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## Enabling SSE? *the UN Inter-agency Task Force on SSE*

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## Inter-Agency Task Force on **Social and Solidarity Economy**

- Outcome of the UNRISD conference on SSE held in May 2013
- Founding meeting held on 30 September 2013 and convened by ILO, UN-NGLS, UNDP and UNRISD
- Members (19): ECLAC, ESCWA, FAO, ILO, OECD, TDR, UN-NGLS, UNAIDS, UNDESA, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO, UNESCO, UNRISD, UN Women, WHO, WFP
- Observers (4): *Réseau Intercontinental de Promotion de l'Économie Sociale Solidaire (RIPESS)*, Mont-Blanc Meetings (MBM), International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) and MedESS



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# Roles of TFSSE

- Enhance the recognition of the role of SSE enterprises and organizations in sustainable development;
- Promote knowledge of SSE and consolidate SSE networks;
- Support the establishment of an enabling institutional and policy environment for SSE;
- Ensure coordination of international efforts, and create and strengthen partnerships.



# **TFSSE Position Paper**

## **«SSE and the challenge of Sustainable Development»**

- Prepared by TFSSE members and observers
- SSE can address the integrated economic, social and environmental objectives of sustainable development
- What role SSE organizations play in relation to:
  - i) The transition from informal economy to decent work
  - ii) Greening the economy and society
  - iii) Local economic development
  - iv) Sustainable cities and human settlements
  - v) Women's well-being and empowerment
  - vi) Food security and smallholder empowerment
  - vii) Universal health coverage
  - viii) Transformative finance

# UN-TFSSE 3 working groups

- UN-Civil Society Dialogue (lead by UNRISD)
- SSE and Finance (lead by UN-NGLS & UNRISD)
- Fund-raising (led by ILO)

# WG on UN-Civil Society Dialogue

- an annual civil society-UN dialogue on SSE
- back-to-back with RIPESS events
  - 2015 RIPESS-Europe continental meeting (Berlin)
  - 2016 RIPESS-Asia continental meeting
  - 2017 RIPESS Intercontinental meeting (LA)
- around other events such as
  - the bi-annual edition of Rencontres du Mont-Blanc
  - meetings of the Leading Group on SSE
  - the 2015 UN Financing for Development conference
  - GSEF 2015 ?

# WG on SSE and finance

- Financing SSE
- Social and Solidarity Finance (SSF)
- Potential and limits of scaling-up SSF



# WG on fund-raising

- ... in need of support !
- Suggestions welcome !

# Enabling SSE

## What could governments do?

- **Rethink development** : enable communities vs conventional enterprises and individual entrepreneurship
- Recognize the **potential** of SSE
- Tackle the **disabling policy and legal environment**
- Safeguard the **autonomy** of SSE from the State
- Favour **co-construction** of policies
- Match SSE support with **redistribution** through the state via social, fiscal, credit, investment, procurement, industrial, training policies
- Adopt **multi-scalar** policy support: local, state, national and international
- Favour inter-governmental and multi-stakeholders **dialogue**
- Generate and disseminate **knowledge** about SSE