CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum

MaricáGSEF2027 - 8th edition

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PART 1 - CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Introduction

Together, let's design the scientific programme for Maricá GSEF2027 - Whether you represent any type of Social and Solidarity Economy organization, a public authority, a government, a university or research institute, an expert or practitioner, your voice matters as we work together to build an inspiring Forum that drives social change.

Make your voice heard, share your experiences and innovations from the Social and Solidarity Economy, and take part in this collective effort to build a deeply rooted and sustainable economic model that respects people, knowledge, and territories.

The City of Maricá and the GSEF are pleased to announce the opening of the call for contributions for the next Global SSE Forum, to be held in Maricá, Brazil, from October 9 to 12, 2027.

This must-attend event brings together civil society networks, cooperatives, social enterprises and other SSE entities, international organizations, local and national governments, researchers, and committed stakeholders from around the world every two years to highlight innovative and solidarity-based economic practices and policies.

We will share experiences, insights, innovations, and new narratives to build a more just, inclusive, and sustainable future where the principles and values of the SSE become the norms of our economy and the essential foundations for restoring the economy's social function.

At a time when people around the world are facing heightened instability, you will help make the Global Forum a key event on the international political agenda. Right after the September 2027 Sustainable Development Goals Summit in New York, at a critical stage in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, **the Forum will have the responsibility of demonstrating how the SSE is moving beyond isolated initiatives to become a network of regional ecosystems capable of driving lasting systemic change and supporting transitions over the long term.**

2. Why take part?

Following Seoul, Montreal, Bilbao, Mexico City, Dakar, and Bordeaux, the city of Maricá, Brazil, has been selected to host the 8th edition of the Forum in 2027. The GSEF Global Forum in Bordeaux in 2025 brought together 10,800 participants from 109 countries, illustrating the global resonance of these economic models that offer alternatives to the dominant model. The selection of the city of Maricá establishes it as a leading city for these policies of inclusion and social innovation in Brazil.

3. Global Theme and Thematic Areas

For each edition, a theme and specific topics are selected, which primarily reflect the dynamics and specific characteristics of the SSE in the host city, country and continent. The Maricá Global Forum GSEF2027 aims to highlight the contributions and strength of local knowledge and collective approaches to caring for nature, affirming the SSE as an economy deeply rooted in local realities and guided by solidarity, equity and democratic participation.

The family is recognised as a unit of production in the agricultural, fisheries and handicrafts sectors in Brazil, a status explicitly acknowledged in Brazilian public policy. These sectors are therefore characterised by a strong policy focus on family-based production, as an effective strategy to mitigate rural poverty, lower domestic inflation on food items, and promote sustainable rural development.

GLOBAL TITLE

The Social, Solidarity, and Popular Economy: an economy belonging to families and communities, rooted in local knowledge and caring for nature.

The Global Forum will take place over three days. The programme will feature high-level political plenary sessions, roundtables, and workshops organized around ten thematic tracks.

The Scientific Committee of the forum, composed of more than 55 leading SSE figures from around the world, coordinates the programme and invites you to submit proposals for presentations to enrich the discussions and explore key themes of the SSE in greater depth. Contributions should echo concrete actions and offer inspiring models capable of bringing systemic and transformative change. We particularly encourage contributions that demonstrate how SSE initiatives strengthen local capacities over the long term through cooperation, partnerships, participatory governance, and institutional support.

A key cross-cutting theme is the integration of gender equity, which will shape and inform all of the contributions.

This edition will focus on 10 key themes:

1. Poverty Eradication

Keywords: human rights, basic income, inequality, social justice, job guarantee, beyond growth, public services, decent work, social protection, transition from informality, care economy, workplace democracy

2. Food Security and Sovereignty

Keywords: small-scale farming, short supply chains, right to food, agroecology, local supply chains, value chains, fair trade, fight against hunger, responsible consumption, access to land ownership, family farming

3. Lasting Peace

Keywords: social justice, conflict prevention, resilience and recovery, territorial equality, peace economics, human rights, social cohesion, multilateralism, economic democracy

4. Solidarity-Based, Ethical and Local Finance

Keywords: solidarity-based finance, local currency, financial inclusion, community banks, climate, blended finance, private-public instruments, public procurement, local saving, financial innovative tools and mechanisms, value sharing

5. Public Policies Supporting the SSE

Keywords: governance, legal and policy framework, institutional recognition, policy development and implementation, monitoring and evaluation, regional policies, ecosystems, public institutions, community participation, social and regional roots, local economic development, structuring of SSE actors, social dialogue, community wealth building

6. Youth

Keywords: education, participation, workforce integration, collective entrepreneurship, social innovation, leadership, cross-generational transmission, socioeconomic inclusion of youth

7. Fighting climate change and protecting biodiversity

Keywords: agroecology, life economy, ECOOVIDA, circular economy, ecological transition, common, forced displacement, resettlement, just transition

8. Traditional and Ancestral Knowledge

Keywords: indigenous peoples' rights, well-being, local governance, cultural heritage, skills, crafts, transmission, traditions, endogenous knowledge, traditional occupations, intellectual property, digitalization

9. Artificial intelligence and other new technologies

Keywords: digital tools, algorithmic accountability, community-driven technology, impact on local communities, changes in the nature of work - in terms of its organization, pace, skills, and management, inequalities, just digital transition, digital commons, data sovereignty, platform cooperatives, digital transformation

10. Research and the Generation of Evidence

Keywords: impact indicators, statistics, knowledge generation, observatory, new technologies, collective memory, democratization of research, decolonial research
("Research" contributions will be academic articles exploring the other nine topics)

PART 2 - SUBMISSION GUIDE

4. Preparing Your Contribution

- **Call for contributions: 26 October 2026 – 6 January 2027**
- **Accepted languages: French, Portuguese, Spanish and English.**

To facilitate the preparation of your proposal, this guide provides the questions and response options included in the official submission form.

