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# **Global Social Economy Forum 2018-2021**

# Foreword

Dear Members and Partners of the Global Social Economy Forum,

We would like to thank you for your efforts to overcome the challenges that we are facing in these unprecedented and unpredictable times of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the middle of this long crisis, more than ever we have seen that mutual support and solidarity are key to human survival. Based on its values and principles, the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) puts people first and its history of resilience, especially in times of crisis, will be crucial in making our economies and societies sustainable and inclusive for a better world in the post-COVID-19 era.

Since our last forum in Bilbao in 2018, we have been busy working with our members in their regions to improve the lives of people through SSE. In response to requests from our members, we have put our utmost efforts into revitalizing the exchange of knowledge and wisdom from each other's practices and empowering practitioners in the field in many member territories.

The impact of our work has been recognized by many other local governments and the result has been

an increase in the number of members. Now our network has a presence in every continent and has become a powerful voice for a more democratic and environmentally sustainable economy.

On the journey to building fair and resilient societies through SSE, we still face various challenges. The ongoing pandemic is causing not only disruption to our economy but also a severance of basic human relationships with our neighbors, which harms the basic capital of SSE. Although we cannot meet each other in person this year, we hope that GSEF2021 can be an opportunity to reconnect with each other and to find a common solution for our future. As our previous forum created a space for encouragement and inspiration, the forum this year will be another chance for us to reaffirm the value and potential of SSE through the experience of connection among our members.

We firmly believe that our experiences and initiatives, energy, enthusiasm, and visions through SSE will show us the way towards a more sustainable planet where no one is left behind.

Thank you all once again for being a part of this movement. We have the deepest respect for your hard work.



The Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF) is a global network aimed at promoting the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) as a strategy for the sustainable local economic development of cities and regions and the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through their localization. GSEF accompanies local governments across the world in the collaboration process with SSE actors towards the co-creation of public policies and the establishment of sustainable ecosystems conducive to the development of SSE.

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We, the 1700 individuals from 84 countries,  
 participants of the 2018 Global Social Economy Forum -  
 GSEF2018 in Bilbao - strongly affirm that economic development serving  
 both people and planet, leaving no one behind, is rooted  
 in principles of democracy, social justice, solidarity, diversity, and peace.  
 – Bilbao Declaration, 2018.

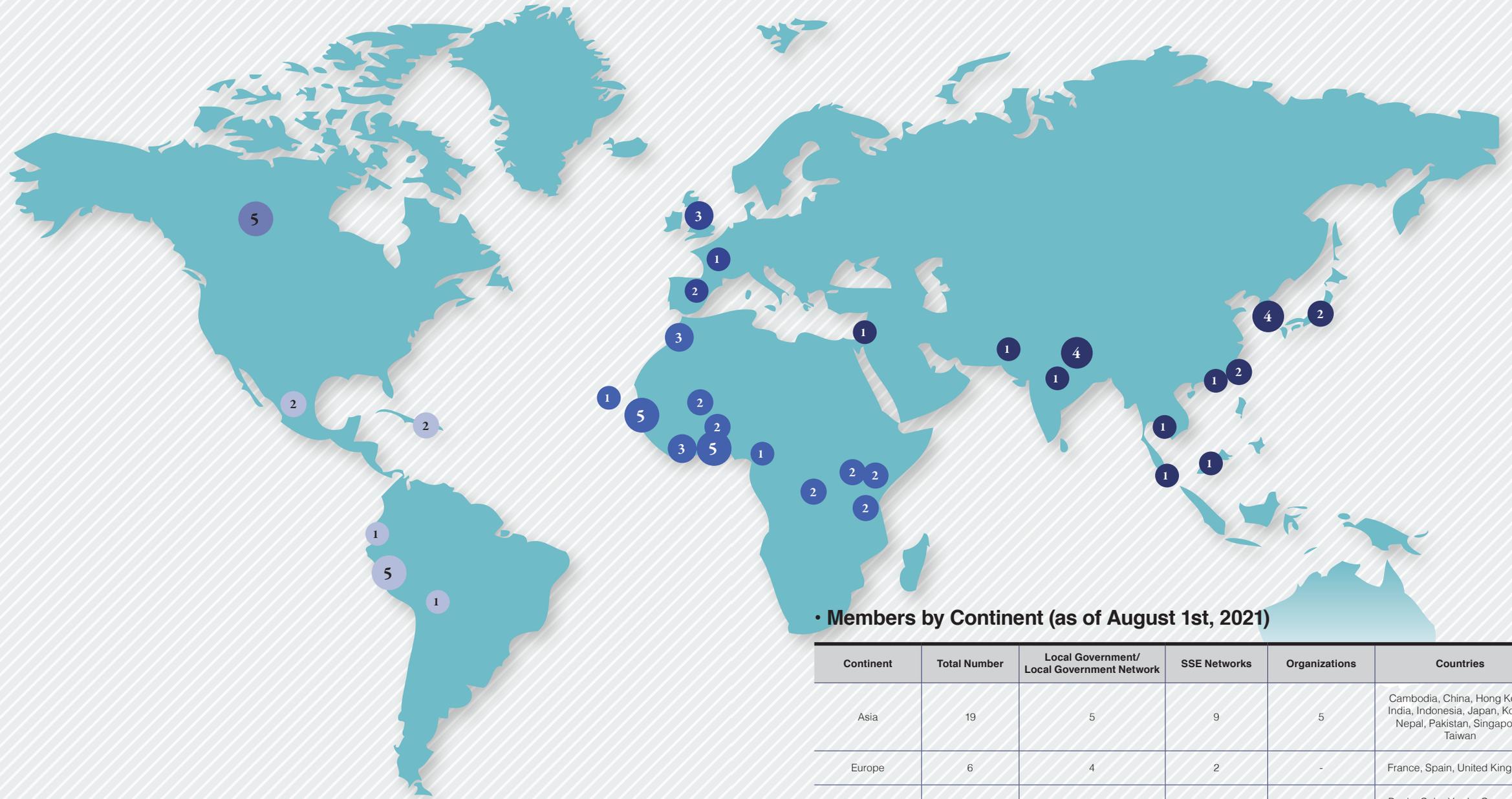


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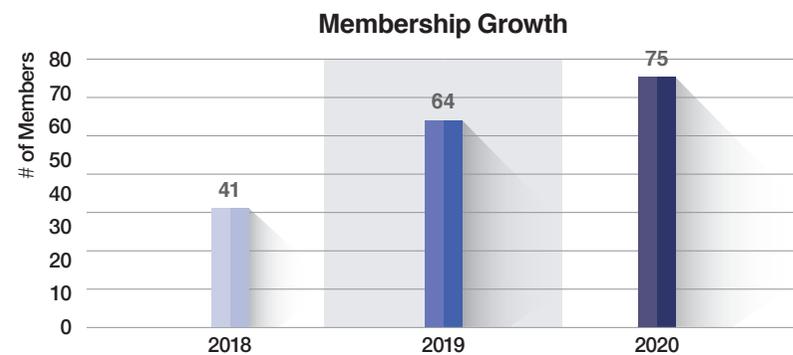
Continent	Total Number	Local Government/ Local Government Network	SSE Networks	Organizations	Countries
Asia	19	5	9	5	Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore, Taiwan
Europe	6	4	2	-	France, Spain, United Kingdom
Africa and Middle East	31	9	13	8	Benin, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, DR Congo, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mali, Morocco, Palestine, Senegal, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda
North America	5	2	1	2	Canada
Central and Latin America	11	6	2	3	Bolivia, Ecuador, Haiti, Mexico, Peru
International	3	1 UN Agency (UNRISD), 2 International Networks (IFSSE, RIPESS)			Headquartered in Switzerland, France, and Spain respectively
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75 Members</b>	<b>27 Local Governments</b>	<b>27 SSE Networks</b>	<b>18 Organizations</b>	<b>33 Countries</b>

# GSEF Members Around the World

# GSEF in Numbers: Achievements for the Period 2018-2021

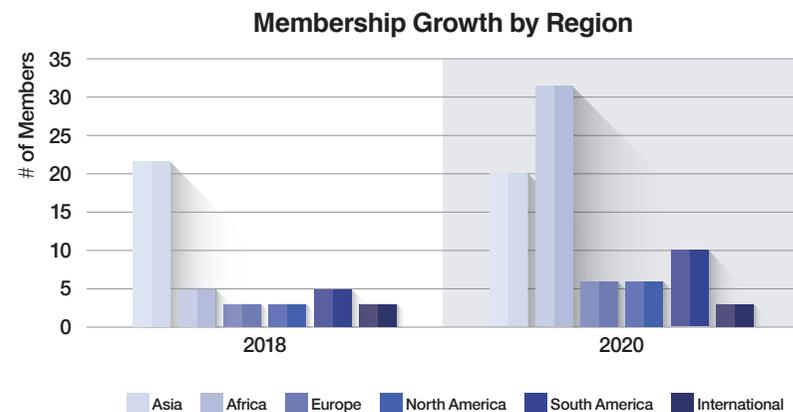
## Growth of the GSEF Network

GSEF consisted of 41 members in 2018, 64 members in 2019, and 75 members in 2020.



