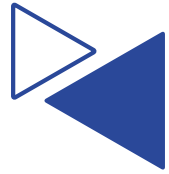




Global Forum  
for Social and Solidarity  
Economy



# SKILLS AND EXPERTISE TO DEVELOP THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY AROUND THE WORLD

Advocacy

Networking

Capacity building

Awareness-raising

Strategy

Democratic governance

Public policies  
development

SSE

Local anchoring

Value sharing

Social utility

Sustainable  
development

Cooperation

Preservation of the  
living

Social justice

Decent work

Peace

Democracy



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# THE GSEF CO-DESIGNS SOLUTIONS WITH YOU

## YOU ARE...

**A local or national government,  
a public institution**

**A structure or network in the  
Social and Solidarity Economy**

**An economic player involved in the  
dynamics of its local area**

**An international organization  
or agency**

The GSEF is a platform for all players, on every continent, who wish to develop ecosystems favorable to the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) on their territory, to make it a vehicle for sustainable and inclusive local development.

## YOU'RE LOOKING TO...



**Strengthen the skills and know-how** of your local SSE stakeholders (elected representatives, technicians, management and services, companies and organizations, etc.)



**Structure a network** of players and/or local governments involved in the SSE (local and national chambers, economic clusters, etc.).



**Advocate** for the implementation of legal frameworks to support the SSE (access to financing, support mechanisms for SSE players, etc.).



**Develop or improve a public policy**, a national SSE strategy or a sectoral policy (youth, gender, public procurement, etc.).



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## LET'S BUILD TOGETHER AN APPROACH TAILORED TO YOUR CHALLENGES AND RESOURCES

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Take advantage of the 12 years of expertise of a global network of players, operating in 35 countries and committed to local SSE dynamics, to strengthen your capacities, structure your initiatives and help your local public policies evolve.

► **Awareness-raising and advocacy on SSE**

- Workshops and training on SSE principles and challenges
- Sharing best practices through case studies
- Learning tours to learn about inspiring and tangible initiatives

► **Structuring and networking**

- Connecting local players and creating spaces for exchange
- Support for participative governance of SSE ecosystems
- Mapping and analysis of local SSE dynamics

► **Development of public policies**

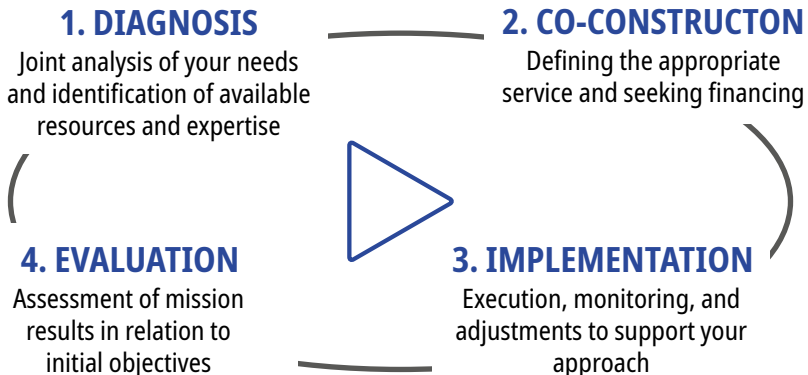
- Assessment of existing regulatory frameworks and strategies
- Technical support in structuring strategic approaches and integrating the SSE into public policies
- Drawing up action plans, monitoring progress and evaluating results

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## HERE TO LISTEN AND EXCHANGE

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(in English, French and Spanish)



## OUR EXPERTISE AT YOUR SERVICE

Behind each mission, a dynamic and experienced team...



### Aude Saldana

*GSEF General Secretary*

*Over 20 years' experience in international program management (development, capacity-building, etc.) in Africa and Asia; SSE expert*



### Martin Georges

*Thematic and technical animation Officer*

*Youth expert*



### Thomas Allié

*Communications and network Officer*



### Guillaume Weber

*Mission Officer - Research*

*Focus Latin America and the Caribbean*



### Valentine Boglione

*Assistant Operations Manager*

*GSEF SSE Youth Hub - Africa Zone*



### Ndoumbé Pouye

*International Solidarity Volunteer*

*Youth mobilization BordeauxGSEF2025*



### Jeanne Morel

*Coordinator of the BordeauxGSEF2025*

*Scientific Committee*

### ...mobilizing a network of international SSE experts

Renowned specialists, committed to the GSEF, our [Steering Committee](#) (local governments and SSE organizations) and our [Advisory Committee](#), to provide expertise tailored to your priorities. These include:

