



Call for expression of interest: Consultants database on cooperative and social and solidarity economy (SSE) development

The ILO promotes the cooperative business model to create and maintain sustainable enterprises, offering jobs that not only provide income but also pave the way for broader social and economic advancement, empowering individuals, their families and communities. ILO's work in cooperative development is based on the firm conviction that the promotion of the social and solidarity economy (SSE) such as cooperatives, mutual benefit societies, associations, foundations and social enterprises is an efficient way to promote social justice and social inclusion for all members of society.

The ILO, through its Cooperatives Unit (COOP) serves its constituents, cooperatives and the wider social and solidarity economy through three-pronged strategy:

- Advancing cooperatives and other social and solidarity economy enterprises (SSEs) as economically, socially and environmentally responsible and viable business options;
- Encouraging the integration of decent work as a priority in the cooperative movement's agenda, in the development of cooperatives and other SSEs, and in cooperatives and SSE policies; and
- Ensuring that specificities of cooperatives, as associations of persons and as business enterprises, and SSEs are recognized in analysis, policy, and actions toward achieving decent work and a sustainable future.

The following are the six operational areas of work where COOP is actively working:

- Providing legal and policy advice;
- Scaling up development cooperation;
- Upgrading training and capacity building;
- Deepening research and knowledge generation efforts;
- Strengthening partnerships;
- Expanding on communication & dissemination.

COOP frequently engages experts or companies under individual or service contracts to work on short-term assignments either as a consultant or service contractor. The Unit intends to update its database of potential consultants or companies for two categories i.e. **training** and **other specialized areas**:

Category	Technical area
Training material development and/or delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperative development • Cooperative management • Cooperative governance • Cooperative education • Cooperative entrepreneurship • Cooperatives and Gender equality • Cooperatives and the elimination of child labour • Cooperatives and the elimination of forced labour • Cooperatives and collective bargaining • Cooperatives and occupational safety and health • Governance of mutual benefit societies • Management of mutual benefit societies • Governance of social enterprises • Management of social enterprises
Other specialized areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperative policy and legislation • Social and solidarity economy policy and legislation • Research on cooperatives • Research in social and solidarity economy • Statistics on cooperatives • Statistics on social and solidarity economy organizations • National institutional framework development for cooperatives • National institutional framework development for social and solidarity economy

Interested experts or organisations that wish to be included in the database for one or more of the above-mentioned areas are required to submit the following documents either in English, French or Spanish to coop@ilo.org:

- Updated CV including brief summary of areas of competence and experience, including work languages (no more than 400 words)
- Degrees and certificates

To be eligible applicants must have at least five years of experience in the given area(s) mentioned above.

The deadline to submit expression of interest for incorporation in database of suppliers of services for cooperative and SSE development is **7 June, 2019 (midnight Geneva time)**.