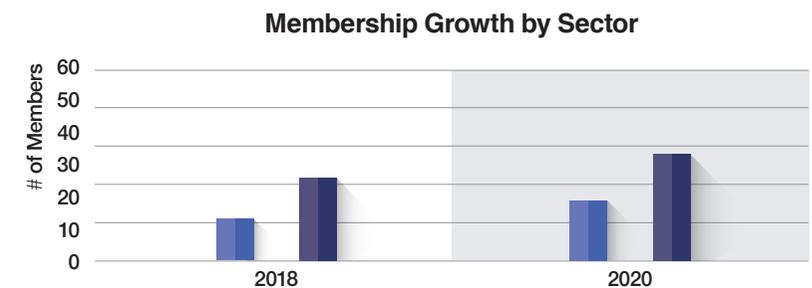
## Membership Growth by Region

As of 2018, GSEF consisted of 22 members in Asia, 5 in Africa, 3 in Europe, 3 in North America, 5 in Latin and Central America, and 3 international organizations. As of 2020, GSEF brings together 19 members in Asia, 31 members in Africa and Middle East, 6 in Europe, 6 in North America, 10 members in Latin and Central America, and 3 international organizations.



## Membership Growth by Sector

In 2018, GSEF consisted of 11 local governments or networks of local governments and 32 SSE organizations or networks. In 2020, GSEF comprises 26 local governments or networks of local governments and 49 SSE organizations or networks.



## Outputs of GSEF Actions 2018-2021



169,277 people shared their experiences and knowledge on SSE at forums, regional dialogues, and thematic sessions organized by GSEF.



253 government officials and SSE practitioners actively participated in GSEF's Capacity Building Programs on SSE.



The collaboration between GSEF and UNRISD led to the publication of *the Guidelines for Local Governments on Policies for SSE*, which were developed through case studies highlighting the SSE policies and programs of 7 GSEF member cities.

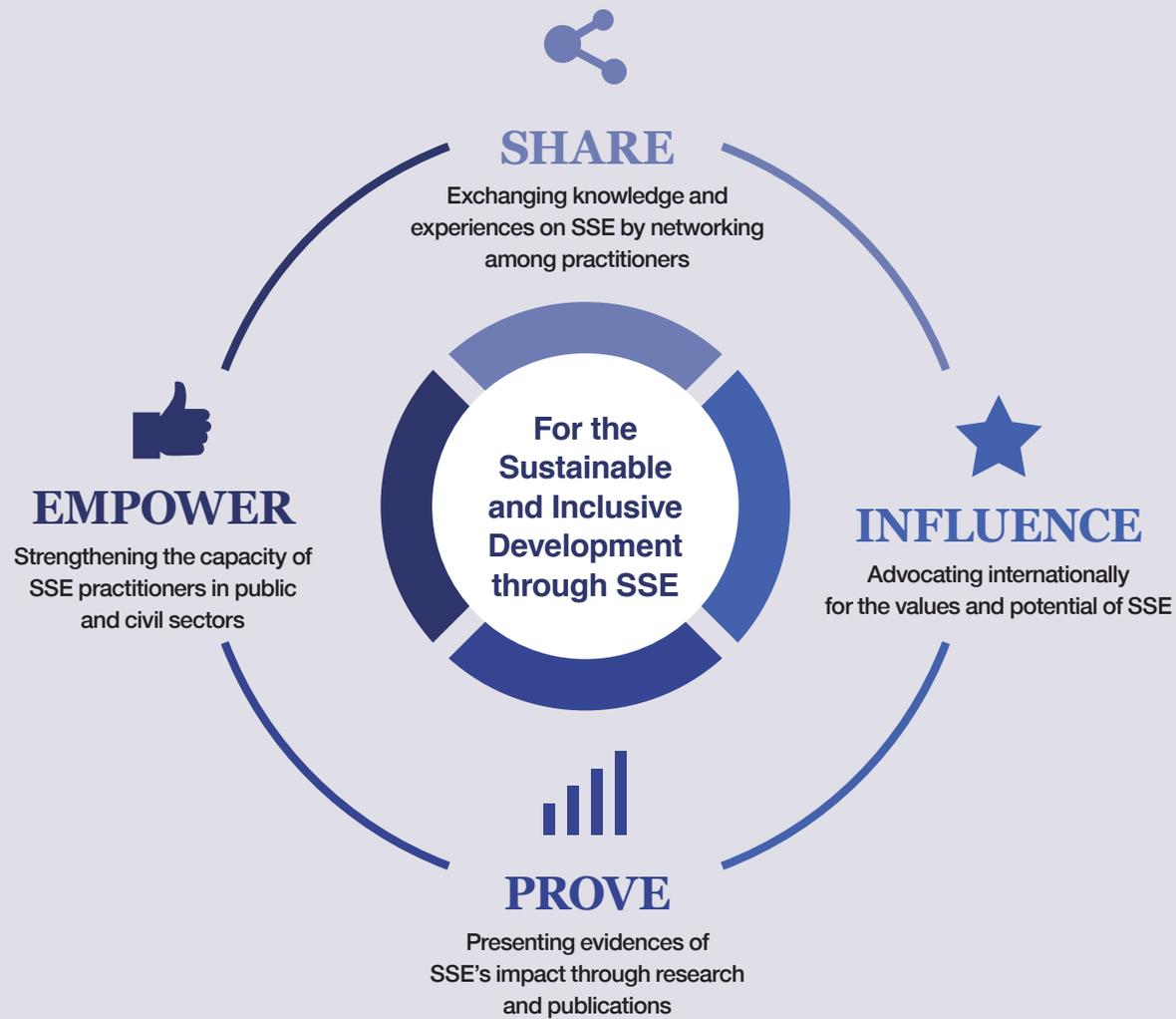


GSEF participated in 55 international discussions led by UN, EU, OECD, etc. on advocating and promoting SSE as a strategy for sustainable development.

