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ECONOMY FORUM**

October 21st-23rd

Social and Solidarity Economy for Sustainable, Inclusive Development and Well-being

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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GSEF2020 in Mexico City invites all actors around the world to share best practices, practical experiences, and innovative ideas & solutions in order to achieve sustainable and inclusive development and wellbeing for all.

PRE-FORUMS
OCT 19TH&20TH

Networking Events
&
Pre-forums

GSEF2020
OCT 21ST-23RD

Thematic
workshop sessions

Self-organized
sessions

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** Until 23:59 hrs CST Mexico*

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I. ABOUT GSEF2020



MEXICO CITY 2020 GLOBAL SOCIAL ECONOMY FORUM

GSEF2020, as the first Global Social Economy Forum taking place in Latin & Central America, will illustrate creative energies and great social impacts generated by the growing global Social and Solidarity Economy movement, particularly rooted in the long history and great cultural diversity of Mexico and the region.

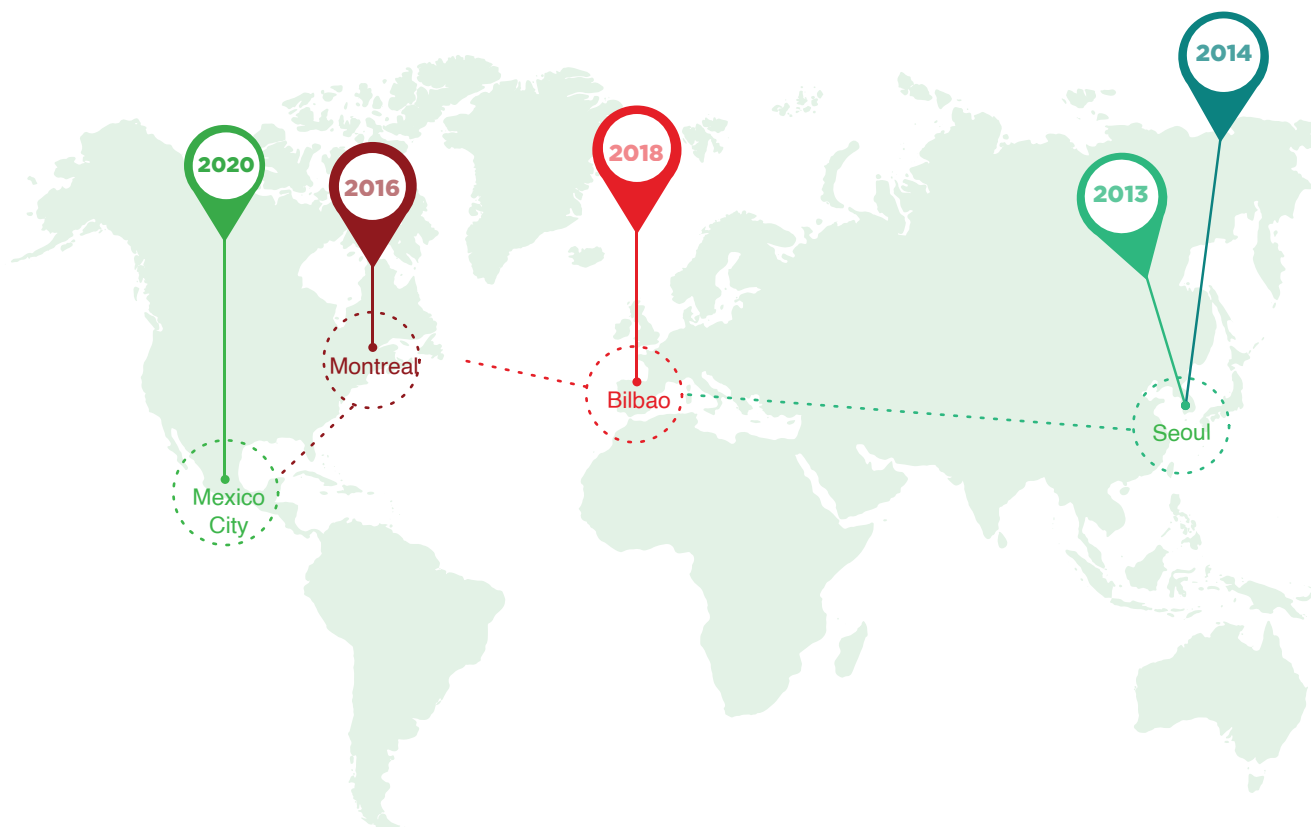
The 5th GSEF Forum will highlight innovative ideas and practical proposals, and provide opportunities for collaboration and networking around how Social and Solidarity Economy can contribute to building inclusive and sustainable societies and wellbeing of citizens as a response to the current important momentum of political and social changes arising globally.

