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ECONOMY FORUM**GLOBAL SOCIAL ECONOMY FORUM GSEF2021****Local Governments and Social Economy: co-creation of paths for a green and inclusive economy****Mexico City
October 4 to 8, 2021****Sub-theme 1. Build and rebuild an inclusive community
October 4th, 2021
11:30 h (Mexico Central Time)****Summary**

Crises reveal the crucial challenges facing humanity. The current health crisis has accentuated the growing inequality and exclusion of millions of people. It is therefore an urgent issue to encourage reflection on inequalities so that the various actors and sectors can promote paths and solutions to generate a world where many ways of seeing life coexist, with social justice and putting the diversity of people and communities at the center.

Concept Note

The world faces social and environmental challenges that require a new perspective and practices towards good living for all. The strongest trends of the current economic system are spatial segmentation, cultural fragmentation and increasing inequalities characterized by disintegrated and fragmented societies due to the persistence of poverty and unequal income distribution, leaving vulnerable groups and communities at higher risk of exclusion.

Currently, in most countries there are problems of inequality and gaps in all areas, at the individual and collective level. The Social and Solidarity Economy is a means to improve the development of initiatives, inclusive public policies and collaboration mechanisms between different actors and sectors, making vulnerable groups the protagonists of their own welfare processes.

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An inclusive community is one that accepts all its members, without distinction of social classes, without discrimination, without exclusion or limitations for personal and collective development; a society that makes all its members feel equal to participate in political, economic, social and cultural life; an environment that accommodates all people regardless of condition, sex, gender, preferences, age, beliefs or ethnic origin, and in which they have the same rights and obligations, a world that provides opportunities for all.

It is imperative to place the participation of the most vulnerable actors and sectors in each society at the center of the public action. However, their participation will not be possible without changing the structural causes that generate social inequalities, including discrimination, poverty, inequitable income distribution and lack of opportunities.

Therefore, we present experiences and practices that, from communities or vulnerable groups, based on the principles of the social and solidarity economy, aspire to build and rebuild where the communities are mostly affected by the pandemic situations an inclusive community that allows participation and recognition of the diversity that compose it and allows personal and collective development, in which everyone has a place, even with their differences.

Objectives

1. To reflect on the inequalities that affect societies and how they influence the exclusion and violation of people's rights.
2. To make visible the different interpretations that exist on the concept of inclusion.
3. To provide possible routes or strategies of action for the achievement of more inclusive and just communities.
4. To identify the key actors and sectors for the achievement of the proposed strategies.
5. To share experiences, initiatives and ideas that from the social and solidarity economy contribute to an inclusive community.

Main question

What should be the actions or strategies of individuals, governments, groups, societies, countries, to achieve a better and more inclusive world? What key actions should be promoted from the local level?



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Guiding questions

Round 1

1. What hinders people's access to the processes of well-being and equality? How can we close the gaps of inequality and exclusion?
2. What are the necessary conditions for a more equitable world where everyone has a place? What is the role of the SSE in generating these conditions?
3. What should an inclusive community be like?

Round 2

4. How can the different SSE sectors and actors co-create, from the local level, solutions to global challenges?
5. What experiences or mechanisms have been generated by the various actors and sectors to be taken into account, to have their rights respected, to make their diverse ways of life visible and to generate their own means of well-being? Which of these good practices can be taken up again in other spaces? How can we promote the generation of mutual support networks?
6. How does the SSE contribute to the achievement of more inclusive communities?