# Timeline of GSEF Activities 2018-2021

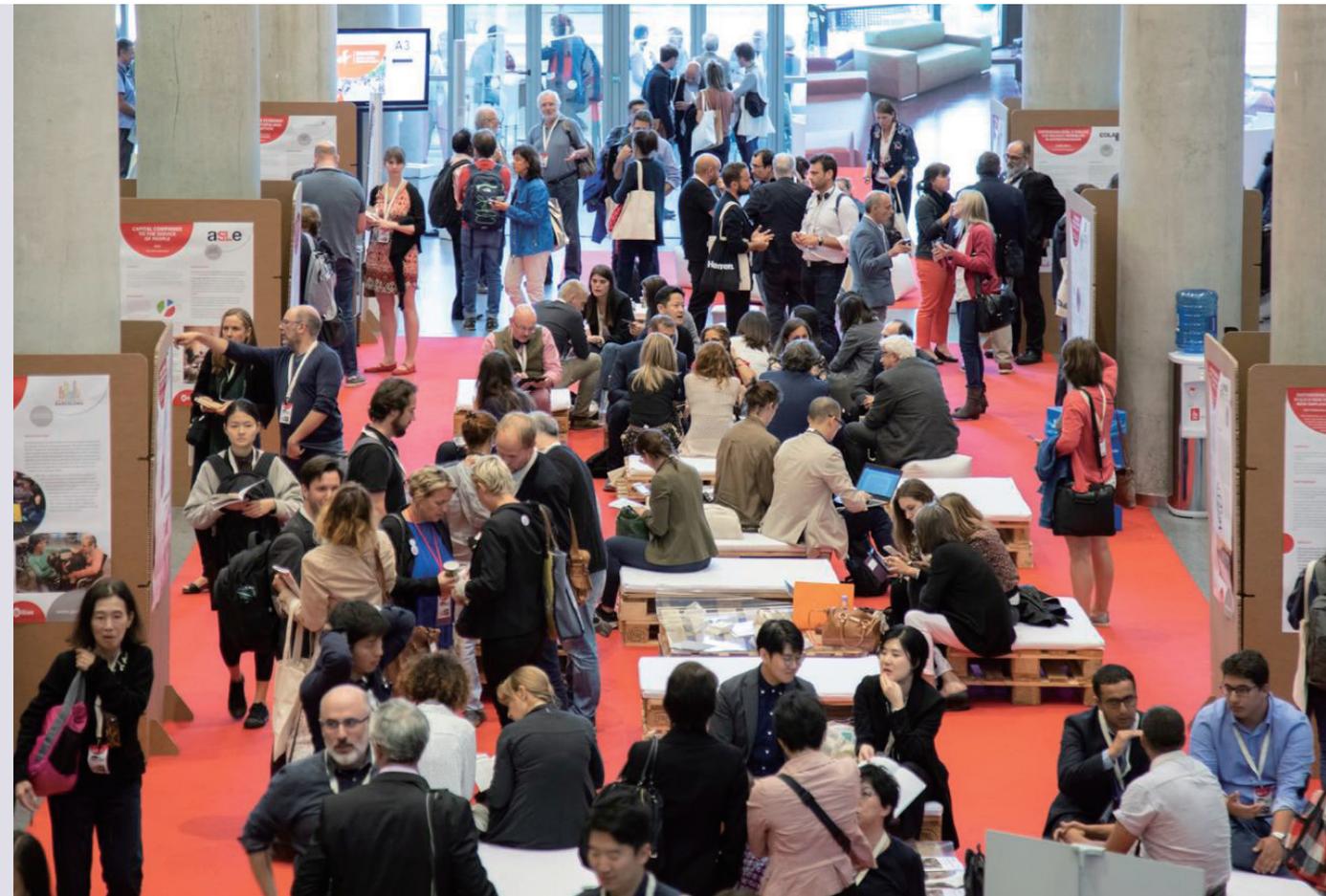


# GSEF in Action 2018-2021



## SHARE

Exchanging knowledge and experiences on SSE by promoting and facilitating networking among SSE stakeholders



### A. FORUM

From 2018 to 2021, the Global Social Economy Forum became a representative international agora for SSE stakeholders to discuss the status and trends of SSE and to exchange solutions and insights that emerge from their practices. At GSEF2018 in Bilbao and during the Global Virtual Forum in 2020, more than 22,000 people presented their ideas and shared knowledge. The forum itself also turned into a statement to broader audiences that SSE can be a solution to the environmental and social crisis in the post-COVID 19 era.

PROGRAM

**Gsef** | **BILBAO2018**  
GLOBAL SOCIAL ECONOMY FORUM

Social Economy and Cities  
**Values and competitiveness for an inclusive and sustainable local development**

**October 1-3, 2018**  
Euskalduna Conference Center  
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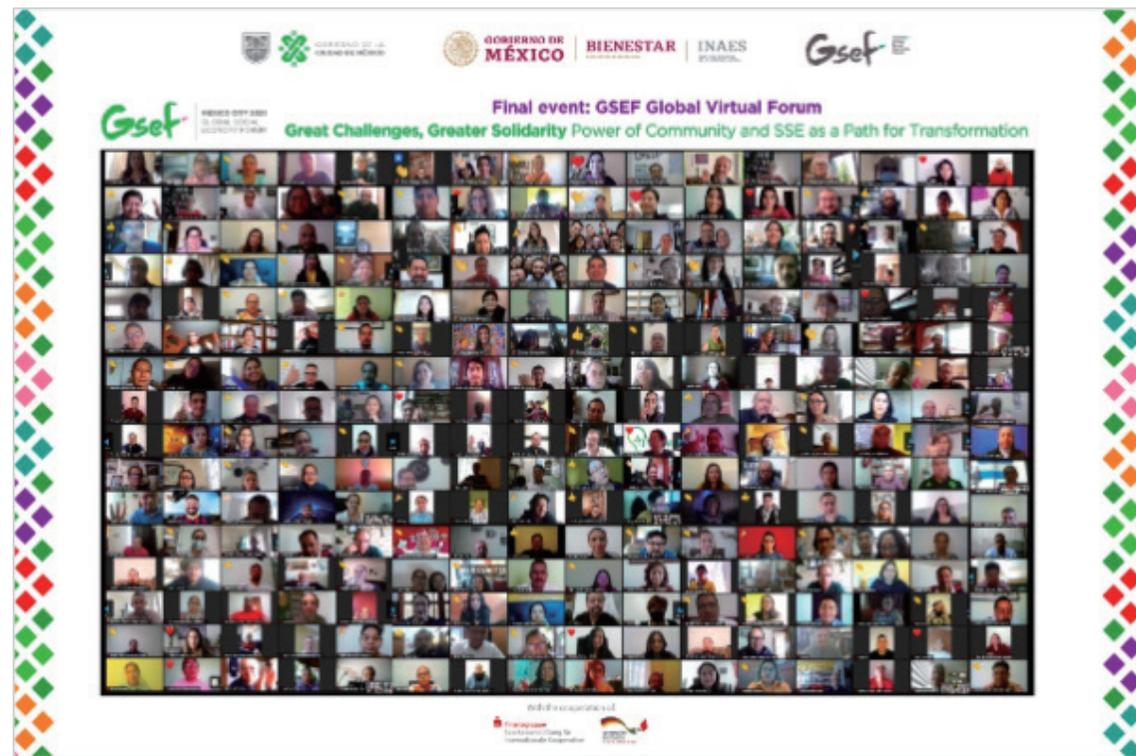
## GSEF2018 in Bilbao

From 1 to 3 October 2018, in Bilbao, more than 1,700 participants from 84 countries shared their vision of transforming the world through the social economy. It was unanimously hailed by GSEF members, partners, and participants as a much-needed, open ground for all SSE practitioners from various continents and sectors. The outcomes of GSEF2018, the Bilbao Declaration and the Youth Declaration, have been adopted to bind the determination of all the participants of GSEF2018 towards achieving joint objectives.

The 3rd General Assembly of GSEF was also held in Bilbao. The main agenda included the approval of the program and the finance report (2016–2018) and planned activities and budget (2018–2020), the revision of the Charter, the election of the chair, co-chair and regional vice chairs, the nomination of the next host city of the next GSEF Forum, etc. It was also announced that the next GA would be held in 2020 in Mexico City.

- Dates and Venue: October 1–3, 2018, Euskalduna Conference Hall, Bilbao, Spain
- Theme: Social Economy and Cities, Values and Competitiveness for an Inclusive and Sustainable Local Development
- Subthemes : 1) Co-creation of public policies, 2) The contribution of the Social Economy to the transformation of the territory, 3) Challenges for the growth of SE institutions, 4) The future of work and employment: the role of the SE.
- Programs : Opening and Closing Ceremonies, 5 plenaries, 41 workshops, 11 site visits, 4 side events.





**GSEF2020 Virtual Forum**

GSEF and GSEF2021 Local Organizing Committee (LOC) presented the GSEF Global Virtual Forum October 2020 with the central theme “Great Challenges, Greater Solidarity: Power of Community and SSE as a Path for Transformation”, which took place from 19th to 23rd October 2020.

More than 8,500 people participated in dialogues between different social actors to reflect on key issues such as education, the role of youth, cooperation, gender perspective, digitalization processes, the environment and sustainability under SSE. The Forum comprised 30 sessions and 5 plenary sessions, under the themes “SSE in times of great challenges: a strategy for inclusion and well-being”, “Civil and public initiatives to consolidate SSE: convergences among actors and sectors”, “New digitalization era and the future of work: challenges and opportunities”, “New solidarity for an ecological transition” and “Social economy as a mechanism to solve the great global challenges from the local and territorial perspective”.