GSEF2020 OBJECTIVES

- ✚ Exchange experiences of sustainable economic development based on the Social and Solidarity Economy, and concretely collective and community entrepreneurship.
- ✚ Identify public policy projects or initiatives in line with the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals through Social and Solidarity Economy developing both in rural and urban areas, with special emphasis on indigenous peoples and communities.
- ✚ Identify the most representative challenges of the Social and Solidarity Economy and discuss on how to find local solutions and innovative, effective ways for its adequate execution.
- ✚ Reinforce the establishment and strengthening of the Social and Solidarity Economy through networking of cooperatives and other Social and Solidarity Economy actors.
- ✚ Underline the relevance of the Social and Solidarity Economy in the creation of decent work and the strengthening of sustainable and fair production and consumption chains, and towards the ecological transition.
- ✚ Ensure the active participation of young people, women, indigenous peoples & First Nations in all aspects of the forum.

I. ABOUT GSEF2020

GSEF organizes biennial international forums together with its members across the continents. Hosted by one of the member cities, GSEF Forum is one of the most inspiring international gatherings on Social and Solidarity Economy, bringing together all stakeholders from international organizations, local/central governments, and civil society networks and organizations. GSEF Forum serves as a platform for mutual learning, agenda setting, and knowledge exchange.



GSEF2013 New Discovery of Collaboration (5-7 Nov 2013, Seoul, Korea)

GSEF2014 Solidarity for Change (17-19 Nov 2014, Seoul, Korea)

GSEF2016 Local Governments and Social Economy Stakeholders – Allies for the intelligent and sustainable development of cities (7-9 Sept 2016, Montreal, Canada)

GSEF2018 Social Economy and Cities – Values and competitiveness for an inclusive and sustainable local development (1-3 Oct 2018, Bilbao, Spain)

**GSEF2020 Mexico City, Mexico
FOR THE 1ST TIME IN LATIN AMERICA**

II. CENTRAL THEME

Social and Solidarity Economy for Sustainable, Inclusive Development and Well-being

This central theme incorporates the fundamental principles of GSEF as an international association of local governments and civil society actors committed to the development of the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE). It is articulated around four thematic pillars directly related to the debates that are currently taking place in Latin America and all around the world by recognizing Social and Solidarity Economy in its diverse expressions, as a real, viable and sustainable option to advance social and economic development to achieve an ecological transition in a different way.



In a global context often marked by growing inequalities, local and national governments around the world – in both developed and developing countries – are increasingly turning to the Social and Solidarity Economy model for the role it can play in the generation and distribution of collective wealth. SSE is a model that integrates wealth distribution from the very inception of the economic activities. As a result, it allocates an essential part of the generated wealth in favor of sustainable and inclusive development goals.

The Social and Solidarity Economy has demonstrated in times of economic crisis and significant job losses, greater resilience and lower vulnerability to these problems due to its more transparent, sustainable and responsible socio-business policies.

GSEF2020 will bring the perspectives of Mexico and Latin America to the center of the international debate while sharing diverse views at global level on how Social and Solidarity Economy can contribute to the transformation of societies in a more inclusive and sustainable way as a real alternative for the economic and social development of territories and to the well-being of all citizens.



III. THEMATIC PILLARS & SUB-THEMES

The central theme:

Social and Solidarity Economy for Sustainable, Inclusive Development and Well-being

