Baduel, France (online); Oussama Safa, ESCWA (online); Joseph Njuguna, ICA; Aly Zulficar Rahim, World Bank (online) <i>Moderator: Mansour Omeira, ILO</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 16:00 [Session 7]	Emerging Priorities - Kick-off reflections for the 2026 UNSG report and UNGA resolution - Elaboration of specific priority actions for 2026–2027 Speakers: Andrew Allimadi, UN DESA (online), Aude Saldana, GSEF <i>Moderator: Sandra Moreno, RIPESS</i>
16:00 – 17:00 [Session 8]	SSE and Social Innovation for the Triple Transition Speakers: Vanessa Schummer, Luxembourg (online); Jader Canè, EC (online); Amal Chevreau, OECD (online); Mansour Omeira, ILO <i>Moderator: Sarah De Heusch, Social Economy Europe</i>
17:00 – 18:00 [Session 9]	Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination Speakers: Sandra Moreno, RIPESS; Rayann Koudaih, ILO (online) <i>Moderator: Carlos Inat Trigueros, Technical Advisor Social Economy, Spain</i>
18:00 – 19:30	Networking
From 19:30	Dinner

Friday, December 5, 2025

Time	Session	Details
08:30 – 10:00	Breakfast Meetings	Separate informal coordination meetings for: Members / Observers The zoom links for these meetings will be shared separately to facilitate online participation
10:00 – 11:00 [Session 10]	Capacity Development for Members & Observers	Speakers: Dagmawi Tewodros Sahlu, AU (online); Wieteke Dupain, Euclid Network; Anthony Ratier, SSE International Forum (online); Luca Pastorelli, DIESIS Network (online) <i>Moderator: Bram van Eijk, Catalyst Now</i>
11:00 – 12:00 [Session 11]	Research, Statistics and Knowledge Sharing	Speakers: Gianluca Salvatori, EURICSE (online); Hyungsik Eum, ILO, UNTFSSSE/TWG-SSES Secretariat (online); Rocío Nogales-Muriel, EMES (online); Solène Gastal, CIRIEC (online) <i>Moderator: Ilcheong Yi, UNRISD</i>
12:00 – 12:15	Coffee break	
12:15 – 13:30 [Session 12]	Closing Session	Speakers: - Luis Alberto Marín González, Regional Minister for the Economy, Finance, European Funds and Digital Transformation. Government of the Region of Murcia. - Jaime Iglesias Sanchez-Cervera, Special Commissioner for the Social Economy, Spain - Juan Antonio Pedreño, President of UCOMUR, CEPES and Social Economy Europe - Simel Esim, Head of ILO COOP/SSE, Chair of the UNTFSSSE <i>Moderator: Juan Antonio Pedreño, President of UCOMUR, CEPES and Social Economy Europe</i>
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