**GSEF Webinar Series 2020**

In 2020, following the decision to postpone GSEF2021 to 4th-8th October 2021 due to the COVID-19 situation, GSEF promptly switched all its activities online to pave the way towards GSEF2021. The first notable effort was the online webinar series co-organized in collaboration with the GSEF2021 Mexico Local Organizing Committee (LOC: Institute of Social Economy of Mexico INAES and Mexico City Government) from May through September 2020.

GSEF organized four webinar cycles, which took place in our three official languages (English, French, and Spanish), and invited its members, partners, and experts in various fields to highlight the critical contributions from Social and Solidarity Economy actors in times of difficulties and challenges. This series of webinars reached out to more than 5,700 people from over 50 countries through its twelve sessions.

## B. REGIONAL POLICY DIALOGUES

GSEF Regional Policy Dialogues have played a key role in promoting knowledge exchange between policymakers and practitioners towards identifying the best ways of co-constructing public policies and establishing eco-systems for the promotion of SSE and social innovation. From 2018 to 2019, a total

of 7 regional policy dialogues were organized in collaboration with and by request of GSEF members. Through these gatherings, several member cities made remarkable progress in developing SSE policies and building regional network of practitioners.

### • Policy Dialogues from 2018 to 2021

Title	Date	Venue	Participants	Co-organizers and Partners
Africa Policy Dialogue	Oct. 2, 2018	Bilbao, Spain	150	UCLG Africa, RIPESS Africa
	April 25-26, 2019	Bamako, Mali	100	City of Bamako, RAESS, OIF
Europe Policy Dialogue	Nov. 7, 2018	Madrid, Spain	40	European Commission, City of Madrid, City of Bilbao
	Nov. 18-19, 2019	Liverpool, UK	50	Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, University of Liverpool
	May 26, 2021	Online	50	Special session on SSE at the European Social Economy Summit
Asia Policy Dialogue	Oct. 30, 2019	Seoul, Korea	40	Seoul City, SHRDC
Latin and Central America Policy Dialogue	Dec 9, 2019	Mexico City, Mexico	120	City of Mexico, INAES



Africa Policy Dialogue 2018 in Bilbao



Africa Policy Dialogue 2019 in Bamako



Asia Policy Dialogue 2019 in Seoul



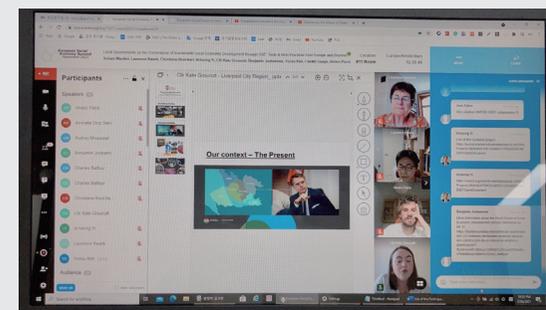
Latin and Central America Policy Dialogue 2019 in Mexico



Europe Policy Dialogue 2018 in Madrid



Europe Policy Dialogue 2019 in Liverpool



Europe Policy Dialogue 2021 held online (during the European Social Economy Summit)

## EMPOWER

### Strengthening the capacity of SSE stakeholders in the public and civil sectors

In 2019, GSEF started to organize the regional capacity building training on SSE. In order to meet the needs and requests from GSEF members, these training courses are organized in collaboration with GSEF member cities or partner organizations.

In 2019, four training courses were held in Senegal, Uganda, Korea and Mexico with programs designed to meet local needs and with the contribution of GSEF members as resource people. Each training course also represented a networking opportunity for the regional SSE actors to set common goals and identify collaborative solutions.



### 1. Capacity Building Program in Senegal, 2019

The platform of Senegalese Non-State Stakeholders (PFAnE) and the International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF) organized a national capacity-building training took place in Senegal from 1 to 3 May 2019. This event gathered over 70 representatives from local governments, NGOs, SSE organizations, and the private sector from all over the country. Exchanges and discussions led to the drawing up of specific recommendations and an action plan towards the development of SSE and the further structuring of SSE actors in the country. Indeed, this gathering ultimately led to the creation of the Senegalese Network of Non-State Stakeholders and Local Authorities for Social and Solidarity Economy (RACTES) in November 2019.



### 2. Capacity Building Program in Uganda, 2019

Coorganized by GSEF and Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA), the Capacity Building Training Program for Local Leaders and Practitioners in Uganda and the East African Region took place between the 21st and 23rd of August in Kampala, Uganda. Over 60 participants from SSE stakeholders from East and Central Africa joined this training course and most of them found it informative and useful for their future plans to develop SSE in their respective country/city. The Kampala Declaration promoting the culture and practice of SSE in East Africa was also adopted to mark the participants' determination and commitment to promoting SSE in the region.

### 3. Capacity Building Program in Seoul, 2019

Co-organized with the Seoul Human Resources Development Centre (SHRDC), the Capacity Building Training Program on SSE was successfully held between 28 October and 1 November. 13 civil servants from 9 countries representing 12 local governments attended this program. The trainees learned about Seoul's experience of developing the social economy through its Plan 2.0 which emphasizes the creation of an SSE ecosystem, capacity building & market access training by KPMG in Taiwan, sustainable local development and SSE in Quebec by Chantier de l'économie sociale, and legislation & finance of SSE in Seoul and Seoul's social economy ecosystem by Seoul Social Economy Support Centre. Trainees also had the opportunity to visit SSE sites in Seoul such as Seoul Innovation Park, an incubator base, and Sewoon Arcade, a symbolic area of Seoul urban regeneration.





#### 4. Capacity Building Program in Mexico, 2019

For the first time in the Latin America and Caribbean region, GSEF organized a training workshop on the Social and Solidarity Economy in collaboration with the National Institute of Social Economy Mexico (INAES). This training workshop, which was held from 27 to 28 November 2019, brought together a total of 111 representatives of local, state-level and federal governments and actors of the SSE sector in Mexico for a 2-day intense program of discussion and exchange sessions. This event also served as an opportunity to build and strengthen partnerships between local governments in Mexico and SSE actors who could play an important role in the making of ecosystems for SSE for a sustainable and inclusive local development.



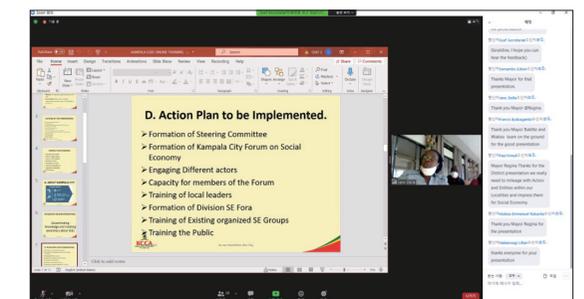
#### 5. GSEF-UCLGA-ALGA Capacity Building Program on SSE

In collaboration with UCLG Africa and the African Local Government Academy (ALGA), GSEF organized a capacity-building program on SSE from 19 to 22 April 2021 in an online format. More than 35 participants from 15 countries and 3 continents joined this training course. During four days, they learned more about concrete examples of SSE policies and practices and benefited from contributions from, among others, the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), UCLG Africa, the Seoul Social Economy Center, Ethical Savings, Social Economy Worksite, the Network of Elected Women of Africa (REFELA), the Network of Mayors of Cameroon for the Social and Solidarity Economy (REMCESS), the RTES Network, the FODEM - Municipal Development and Solidarity Fund, DarESS Tunisia, INDH Morocco, the Ministry of Solidarity of Morocco, and the Eurometropolis of Strasbourg.



