



## **GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSION AS OBSERVER OF THE UNTFSSSE**

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The founding meeting of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy (UNTFSSSE) took place on 30 September 2013 in Geneva. Since then, many [members](#) and [observers](#) joined the UNTFSSSE.

Following the 33<sup>rd</sup> UNTFSSSE's regular meeting held on 08 December 2020, the UNTFSSSE acknowledged the reception of a growing number of requests to become observers. In order to better address future requests, the UNTFSSSE decided to define guidelines for admission with observer status.

The proposed guidelines are based on initial discussion on the admittance criteria undertaken in 2014; on the info-note sent by the Chair on 08/01/2021 and the related inputs sent by members and observers.

### **ADMITTANCE CRITERIA**

Observers of the UNTFSSSE must meet the following eligibility criteria to apply for Observer status:

1. Be an organization with a global and/or regional remit, with the exemption of branches of already existing observer organizations;
2. Be an organization whose focus is the promotion and/or analysis of Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE);
3. Commit to enhance the [UNTFSSSE's aims](#) and to make a relevant contribution to the work of the UNTFSSSE;
4. Collaborate actively with at least one UNTFSSSE's member.

The candidate organizations need to fulfil all criteria for admittance.



## **ADMITTANCE PROCEDURE**

To apply for an Observer status with the UNTFSSSE, an authorized person from the organization should write to the Chair of the UNTFSSSE (cc the Secretariat) expressing an interest in becoming an UNTFSSSE's observer. This expression of interest should:

1. Provide information on the organization and its activities, including a note of its relevance to the UNTFSSSE;
2. Describe the means by which it could make a contribution to the work of the UNTFSSSE, also in terms of what the organization would bring as expertise, contacts, knowhow to reinforce and expand the UNTFSSSE's action;
3. Define the objectives sought behind holding UNTFSSSE' observer status;
4. Declare clear support for and implementation of the principles and objectives of the UNTFSSSE and endorse [the Aims of the Members adopted in 2013](#).

The application must be endorsed by at least one member of the UNTFSSSE in order to be considered by members.

The Secretary will acknowledge the correspondence and submit the expression of interest to the members for consideration and, if accepted, referral to the whole UNTFSSSE for endorsement.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

In addition to the Members and Observers of the Task force, a number of Resource Persons receive regularly information on the activities of the task force and are involved into meetings. These colleagues have been/are identified by the UNTFSSSE during the years. They are included in the meetings and mailing list upon invitation.