The Oxford Abstracts submission form is available in English only. However, you may submit your contribution in any of the four accepted languages.

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You may submit **up to 3 proposals per organization.** Depending on the total number of submissions received, we may need to ask you to narrow down your selection at a later date.

Contributions shall explain how results were achieved, which obstacles were encountered, what conditions made the initiatives sustainable, and what territorial impacts were achieved or are expected. Key lessons learned or main recommendations should appear in the conclusion.

5. Submission Form: Questions and Response Options

a) Author Information

Author(s) – Required
You MUST enter the names of ALL authors here – including yourself if you are an author – in the order in which you wish them to appear in the printed text.
Names omitted here will NOT be printed in the author index or the final programme.

For each author:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Gender
- Presenting (indicate whether the author will present the contribution)
- Email
- Phone number
- Position/Title
- Affiliation / Name of your organization or institution
- City
- Country

b) Title of the Contribution

Title – Required
Enter the FULL TITLE of your submission. This will be used for printing in the final programme.

c) Organization Category

Category to which your organization belongs – Required
Please choose a category which best describes your organization.

- Association or NGO
- Cooperative
- Social enterprise
- Mutual insurance company
- Foundation
- Self-help group
- Other SSE entity
- SSE network
- Local government
- National government
- University
- Institute
- Other

d) Main Subtheme

Main subtheme – Required
Please select only one choice (other subthemes may be included in your keywords).

1. Poverty Eradication
2. Food Security and Sovereignty

3. Lasting Peace
4. Solidarity-Based, Ethical and Local Finance
5. Public Policies Supporting the SSE
6. Youth
7. Fighting Climate Change and Protecting Biodiversity
8. Traditional and Ancestral Knowledge
9. Artificial Intelligence and Other New Technologies
10. Research and the Generation of Evidence

e) Cross-Cutting Theme: Gender Equity

Is your initiative specifically dedicated to women? – Required

- Yes
- No

Cross-cutting theme: Gender Equity – Required

How does it address the issue of gender equity?

Maximum: 250 words

f) Format of the Proposed Presentation

Format of your proposed presentation – Required

Please select your format and insert specifications in the description boxes below.

1. Presentation of your initiative

This will be included as part of a roundtable discussion in which the panel of speakers will be drawn from other submissions on the same topic from another continent; the roundtable will be organized by the Scientific Committee and its content will be developed in collaboration with the speakers, under the coordination of the designated moderator.

2. Roundtable

You submit a proposal in which you serve as the moderator of a thematic roundtable on one of the 10 subtopics, specifying the proposed panelists in your description.

3. Self-organized session

You are the sole organizers of your session and may be required to contribute to interpretation costs.

4. Participatory workshop

Please specify the objectives: co-creation, training, dialogue, etc., as well as the facilitation methodology.

5. Video/short movie

Specify the duration, a description of the subject, and usage rights or any technical specifications.

6. Poster/Exhibition

Specify the type of medium, a description of the subject, the space required for installation, or any technical specifications.

7. Scientific articles (research)

An abstract of no more than 4,500 characters (spaces not included) comprising a research question, a subject of study, a methodology, and an indicative bibliography (5 references).

8. Other format

Workshop, theater, pitch, popular education.

g) Brief Description of Your Contribution

Brief description of your contribution – Required
Please enter an abstract of your contribution.
Maximum: 1,500 characters (spaces not included).

Keywords – Required
10 maximum, separated by commas

h) Detailed Description of Your Contribution

Detailed description of your contribution – Required
Please enter a detailed description of your contribution, highlighting lessons learned and key recommendations.
Maximum: 4,500 characters (spaces not included).

i) Expected Audience Level

Expected audience level – Required
Please select one option:

- All levels
- Advanced
- Expert

j) Languages

Languages – Required
In which language(s) will the session be held?

- English
- Portuguese
- Spanish
- French

k) Permissions and Confirmations

Permission to publish – Required

- Check this box to give us permission to publish your submission on electronic media and in hardcopy if it is accepted for presentation.

Author approval – Required

- I confirm that this submission has been approved by all authors.

Author will attend – Required

- I confirm that at least one author will register in full to attend and present the contribution at the Forum.

6. How to Submit Your Proposal

- **Submission deadline: 6 January 2027**
- All proposals must be submitted through the official **Oxford Abstracts platform**.
- Although the online form is available in English only, you may write and submit your contribution in **English, French, Spanish or Portuguese**.
- You can use the **questions provided in this guide** to prepare your answers before completing the online form.

Submit Your Contribution: https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/84381/submitter

Please note

- Only proposals submitted through **Oxford Abstracts** will be considered by the Scientific Committee.
- Completing this guide or sending your proposal by email does not constitute a valid submission.
- You may submit **up to three proposals per organization**.
- Proposals must be submitted **no later than 6 January 2027**.

Evaluation and Notification

- Proposals will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee of the Forum in collaboration with its academic and institutional partners.
- Applicants will be notified of the results by the end of February 2027.

Contact

For questions or assistance with your submission, please contact Laetitia Noel, Program Support Officer for the 8th edition of the GSEF Forum : laetitia.noel@gsef-net.org

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