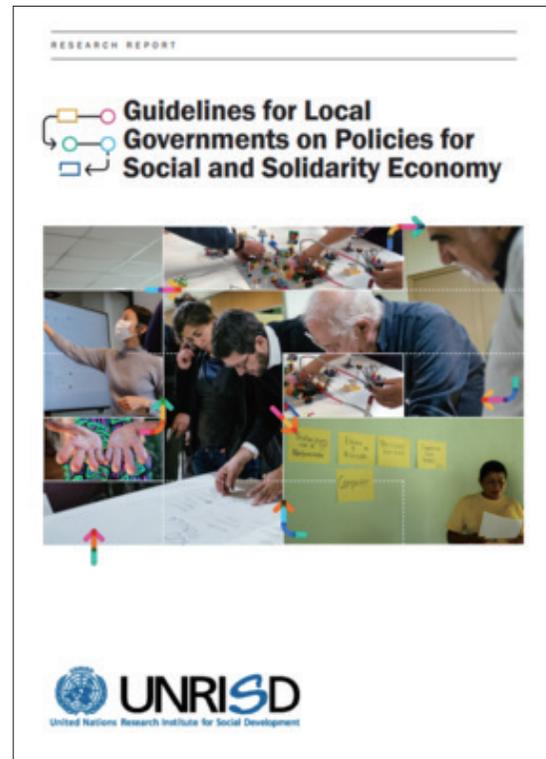
#### 6. Virtual Capacity Building Program in Seoul, 2021

Due to the global pandemic, GSEF and the Seoul Human Resources Development Center (SHRDC) organized the second edition of their joint training program in an online format from 28 June to 9 July. More than 20 local government officials and key thought leaders from Uganda and Cameroon took part in this program.



## PROVE

### Presenting evidence of SSE's impact through research and publications



#### Contents of Guidelines

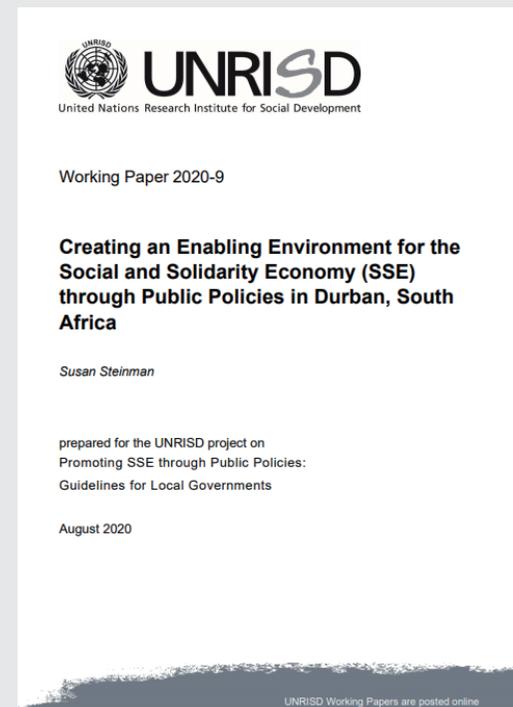
- Co-Construction of Public Policies for SSE
- Legal Frameworks for SSE
- Mainstreaming SSE in Development Plans
- Supporting Organizations for SSE
- Capacity Building for SSE
- Access to Finance for SSE
- Access to Markets for SSE
- Awareness Raising and Advocacy for SSE
- Mapping of SSE: Research and Data Collection

### UNRISD Project- Promoting SSE through Public Policies: Guidelines for Local Governments

Based on case studies of seven cities which have developed policies, programmes and institutions for the Social and Solidarity Economy, the project identifies the key elements and good practices of such “SSE ecosystems”, and, on that basis, proposes guidelines that policy makers can use in their own cities to design, implement, and assess public policies and institutional frameworks that support SSE organizations and enterprises.

This project was carried out by the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), with support and funding from GSEF.

These project aimed to generate a broader and deeper understanding of the policy and institutional frameworks that foster the development of robust SSE ecosystems at the subnational level, and, through the analysis of original empirical evidence from case studies of seven cities (Barcelona, Dakar, Durban, Liverpool, Mexico City, Montreal, and Seoul), to propose guidelines that policy and decision makers can use to design and implement public policies to support SSE entities and organizations.



#### Seven Case Studies

**BARCELONA:** Public Policies Fostering the Social and Solidarity Economy in Barcelona (2016-2019) by Rafael Chaves-Avila, Jordi Via-Llop and Jordi Garcia-Jané

**DAKAR:** Public Policies for Social and Solidarity Economy: The Experience of the City of Dakar by Aminata Diop Samb and Malick Diop

**DURBAN:** Creating an Enabling Environment for the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) through Public Policies in Durban, South Africa by Susan Steinman

**LIVERPOOL:** Public Policy and Devolved Governance: Facilitating the Social and Solidarity Economy in the Liverpool City Region by Helen Heap, Alan Southern and Matt Thompson

**MEXICO CITY:** Policies to promote the Social and Solidarity Economy: Case study of Mexico City by Juan José Rojas Herrera and Roberto Cañedo Villarreal

**MONTREAL:** Public Policies Enabling the Social and Solidarity Economy in the City of Montreal by Marguerite Mendell, Nancy Neamtan and Hyuna Yi

**SEOUL:** Policy Systems and Measures for the Social Economy in Seoul by Kil-Soon Yoon and Dr. Sang-Youn Lee

## INFLUENCE

### Advocating internationally for the values and potential of SSE

GSEF has offered a platform for SSE practitioners in public and civil sectors to exchange their ideas, to find potential partners, and to build-up the network of support and solidarity. GSEF has collaborated with international, regional and national SSE networks and international organizations such as UNTFSSSE, ILO, the European Commission, OECD, UCLG, etc. to expand its scope of discussion to broader subjects and audiences.



### 1. UNTFSSSE Actions

From 2018 to 2021, GSEF has participated in the international discussion on SSE as an observer of the UN Inter-agency Task Force on SSE. GSEF channeled its members' voices and concerns, be it local governments or leading SSE practitioners in the region, and participated in major discussions regarding the UN resolution on SSE, Knowledge Hub projects, and other strategic meetings.

### 2. Collaboration with UCLG

As a network of local governments, GSEF has worked closely with the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) since its foundation. For the last three years, GSEF has participated in the annual UCLG Retreat and served as the coordinator of UCLG's Community of Practice on SSE. In addition, by engaging with regional networks including UCLG Africa and UCLG ASPAC, GSEF has persuaded local governments to include SSE in their respective policy agenda and in the strategies implemented to solve the issues of employment, social services, housing, participatory governance, etc.



### 3. OECD Global Action 'Promoting Social & Solidarity Economy Ecosystems'

GSEF is collaborating with 25 organizations and governments from Europe, Brazil, Canada, Mexico and South Korea as part of the Legal Ecosystems for Social Economy Peer Learning Partnership (PL4SE – PLP). This project is currently being conducted in the framework of the OECD Global Action for the Promotion of Social & Solidarity Economy Ecosystems, an initiative funded by the European Union.

In addition to enhancing the international visibility of the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE), the work of this PLP, coordinated by the Spanish Business Confederation of Social Economy (CEPES), is instrumental in developing and improving laws that enhance SSE through a collaborative, mutual-learning approach. The second phase of the project, investigating specific legal frameworks of entities in SSE, has now started with an online seminar that took place on 19 July.

## 4. KOICA COVID-19 Program

In a move to support the Social and Solidarity Economy sector, which has been hit particularly hard by the COVID-19 pandemic around the world, the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) partnered with the Merry Year Foundation, the Social Value and Solidarity Foundation (SVS Fund), and GSEF. In total, 39 projects were selected, focusing on the revival of

economic activity of SSE organizations and enterprises in numerous developing countries.

Find below information about the 6 projects implemented by GSEF members in Cambodia, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Morocco, Senegal and Uganda.

### Cameroon – Revitalization of economic activity of SSE organizations through supporting the production of masks in Yaoundé

 **Implementation Partners:** France-Africa Partnership for Co-Development (PFAC), Network of Cameroonian Mayors for the Social and Solidarity Economy (REMCESS)  **Target groups:** Women and youth cooperatives, local communities

 Financial contribution: **USD 27 000**  Implementation period: **Nov 2020 – Feb 2021 (4 months)**

-  **Main Activities Carried Out:**
- Materials and equipment for the manufacturing of face masks were provided to seamstresses' cooperatives
  - Awareness-raising campaigns on COVID-19 prevention measures were conducted along with the distribution of masks produced by cooperatives
  - 3 training sessions were organized for managers and workers from 30 women and youth cooperatives

-  **Achieved Outcomes:**
- 10,000 masks were distributed to vulnerable groups in 3 villages
  - 30 cooperative employees were able to keep their job and 20 young people were provided with employment opportunities as campaign enumerators for the duration of the project
  - Income of more than 40 women seamstresses and 50 young people was sustained.