GSEF2020		OCT 21 ST (WED) - 23 RD (FRI)			
THEMATIC PILLARS	SUB-THEMES				
<p>1</p> <p>Economic Development & Wellbeing</p>	<p>1.1</p> <p>1.2</p> <p>1.3</p> <p>1.4</p> <p>1.5</p> <p>1.6</p>	<p>Social finance, social banks and social investment</p> <p>Agents for the transition; technology and instruments to mitigate poverty</p> <p>Integration and localization of Sustainable Development Goals in a systematic way,</p> <p>Culture of wellbeing; public policies, projects and best practices to promote wellbeing through the Social and Solidarity Economy</p> <p>Food systems</p> <p>Future of work</p>			
<p>2</p> <p>Environmental Resiliency</p>	<p>2.1</p> <p>2.2</p> <p>2.3</p> <p>2.4</p>	<p>Relationship between urban and rural areas</p> <p>Food security and food sovereignty</p> <p>Mobility and connectivity, sustainable habitat</p> <p>Ecological city</p>			
<p>3</p> <p>SSE for Inclusiveness, Social cohesion, Culture and Migration, Solidarity and Equity</p>	<p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p>	<p>Social issues: How SSE addresses social inclusion, migration and social cohesion</p> <p>Migration initiatives</p> <p>Inclusive and equal culture of the Social and Solidarity Economy</p> <p>North-South collaboration; collaboration at local, regional and international level</p>			
<p>4</p> <p>Democratic Governance</p>	<p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p> <p>4.4</p> <p>4.5</p>	<p>Governance of enterprises and organizations of the Social and Solidarity Economy</p> <p>Governance of networks & representing structures of the Social and Solidarity Economy</p> <p>Dialogue between Social and Solidarity Economy actors and governments, alliances and networks, as means to influence policy making</p> <p>Commons; common platforms for the development</p> <p>Social impact, measurement and management of the social impact</p>			
<p>PRE-FORUMS OCT 19TH (MON) & 20TH (TUE)</p>	 <p>Indigenous Peoples and Communities</p>	 <p>Youth</p>	 <p>Women & Gender</p>	 <p>Local Governments & Public Policies</p>	 <p>Day for researchers</p>

III. THEMATIC PILLARS & SUB-THEMES

1

Economic Development & Wellbeing

In a context where inequalities and the wealth gap that are continuously on the rise on a global scale, societies offering fair chances and equal opportunities for all is far from being a reality. Too often, the pursuit of profit maximization is still the most important objective in all economies, generating an increasingly uneven wealth distribution worldwide. According to a 2019 Oxfam report, the fortunes of the world's billionaires increased by 12% while the income of 3,8 billion of the poorest decreased by 11%. Against this background, citizens all around the world are demanding a deep transformation of our economies, cities and territories. To respond to these aspirations, governments increasingly turn to the new economic development paradigm embodied by the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE). SSE is not only an alternative way of delivering economic, social and environmental value, but also a smart way of unlocking resources through - among others - social financing mechanisms. Under this thematic pillar, discussions will examine ways to tap into SSE's potential to contribute to economic transformation towards the achievement of the spirit of the Agenda 2030, "to leave no one behind".

SUB-THEMES

- 1.1 Social finance, social banks and social investment
- 1.2 Agents for the transition; technology and instruments to mitigate poverty
- 1.3 Integration and localization of Sustainable Development Goals in a systemic way
- 1.4 Culture of wellbeing; public policies, projects and best practices to promote wellbeing through the Social and Solidarity Economy
- 1.5 Food systems
- 1.6 Future of work

2

Environmental Resiliency

The world is facing ecological crises including floods, global warming and air pollution, revealing the failures of the "business-as-usual" attitude by governments, producers and even consumers. These practices neglect the critical importance of sustainable habitat, fair production and consumption respecting the limits of the environment. A new way of living, preventing over-consumption and over-exploitation of natural resources is urgently needed to ensure environmental resiliency and sustainable development of the planet. Under this theme, we will discuss how Social and Solidarity Economy can contribute to alleviating the impact of climate change.

SUB-THEMES

- 2.1 Relationship between urban and rural areas
- 2.2 Food security and food sovereignty
- 2.3 Mobility and connectivity, sustainable habitat
- 2.4 Ecological city

III. THEMATIC PILLARS & SUB-THEMES

3

SSE for Inclusiveness, Social Cohesion, Culture and Migration, Solidarity and Equity

To fight against inequalities and discrimination, solutions need to be developed by all stakeholders to effectively protect the rights and dignity of all. The Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) has played an important role in providing an equal opportunity to all by mitigating growing inequalities and discrimination between individuals and territories, between urban and rural areas through its principle of putting humans before capital. Rooted in the local communities, SSE organizations and enterprises have greatly contributed to maintaining the social fabric within communities and territories, and building social cohesion in all countries, thereby responding effectively to the urgent needs of the people. Under this theme, we will discuss how to contribute better to social cohesion, ensuring equal opportunities for all, and linking productive activity of SSE to social needs based on values of solidarity, participation, inclusion and equity.

