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Accelerating Progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals through the Social and Solidarity Economy

Date: 14 December 2022, 11:00am – 12.30pm (Bangkok time)

Place: UN Conference Centre Bangkok (Room 3) and online

Language: English with simultaneous translation into Spanish

Moderator: Heejin Ahn, Technical Officer, Cooperatives Unit, ILO

Background

Social and solidarity economy can play a crucial role in the realization of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by promoting inclusive and sustainable development. This year marks a historical milestone for the social and solidarity economy (SSE) at international level, with the adoption of the [Resolution on decent work and the social and solidarity economy](#) at the 110th International Labour Conference, and the [Recommendation on the social and solidarity economy and social innovation](#) by the OECD Council at Ministerial level. Member States are working toward a [possible UN resolution on the SSE for sustainable development](#). At the regional level the EU has adopted an [action plan on the social economy](#) in 2021 and the African Union is holding consultations on a ten-year strategy on the social and solidarity economy. This session aims to foster collaboration and exchange among countries in Asia and the Pacific region to strengthen the national and regional efforts in applying the international guidelines and accelerate progress towards the SDGs through the SSE. The session is organized by ESCAP in cooperation with the ILO and the Asian Solidarity Economy Council (RIPESS Asia) and in the framework of the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy (UNTFSSSE).

Objectives

This session will bring together policymakers, representatives of international organizations, social and solidarity economy network and practitioners from Asia and the Pacific to discuss ways to strengthen the SSE's contribution to achieving the SDGs. It will:

- Shed light on the contributions of the SSE towards achieving the SDGs;
- Generate ideas on bridging gaps and leveraging opportunities to strengthen the SSE ecosystem through South-South and Triangular Cooperation;
- Provide a platform for policymakers to share knowledge, know-how and good practices in designing and implementing policies and regulations for the SSE.

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At the end of the session, participants will have improved understanding of the social and solidarity economy and take away practical lessons and good practices that can be applied in their respective countries.

Agenda

Time	Session
11:00 – 11:05 (5')	<p>Welcome remarks</p> <p>Mr. Kelvin Sergeant, Specialist on Job Creation and Enterprises Development, ILO Decent Work Team for East and South-East Asia and the Pacific</p>
11:05 – 11:15 (10')	<p>Accelerating Progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals through the Social and Solidarity Economy Mr. Vic Van Vuuren, Chair, UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy (UNTFSSSE), Director of the Enterprises Department, ILO</p>
11:15 – 12:00 (45')	<p>Fostering an enabling policy and regulatory environment for the social and solidarity economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Alfie Othman, CEO, Singapore Centre for Social Enterprise (raiSE) • Dr. Dat Chu, Deputy Director of International Cooperation Department, Vietnam Cooperative Alliance (VCA) • Mr. Thanawut Supangkaratana, Social Enterprise Officer of the Office of Social Enterprise Promotion (OSEP)
12:00 – 12:20 (20')	<p>Q & A</p>
12:20 – 12:30 (10')	<p>Highlights and closing remarks</p> <p>Dr. Benjamin Quiñones, Asian Solidarity Economy Council (RIPESS Asia)</p>

Supporting materials

[Decent work and the social and solidarity economy](#)

[Resolution concerning decent work and the social and solidarity economy](#)

[Project brochure: Strengthening Social and Solidarity Economy Policy in Asia](#)

[UNTFSSSE Position Paper: Advancing the 2030 Agenda through the Social and Solidarity Economy](#)