### Cambodia - Economic recovery boost and enhanced resilience of SSE cooperatives in Siem Reap

 **Implementation Partners:** Phare Performing Social Enterprise Co., Ltd (PPSE)  **Target groups:** 25 women artisans and 3,000 households

 Financial contribution: **USD 27 000**  Implementation period: **Nov 2020 – Feb 2021 (4 months)**

-  **Main Activities Carried Out:**
- Reusable masks, soap bars, rice, noodle, and eggs were purchased through 2 SSE enterprises and 3 businesses operating in local communities.
  - Campaigns for raising awareness on hygiene and COVID-19 preventive measures were conducted among rural community members.

-  **Achieved Outcomes:**
- 6,544 fabric masks, 9,000 soap bars, and 6,000 packs of food & hygiene supplies were distributed to rural villagers and vulnerable families.
  - 4 staff members and 27 workers (92% of them being women) maintained their employment by participating in production
  - About 18,000 family members indirectly benefited from the boost in economic activity and community support initiatives.





### Ivory Coast - Establishment of SSE business platform to alleviate the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis



**Implementation Partners:** Platform of Youth Organizations of Toulepleu (POJeT)



**Target groups:** 100 SSE actors (from cooperatives, etc.)



Financial contribution: **USD 15 000**



Implementation period: **Nov – Dec 2020 (2 months)**



#### Main Activities Carried Out:

- Training workshops on COVID-19 resilience and the ABEWE digital platform were held for 60 participants from local public administrations and SSE organizations.
- Promotional campaign about the importance of using ABEWE as part of awareness-raising activities was implemented.
- Information-sharing/networking workshops targeting project partners, local authorities, and SSE organizations were conducted.



#### Achieved Outcomes:

- Online business platform 'ABEWE', connecting producers and buyers, was made available for SSE stakeholders to use.
- 15 jobs were preserved.
- Collaborative relationships between SSE organizations and business stakeholders were strengthened through ABEWE.



### Uganda - Mitigating the socio-economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on SSEOs in Nakawa division, Kampala Capital City



**Implementation Partners:** Balimwezo Community Foundation (BCF)



**Target groups:** Women cooperatives, local communities.



Financial contribution: **USD 15 000**



Implementation period: **Nov – Dec 2020 (2 months)**



#### Main Activities Carried Out:

- Masks and soap were purchased from 30 SSE organizations employing vulnerable Women and Youth, and distributed among the community members.
- Training courses were conducted by BCF and partners to help SSE organizations to increase their production capacity, the quality of the products, and sales.
- 20 Teachers and Village Health Teams (VHTs) conducted COVID-19 sensitization and awareness campaigns.



#### Achieved Outcomes:

- The SSE market base was widened resulting in increased income streams.
- Various SSE enterprises were supported during the project and the domestic market was revitalized.
- BCF fostered cooperation to strengthen social capital by sharing skills and knowledge.
- Employment opportunities were created through the distribution of 7,200 masks and 4,480 soaps.



### Senegal – COVID-19 crisis response program for the SSE sector in Dakar



**Implementation Partners:** Platform of Youth Organizations of Toulepleu (POJeT)



**Target groups:** Women artisans, youth groups, and local communities



Financial contribution: **USD 15 000**



Implementation period: **Nov – Dec 2020 (2 months)**



#### Main Activities Carried Out:

- Hygiene kits were purchased from cooperatives: 1,500 bottles of gel, 100 handwashing kits, 300 bottles of liquid soap, 300 handkerchiefs, 100 bins, 100 soap bars, 3,000 masks, and 1,200 bottles of bleach.
- Nearly 1,325 women working in 50 cooperatives/groups and 24,844 people (including 12,000 students) were informed and sensitized on COVID-19 preventive measures.



#### Achieved Outcomes:

- 752 poor households in working-class neighborhoods were provided with sanitary kits.
- Community awareness of COVID-19 prevention measures was enhanced through campaigns.
- 9,300 health kits were distributed, 6,300 more than the 3,000 planned – an increase of 310% – thanks to the funding of KOICA.
- 145 jobs were maintained through the production of sanitary kits and 275 women were able to restart their economic activity.



### Morocco – Alleviating the negative impact of COVID-19 on women's cooperatives in Drâa-Tafilalet and Rabat-Sale-Kenitra regions



**Implementation Partners:** Moroccan Platform for Social and Solidarity Economy and Environment (EMESSE)



**Target groups:** Women cooperatives, local communities.



Financial contribution: **USD 15 000**



Implementation period: **Nov – Dec 2020 (2 months)**



#### Main Activities Carried Out:

- Training sessions for cooperatives (1 for each sector of activity) were conducted.
- An online business platform used by 10 cooperatives in 5 different sectors has been established.
- Production equipment (sewing machines & baking ovens) and raw materials were provided to 10 women's cooperatives.



#### Achieved Outcomes:

- All cooperatives increased their membership by 10% to 12%.
- Direct selling of the goods led to substantial profit generation.
- The sustainability and stability of the cooperatives' production and sales were ensured.
- Revitalization of the economic activity of women's cooperatives; 4 cooperatives have produced more than 40,000 masks and 3,200 have already been sold.

# GSEF Governance



## Chair and Vice Chair Cities

- Chair City and Continental Vice Chair for Asia:  
Seoul Metropolitan Government and Seoul Social Economy Network, Korea



- Co-Chair City and Continental Vice Chair for Latin and Central America, Hosting City of GSEF2021 :  
Mexico City, Mexico



- Continental Vice Chair for North America:  
Ville de Montréal and Chantier de l'économie sociale, Canada



- Continental Vice Chair for Africa:  
Ville de Bamako, Mali



- Continental Vice Chair for Europe: Bilbao, Spain



## Steering Committee (Includes all the chair and vice chair organizations above)

- Asian Venture Philanthropy Network



- Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs



- Locality



- RIPESS (Intercontinental network for the promotion of social and solidarity economy)



- SSE Forum International (ESSFI)



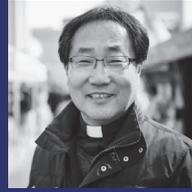
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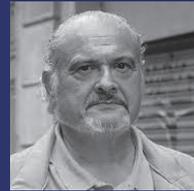
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# Financial Report 2018-2020

2018

## A. REVENUE

Exchange rate: USD 1=KRW 1,130

Item	Amount	
	KRW	USD
Balance carried over from last year	119,553,286	105,799.36
Seoul Metropolitan Government's grant for the Year	866,395,000	766,721.23
Membership fee	37,143,648	32,870.48
Special fund for Youth Festival	15,000,000	13,274.34
Others	200,904	177.79
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,038,292,838</b>	<b>918,843.20</b>

## B. EXPENDITURE

Item	Amount	
	KRW	USD
<b>Administration</b>	<b>343,651,224</b>	<b>304,116.13</b>
Human resources	282,406,476	249,917.24
Operational cost	61,244,748	54,198.89
<b>Projects and travel</b>	<b>505,889,695</b>	<b>447,689.99</b>
General Assembly and Steering Committee	259,766,710	29,882.04
Policy Dialogues	69,080,729	61,133.39
International meetings	26,630,659	23,566.95
UNRISD Research Project	110,000,000	97,345.13
Communication and policy briefs	28,749,794	25,442.30
Youth Festival	11,661,803	10,320.18
Remained payment for 2017 projects	45,292,439	40,081.80
<b>Seoul Metropolitan Government balance return for 2017</b>	<b>53,196,885</b>	<b>47,076.88</b>
<b>Balance carried over to the next FY</b>	<b>90,262,595</b>	<b>79,878.40</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,038,292,838</b>	<b>918,843.20</b>

