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Date / Duration: 20th of October / 2 hours

Session format: Thematic session

Target audience: Women's SSE organizations, SSE organizations working for the benefits of women

Session Objectives / descriptions:

The difficulties such as labour market discrimination and work-family conflict faced by women in securing a decent job in market economy turn them to engage more with Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) organizations. The inclusiveness of SSE allows women to enjoy their full economic, social, and political rights. SSE organizations and enterprises often facilitate flexibility in time management and provide opportunities for paid work alongside with care work at families. This characteristic explains women's needs for SSE and their commitment in leading the SSE movement. In this session, speakers will highlight successful initiatives by women's organizations or targeted at women during the COVID-19 crisis. These examples will illustrate how women's SSE organizations can help the community stay resilient under the time of difficulties.

Although SSE organizations may provide alleviation measures to women and communities, they face different types of challenges. Speakers will also discuss the challenges they met and what are possible solutions to overcome the difficulties with innovation and new collaborative actions.

Moderators & Speakers:

Moderator - Mirai Chatterjee (Chairperson, SEWA Cooperative Federation and Director, SEWA Social Security)

Speakers:

- Varsha Thakor (Board member, Lok Swasthya SEWA Co-op, health sector)
- Sangita Gamit (Board member, Megha Indigenous Farmers' Cooperative)
- Simel Esim, Programme Manager (Senior Technical Specialist), International Labour Organization ILO)
- Geneviève Morin, Québec, Canada

Expected results:

- Visualizing the contribution of women in gender equality and our society through SSE
- Facilitating discussion among stakeholders from different women's SSE organizations from Africa, Asia and Europe on how to help women in leading SSE organizations in the future with new forms of economy after COVID-19 pandemic
- Identifying the role of local governments in accompanying structuration/development of women's organizations or women-led initiatives