SUB-THEMES

- 3.1 Social issues: How SSE addresses social inclusion, migration and social cohesion
- 3.2 Migration initiatives
- 3.3 Inclusive and equal culture of the Social and Solidarity Economy
- 3.4 North-South collaboration; collaboration at local, regional and international level

4

Democratic Governance

Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) principles of autonomous management, participation and collective decision-making assure its capacity to achieve societal goals. Its democratic governance and collective ownership are essential for the transparent and effective use of resources. Under this theme we will discuss how to build partnerships and collaboration among public and private actors and communities to maximize socio-economic and environmental impacts. Because SSE is an exercise in participatory democracy, so as to benefit all, the process must be based upon democratic values and effective participation by all.

SUB-THEMES

- 4.1 Governance of enterprises and organizations of the Social and Solidarity Economy
- 4.2 Governance of networks & representing structures of the Social and Solidarity Economy
- 4.3 Dialogue between Social and Solidarity Economy actors and governments, alliances and networks, as means to influence policy making
- 4.4 Commons; common platforms for the development
- 4.5 Social impact, measurement and management of the social impact

IV. HOW TO APPLY


Do you have good practices to present that are related to GSEF2020's thematic pillars and illustrate the importance of co-creation of public policies or partnership between governments and SSE organizations?

Please share your experiences and ideas with us!
Apply now on our website www.gsef2020.org

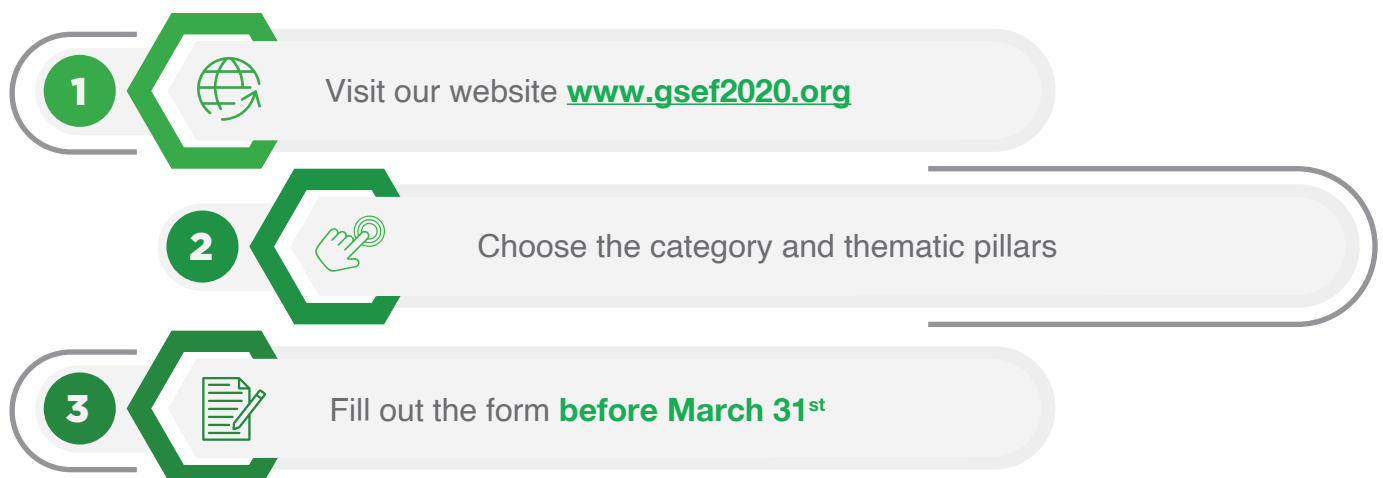
 **APPLY**

Selected initiatives will be presented during thematic workshops of the GSEF2020 main Forum and selected self-organized sessions will be part of both the Pre-forums and the main Forum. Individuals/organizations/institutions whose proposal was selected will be notified within 2 months after the submission deadline, after being reviewed by the GSEF2020 academic committee according to the following criteria for each thematic area. Due to very limited space and time allotted for self-organized sessions, the number of selected proposals will be limited to ONE per entity.