<p><b>Marguerite Mendell • Quebec</b> <i>Professor Emerita - School of Community and Public Affairs; Director - Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy; Professor - Concordia University</i></p>	<p><b>Denise Fatoumata Ndour • Senegal</b> <i>President - INAISE (International Association of Investors in Social Economy) Director - Sen'Finances</i></p>
<p><b>Antonella Noya • Italy</b> <i>Expert in SSE and social innovation Former Head of the SSE Economic Unit at the OECD</i></p>	<p><b>Thierry Jeantet • France</b> <i>Honorary Chairman - ESS Forum International Chairman - AG2R La Mondiale Foundation</i></p>
<p><b>Rev. Kyong Yong Song • South Korea</b> <i>Former Chairman, SVS Fund</i></p>	<p><b>Leandro Morais • Brazil</b> <i>Professor - University of São Paulo</i></p>
<p><b>Laurence Kwark • South Korea</b> <i>International SSE expert; Ex-SG of the GSEF</i></p>	<p><b>Nancy Neamtan • Quebec</b> <i>Founder - Chantier de l'Économie Sociale</i></p>
<p><b>Timothée Duverger • France</b> <i>Director - Chair TerrESS, Sciences Po Bordeaux Researcher - Centre Émile Durkheim</i></p>	<p><b>Berenice Alcalde • Mexico</b> <i>SSE expert Program Coordinator</i></p>
<p><b>Miguel Angel Beretta Cisneros • Peru</b> <i>Professor - National University of San Marcos</i></p>	<p><b>Dominique Lesaffre • France</b> <i>Expert in solidarity finance</i></p>

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## OUR REFERENCES

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### Examples of training and capacity-building programs conducted by the GSEF *(in person or online)*

**Dakar, Senegal** • Training with the Platform of Non-State Actors of Senegal and the International Organization of Francophonie, leading to the creation of the RACTES hybrid network bringing together local governments and actors involved in the SSE.

**Mexico** • National workshop with Mexico's National Institute of the Social Economy, bringing together 111 local, regional and federal government representatives.

**Kampala, Uganda** • Training session for over 60 SSE leaders and practitioners in Uganda and East Africa.

**GSEF-CGLUA-ALGA program** • Online training on inspiring SSE policies and practices, in collaboration with UCLG Africa and the African Academy of Local Government, bringing together 35 participants from 15 countries and 3 continents.

### Research

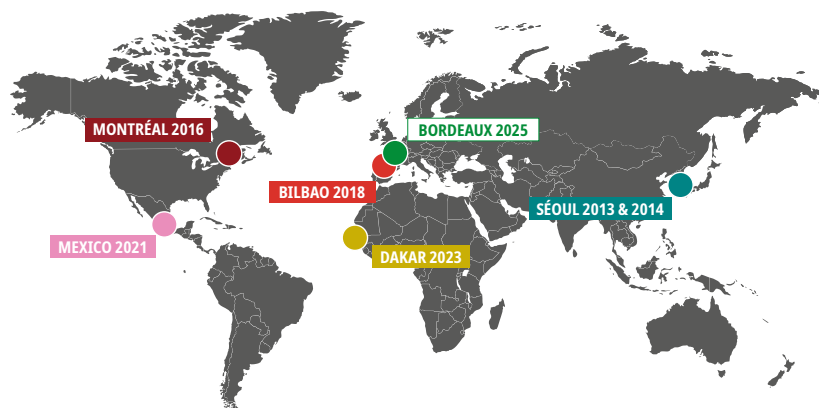
Production of [a series of case studies](#) with UNRISD on public policies in favor of the SSE in several metropolises: Barcelona, Dakar, Durban, Liverpool, Mexico City, Montreal and Seoul. Highlighting action levers and best practices for inclusive territorial development.

### Development of tools

Creation with UNRISD of the guide [Guidelines for Local Governments on Policies for Social and Solidarity Economy](#), a reference framework for local authorities to design and implement public policies promoting SSE in their territory.

### The GSEF's Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forums

Co-organization every two years of the Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum with a GSEF member host city and our partners.



# ABOUT THE GSEF



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Founded in 2013 in Seoul, the GSEF - Global Forum for Social and Solidarity Economy - is a global network of local governments and civil society players committed to promoting and developing the Social and Solidarity Economy.

Its 90 members, present in 35 countries on 5 continents, represent the diversity of SSE stakeholders: local governments, networks, associations, cooperatives, mutual societies, foundations, social enterprises, universities...

We support the development of the SSE throughout the world, by fostering dialogue between public authorities and SSE players to co-construct local public policies contributing to the achievement of the **Sustainable Development Goals** and the emergence of ecosystems favorable to the SSE.



## THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY

The Social and Solidarity Economy is recognized by the United Nations as a key driver of sustainable and inclusive development.

Based on cooperation, democratic governance, and the primacy of people over capital, it strengthens territorial resilience by structuring local economic ecosystems, creating sustainable jobs, and fostering social innovation.

In response to economic, social, and environmental crises, SSE provides solutions tailored to community needs while supporting a transition towards a fairer and more sustainable model.

The GSEF upholds these principles and actively participates in the United Nations Task Force on SSE (UNTFSSSE) to promote its role on a global scale.

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