2019

## A. REVENUE

Exchange rate: USD 1=KRW 1,130

Item	Amount	
	KRW	USD
Balance carried over from last year	29,061,784	25,271.12
Seoul Metropolitan Government's grant for the Year	992,673,000	863,193.91
Membership fee	21,465,390	18,665.56
Others	171,219	148.89
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,043,371,393</b>	<b>907,279.47</b>

## B. EXPENDITURE

Item	Amount	
	KRW	USD
<b>Administration</b>	<b>484,933,691</b>	<b>421,681.47</b>
Human resources	351,688,708	305,816.27
Operational cost	133,244,983	115,865.20
<b>Projects and travel</b>	<b>481,729,523</b>	<b>418,895.24</b>
General Assembly and Steering Committee	18,154,575	15,786.59
Policy Dialogues	95,615,113	83,143.58
Social Economy Network Building	100,214,501	87,143.04
Research Project	104,424,035	90,803.51
Communication and Policy Briefs	7,870,496	6,843.91
Education Training	25,810,366	22,443.80
Cooperative Project	129,640,437	112,730.81
<b>Seoul Metropolitan Government balance return for 2018</b>	<b>29,061,784</b>	<b>25,271.12</b>
<b>Balance carried over to the next FY</b>	<b>47,646,395</b>	<b>41,431.65</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,043,371,393</b>	<b>907,279.47</b>

2020

## A. REVENUE

Exchange rate: USD 1=KRW 1,130

Item	Amount	
	KRW	USD
<b>Balance carried over from last year</b>	<b>106,566,907</b>	<b>92,667</b>
Accumulated Membership fee	80,385,902	69,901
2019 SMG budget balance to be returned	26,181,005	22,766
<b>SMG grant for the Year</b>	<b>842,527,000</b>	<b>732,632</b>
<b>Membership Fee</b>	<b>29,604,906</b>	<b>25,743</b>
<b>Project Fund / Admin &amp; Personnel costs (KOICA COVID-19)</b>	<b>12,320,000</b>	<b>10,713</b>
<b>Other Revenue (Bank interest, etc.)</b>	<b>481,152</b>	<b>418</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>991,499,965</b>	<b>862,174</b>

## B. EXPENDITURE

Item	Amount	
	KRW	USD
<b>Administration</b>	<b>491,874,411</b>	<b>427,717</b>
Human Resources	369,400,611	321,218
Operational Cost	122,473,800	106,499
<b>Projects</b>	<b>280,485,022</b>	<b>243,900</b>
Steering Committee	88,283	77
Regional Policy Dialogues	64,224,542	55,847
Networking and Advocacy	10,271,189	8,931
Communication and Policy Briefs	38,716,420	33,666
Research Project	149,750,580	130,218
Case Studies	17,434,008	15,160
<b>KOICA - COVID 19 project</b>	<b>12,320,000</b>	<b>10,713</b>
<b>2019 SMG budget balance returned</b>	<b>26,181,005</b>	<b>22,766</b>
<b>Membership fee expense</b>	<b>19,900</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Balance carry-over to 2021</b>	<b>180,619,627</b>	<b>157,061</b>
Membership Fee	109,970,908	95,627
2020 SMG budget balance to be returned	70,577,820	61,372
Other (Bank interest)	70,899	62
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>991,499,965</b>	<b>862,174</b>

# Annex I. GSEF Members (as of June, 2021)

## North America (5 members in 1 country)

- Montreal City (Canada)
- Chantier de l'économie sociale (Canada)
- Karl Polanyi Institute (Canada)
- Prof. Marguerite Mendell (Canada)
- Gatineau city (Canada)

## Latin and Central America (11 members in 5 countries)

- Asociación de Concejalas y Alcaldesas de Bolivia (ACOBOL) (Bolivia)
- Red de Economía Solidaria (Ecuador)
- Collectif du Financement Populaire (KOFIP) (Haiti)
- La Maison du Millénaire (Haiti)
- Mexico City (Mexico)
- La Cuadra Provoca Ciudad AC (Mexico)
- Municipal District Carabayllo (Peru)
- Municipalidad Distrital de Ate (Peru)
- Municipalidad Distrital de Pimentel (Peru)
- ONG Avacudea (Peru)
- Municipalidad Distrital de Paccho (Peru)

## Africa and Middle East (31 members in 13 countries)

- Groupement Béninois d'Économie Sociale et Solidaire (GBESS) (Benin)
- Porto-Novo (Benin)
- Municipality of Praia (Cabo Verde)
- Réseau des Maires du Cameroun pour l'Économie

- Sociale et Solidaire (REMCESS) (Cameroon)
- Réseau d'Éducation Civique au Congo (RECIC) (DR Congo)
- Société de Coopération pour le Développement Rural d'Afrique (SOCOODERA) (DR Congo)
- Plateforme des Organisations Jeunesse de Toulépleu (POJeT) (Ivory Coast)
- Réseau Ivoirien de l'Économie Sociale et Solidaire (RIESS) (Ivory Coast)
- Union des Villes et Communes de Côte d'Ivoire (UVICOCI) (Ivory Coast)
- Neighbourhood Housing Co-operative Society (Kenya)
- Ngece Rinjeu Foundation (Kenya)
- Bamako (Mali)
- Réseau National d'Appui à l'Économie Sociale et Solidaire (RENAPESS Mali) (Mali)
- Espace Marocain de l'Économie Sociale, Solidaire et Environnementale (EMESSE) (Morocco)
- Réseau Esprit d'Initiative de l'Économie Sociale et Solidaire Maroc (REIESSM) (Morocco)
- Observatoire des Transformations Sociales (OTS) (Morocco)
- Economic and Social Development Center of Palestine (ESDC) (Palestine)
- Association des Départements du Sénégal (ADS) (Senegal)
- Plateforme des Acteurs non Etatiques (PFAnE) (Senegal)
- Keur Saloum Diané (Senegal)
- Ville de Dakar (Senegal)
- Réseau des Acteurs et Collectivités Territoriales pour l'Économie Sociale et Solidaire (RACTES) (Senegal)
- Lake Victoria Region Local Authorities Cooperation

- (LVRLAC) Tanzania Chapter (Tanzania)
- REPACT Africa (Tanzania)
- Association Le Municipal (Togo)
- Organisation des Jeunes Engagés pour le Développement Durable (OJEDD) (Togo)
- Togo Parcours Métiers (TPM) (Togo)
- Centre de ressources en entrepreneuriat social et en économie sociale et solidaire (CeRES) (Togo)
- Maison des coopératives du Togo (Togo)
- Kampala City Nakawa Division (Uganda)
- Health Innovations for Life (HEIN4LIFE) (Uganda)

## Europe (6 members in 3 countries)

- Réseau des collectivités Territoriales pour une Économie Solidaire (RTES) (France)
- Bilbao City (Spain)
- Mondragon City (Spain)
- Locality (UK)
- Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) (UK)
- Wales Co-operative Centre (UK)

## Asia (19 members in 11 countries)

- Phare Performing Social Enterprise Co. Ltd. (Cambodia)
- Star of Social Innovation (China)
- Taipei City Government (Taiwan)
- New Taipei City (Taiwan)
- Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs (Hong Kong)
- Human Resource Development Foundation (HRDF) (India)
- Bandung Creative Cities Forum (Indonesia)
- Japan Workers Co-operative Union (JWCU) (Japan)
- Association Promoting SSE in Japan (APSSEJ) (Japan)
- Seoul Metropolitan Government (Korea)
- Seoul Social Economy Network (Korea)
- Social Value and Solidarity Foundation (SVS Fund)

- (Korea)
- Association of Korean Local Governments for Social and Solidarity Economy (Korea)
- Conflict Victim and Single Women Development Center (CVSWDC) (Nepal)
- Eco Social Development Organization (ESDO) (Nepal)
- Jagriti Child and Youth Concern Nepal (JCYCN) (Nepal)
- Damak Municipality (Nepal)
- HomeNet Pakistan (Pakistan)
- Asia Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN) (Singapore)

## International (1 UN organization, 2 international networks)

- UN Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)
- International Forum for Social and Solidarity Economy (IFSSE)
- Réseau Intercontinental de Promotion de l'Économie Sociale et Solidaire (RIPESS)