SELECTION CRITERIA

-  Gender balance, geographic diversity and important factors including the representation of youth, women and indigenous peoples will be considered at the time of selection.
-  Preference will be given to the GSEF members.
-  Projects and initiatives built on collaboration between governments and SSE organizations & enterprises for the co-creation of public policies will be given priority.
-  Submission of initiatives and projects built on innovative practices and approaches is encouraged.

REMEMBER THE STEPS !



IV. HOW TO APPLY



CATEGORIES



There are three categories:

1. INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE (OCT 21ST-23RD)

You can submit your initiative or project under the sub-theme of your choice by filling the online form available through the link below or on our website www.gsef2020.org.

Selected initiatives will be presented as part of thematic workshop sessions during the main Forum from 21st to 23rd October. They will be entitled to receive partial financial support to cover travel expenses, in compliance with the regulations set by the Local Organizing Committee.

Only individuals or institutions whose initiative was selected will be contacted within 2 months after the submission deadline.



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2. SELF-ORGANIZED SESSIONS (OCT 21ST-23RD)

You can submit your proposal under the sub-theme of your choice by filling the online form available through the link below or on our website www.gsef2020.org. Self-organized sessions are your chance to organize or co-organize your own customized session.

Please note that this category is only for self-financed proposals. Space will be provided to selected proposals during the main Forum of GSEF2020 from 21st to 23rd October under one of the relevant thematic areas.

Only organizations/institutions whose proposal was selected will be contacted within 2 months after the submission deadline.



APPLY

3. PRE-FORUMS (OCT 19TH & 20TH)

As part of the GSEF2020, Pre-forums will be held on 5 themes: **Indigenous Peoples and Communities, Youth, Women & Gender, Local Governments & Public Policies, and Day for Researchers.**

Besides the 4 thematic pillars of the Forum, these transversal themes will bring opportunities to listen to all voices, reflect on relevant current issues and identify the best solutions responding to the challenges towards an inclusive and sustainable society through collective, collaborative and human-centered approaches. Pre-forums will also provide time and space for those groups to network, share and exchange experiences and ideas to work together.

Pre-forums and networking events will be organized under these themes in the form of workshops, exhibitions, debates, and meetings on 19th & 20th October.

You can submit your proposal under the sub-theme of your choice by filling the online form available through the link below or on our website www.gsef2020.org.

Please note that this category is only for self-financed proposals. Venue/rooms will be provided for the selected proposals only.



APPLY

IV. HOW TO APPLY

COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

We welcome initiatives and projects demonstrating the contribution of Social and Solidarity Economy to the inclusive and sustainable development of territories and the wellbeing of citizens. These projects may have been designed and implemented by Social and Solidarity Economy organizations, local governments, or through cooperation between different agents. GSEF2020 thematic workshops will generally group three to five initiatives under one common sub-theme.

- **Expected duration of the workshops:** one-and-a-half hours (time allocated for the total number of initiatives presented in each workshop session)
- **Deadline for submission:** *Tuesday March 31st, 2020*
- **Languages:** Initiatives/session proposals should be submitted in English, Spanish or French.
*Simultaneous interpretation in English, Spanish and French will be provided during the GSEF2020 main Forum. However please note that this service is not guaranteed for every thematic workshop session.
- **IMPORTANT:** Only proposals submitted via the GSEF2020 official website www.gsef2020.org will be considered.



For further information or any inquiry, please contact:

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* For reasons of capacity and equilibrium of the expected topics, the GSEF2020 academic committee reserves the right to select initiatives and sessions .

* Institutions/organizations whose proposal for a self-organized session was selected will be contacted within two months after the submission deadline.

* In the event of an initiative being selected, the presenter of that initiative will be provided free access to the main Forum (October 21st-23rd 2020).

* Should you have technical difficulties with the online form, send a message to info@gsef2020.org



If you cannot submit your form online you can still do it by **sending an email to info@gsef2020.org upto 2 hours before the official deadline.** The email must contain the complete form indicating why it could not be submitted online.

V. CALENDAR



<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submission Deadline	March 31st (Tuesday) *
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notification of selected proposals:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Self-organized sessions- Individual initiatives	April 2020 May 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-forums & networking events	October 19 th & 20 th
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global Social Economy Forum 2020	October 21 st - 23 rd

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