# Annex II. List of Activities 2018-2020

2018

Date	Month	Contents	Location
1-3	October	GSEF2018 Forum and General Assembly	Bilbao, Spain
7	November	2nd edition of the GSEF Europe Policy Dialogue	Madrid, Spain
20-24	November	8th Africities Summit	Marrakesh, Morocco
17-20	December	Assises Nationales de l'Economie Sociale et Solidaire	Casablanca, Morocco

2019

Date	Month	Contents	Location
10	January	Research Seminar, The Future of Work, Labour after Laudato Si (organized by International Catholic Migration Commission, ICMC)	Rome, Italy
30	January	Steering Committee Conference Call	Online
8-11	February	UCLG strategy meeting	Barcelona, Spain
19	February	International advisor's meeting	Online
23-24	February	UNTF SSE Asia Seminar	Wonju, Korea
18-22	March	C.I.T.I.E.S Strategy Meeting	Seoul, Korea
8-9	April	UCLG ASPAC SDGs Workshop	Siem Riep, Cambodia
12-17	April	GSEF 2020 Preparatory Meeting	Mexico City, Mexico
25-26	April	2nd edition of the GSEF Africa Policy Dialogue	Bamako, Mali
1-3	May	West Africa training workshops	Dakar, Senegal
7-9	May	LED regional forum	Barranquilla, Colombia
11-12	May	Asia Pacific Social Enterprise Forum	Kaohsiung, Taiwan
13	May	International advisor's meeting	Online

22	May	Steering Committee Conference Call	Online
3-7	June	ILO SSE Academy	Torino, Italy
6-7	June	Togo Social Entrepreneur Forum	Lome, Togo
25-28	June	AVPN Annual Meeting	Singapore
25-26	June	UNTFSSSE conference	Geneva, Switzerland
3-4	July	RTES/CUF/AIMF Conference	Paris, France
9	July	Signing the MOU of GSEF2020 and Press Conference	Mexico City, Mexico
9	July	Steering Committee Meeting in person	Mexico City, Mexico
9	July	International advisor's Meeting	Mexico City, Mexico
12-13	August	South and East Africa training workshop	Kampala, Uganda
21-25	September	International advisor's Meeting	Montreal, Canada
29-1 Nov	October	Asia government officers training workshop	Korea
30	October	Asia Policy Dialogue	Seoul, Korea
6-8	November	National ESS & IS Forum 2019	Niort, France
13	November	Steering Committee Conference Call	Online
11-15	November	UCLG World Congress 2019	Durban, South Africa
15-17	November	China Social Enterprise and Investment Forum	Chengdu, China
29	November	GSEF2020 Organizing Committee Meeting	Mexico City, Mexico
18-19	November	3rd edition of the GSEF Europe Policy Dialogue	Liverpool, UK
18-22	November	SSE Momentum Conference and UNTFSSSE Strategy Meeting	Trento, Italy
26	November	Launch of the RACTES Network	Dakar, Senegal
27-28	November	LAC capacity building training workshop	Mexico City, Mexico
3-4	December	International Decent Work Forum	Seoul, Korea
7-10	December	19th International Observatory on Participatory Democracy IOPD Conference	Mexico City, Mexico
9	December	GSEF LAC Policy Dialogue	Mexico City, Mexico



Date	Contents	Location
<b>JANUARY</b>		
9	New Year's Gathering for Korean SSE Practitioners	Seoul, Korea
10	Planning Committee of Gwangju Human Rights City Forum	Gwangju, Korea
8-14	Bilbao city vice mayor visit to Korea	Korea
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
5	1st quarter Steering Committee Call	Online
9-11	KOICA SDG16 Network Launch & Pyeongchang Peace Forum	Pyeongchang, Korea
12	1st quarter Advisory Board Call	Online
24-28	UCLG Annual Retreat	Tangier, Morocco
<b>MARCH</b>		
2-3	International Seminar on Social, Solidarity and Popular Economy	Mexico City (Online)
<b>APRIL</b>		
April-May	GSEF Webinar series and GSEF Global Virtual Forum Preparation meeting	Mexico City (Online)
29	2nd quarter Steering Committee Call, Advisory Board Call	Online
<b>MAY</b>		
26	GSEF Webinar Series Cycle 1 - Webinar in Spanish 'Challenges and Strategies of the Social and Solidarity Economy in Times of COVID-19 Crisis'	Online
<b>JUNE</b>		
3	GSEF Webinar Series Cycle 1 - Webinar in Spanish 'Challenges and Strategies of the Social and Solidarity Economy in Times of COVID-19 Crisis'	Online
9	GSEF Webinar Series Cycle 1 - Webinar in English 'Challenges and Strategies of the Social and Solidarity Economy in Times of COVID-19 Crisis'	Online
9-12	AVPN Annual Meeting	Singapore(Online)
12	Contribution as an expert to the UN DESA 2020 HLPF on "Sharing economic benefits"	Working Document for the 2020 HLPF and Virtual Meeting of Experts
16	GSEF Webinar Series Cycle 2 - Webinar in French 'Recovery and Development of Decent Work through SSE'	Online
24	GSEF Webinar Series Cycle 2 - Webinar in Spanish 'Recovery and Development of Decent Work through SSE'	Online
25-28	World Social Forum - Thematic Forum on Transformative Economies	Barcelona, Spain
29-30	3rd International Conference on Social Enterprises and Corporate Social Responsibility (CIESRES'20)	Togo(Online)
30	GSEF Webinar Series Cycle 2 - Webinar in English 'Recovery and Development of Decent Work through SSE'	Online
<b>JULY</b>		
7	GSEF Webinar Series Cycle 3 - Webinar in French 'The Power of Community: SSE and Financial Systems to Fight against the COVID-19 Crisis'	Online

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15	French side event to the HLPF: Social economy and women empowerment, leverages for Sustainable Development Goals and Climate Action	Online
21	GSEF Webinar Series Cycle 3 - Webinar in English on 'The Power of Community: SSE and Financial Systems to Fight against the COVID-19 Crisis'	Online
24	2nd International advisors meeting	Online
<b>AUGUST</b>		
26	Social Enterprise World Forum (SEWF) Policy Dialogue	Online
28	Latin American Youth Webinar	Online
30	AYARF II 2020 – GSEF Guerilla Session on Youth & Social and Solidarity Economy	Online
31	Submitted 6 project proposals for KOICA COVID-19 Response funding	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
8	3rd quarter Steering Committee Call	Online
10-12	EU-Asia Schools E-Conference on Sustainable Cities and Urban Innovation organized by Hong Kong Baptist University	Online
15	GSEF Webinar Series Cycle 4 - Webinar in French on 'New SSE Ecosystems: Education, Informal Economy, and the 4th Industrial Revolution'	Online
17	UNOSD Webinar Series linked to the International Mayors Forum on "Descent Work and Economic Development"	Online
21-25	Asia Pacific Social Enterprise Summit Asia Pacific Social Innovation Partnership Award	Taoyuan, Taiwan(Online)
22	ILO+KOSEA+SNU Joint Research Conference on 6 Asian Conference	In person + Online
23-25	Social Enterprise World Forum Digital (SEWF Digital)	Online
22	GSEF Webinar Series Cycle 4 - Webinar in Spanish on 'New SSE Ecosystems: Education, Informal Economy, and the 4th Industrial Revolution'	Online
29	GSEF Webinar Series Cycle 4 - Webinar in English on 'New SSE Ecosystems: Education, Informal Economy, and the 4th Industrial Revolution'	Online
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
1-2	Mont-Blanc Meeting	Geneva, Switzerland(Online)
8	Gwangju Human Rights City Forum	Gwangju, Korea
19-23	GSEF Global Virtual Forum 2020	Mexico City, Mexico(Online)
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
11	KoSEA 2020 Social Economy Leaders Forum on the role of Social economy in the post Covid-19 Era	In person + Online
17-21	The Economy of Francesco	Assisi, Italy(Online)
27	National Assembly Legislative Research Office Expert Consultation Meeting	On-line
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
3	4th quarter Steering Committee Call	Online
2020	GSEF-UNRISD Research Project: Promoting SSE through Public Policies: Guidelines for Local Governments	To be Published

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