



UNTFSSSE Strategic Action Plan (2024-2026)

Background

The [UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy](#) (UNTFSSSE) was established in 2013 in response to a growing concern within the UN system to rethink development in the wake of multiple global crises and has evolved in the context of the post-2015 development and SDG agenda. As the UNTFSSSE celebrates 10 years, it continues its mission to increase the visibility of the social and solidarity economy (SSE) within the UN system and beyond.

After years of continuous research and advocacy by the Task Force, on April 18, 2023, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the resolution [“Promoting the Social and Solidarity Economy for Sustainable Development” \(A/RES/77/281\)](#). The governments of Chile, Senegal and Spain co-led this effort, supported by the government of France. The UNGA Resolution recognizes the International Labour Organization (ILO) [Resolution concerning decent work and the SSE](#), adopted in June 2022, and its definition of the SSE. The UNGA Resolution recognizes the SSE’s role and contribution and acknowledges that the SSE can contribute to the achievement and localization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This Resolution arose from accumulated momentum over the years, highlighted by key events in 2022: the ILO [Resolution](#) above and the OECD [Recommendation of the Council on the Social and Solidarity Economy and Social Innovation](#), both in June; the ECOSOC/HLPF side-event on the [‘Role of SSE in achieving the SDGs](#) in July; and the [Multi-stakeholder event](#): ‘How can the international recognition of Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) help achieve the SDGs through social and inclusive innovation?’ in December. The UNGA Resolution also links to regional efforts including the EU [Social Economy Action Plan](#), adopted in 2021 and [Council recommendation of 27 November 2023 on developing social economy framework conditions](#), as well as the anticipated [African Union 10-Year SSE Strategy](#).

The UNTFSSSE Strategic Action Plan (2024-2026) contributes to the effective implementation of the UNGA Resolution. It was elaborated in a participatory manner, including in the UNTFSSSE fourth technical symposium on 2-3 October 2023 in Montreal, Canada.

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OP1. “Encourages **Member States to promote and implement national, local and regional strategies, policies and programmes** for supporting and enhancing the social and solidarity economy as a possible model for sustainable economic and social development, **taking into account national circumstances, plans and priorities** by, inter alia, developing specific legal frameworks, where appropriate, for the social and solidarity economy, **making visible**, when feasible, **the contribution of the social and solidarity economy in the compilation of national statistics and providing fiscal and public procurement incentives, acknowledging the social and solidarity economy in education curricula and capacity-building and research initiatives and reinforcing entrepreneurship and business support**, including by facilitating access for social and solidarity economy entities to **financial services and funding**, and encourages the participation of social and solidarity economy actors in the **policymaking process**;”

OP2. “Encourages **relevant entities of the United Nations development system, including United Nations country teams, to give due consideration to the social and solidarity economy** as part of their planning and programming instruments, **particularly the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework**, so as to provide support to States, upon their request and in accordance with their mandates and to identify, formulate, implement and assess coherent and enabling policy measures and frameworks for developing the social and solidarity economy as a tool for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, and in this regard **acknowledges the work of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy**;”

OP3. **Encourages multilateral, international and regional financial institutions and development banks to support the social and solidarity economy**, including through existing and new financial instruments and mechanisms adapted to all stages of development;

OP4. **Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report**, within existing resources, **in collaboration with the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy**, on the implementation of the present resolution, taking into consideration the contribution of the social and solidarity economy to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and an inclusive, job-rich, resilient and sustainable recovery, and decides to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-ninth session, under the item entitled “Sustainable development”, a sub-item entitled “Promoting the social and solidarity economy for sustainable development”.

Overview

Building on the UNGA Resolution, the UNTFSSSE Strategic Action Plan (2024-2026) focuses on the following transversal and priority areas:

- Transversal Area A. Implementing the UN Resolution and Preparing the UN Secretary General Report (led by Co-Chairs)
- Transversal Area B. Institutionalizing UNTFSSSE Governance (led by Co-Chairs)
- Priority Area 1. Promoting Policy Coherence on the SSE (led by Co-Chairs and ILO)
- Priority Area 2. Promoting Education and Research on the SSE (led by UNRISD)
- Priority Area 3. Facilitating Access to Financial and Non-Financial Support Services for SSE Entities (led by UNCTAD)
- Priority Area 4. Improving Statistics on the SSE (led by ILO)

Transversal Area(s)

A. Implementing the UN Resolution and preparing the SG Report for the 79th Session

The UNGA Resolution provides for the first time an acknowledgment of the work of the Task Force by the UNGA. The Resolution also mandates the Task Force to collaborate with the Secretary General in preparing a report for the 79th Session, within existing resources. This responsibility indicates a large shift in responsibility for the Task Force and therefore all activities from 2024 onwards should be, whether directly or indirectly, oriented towards this goal.

The Task Force will contribute to the development of the Secretary General report, including by gathering inputs from the relevant stakeholders.

B. Institutionalizing UNTFSSSE governance

Internally: Strengthening UNTFSSSE Capacities to Operate

- **Revised terms of references:** To further its institutionalization the Task Force will revise its terms of reference and develop the terms of references for its structures, including a Steering Committee and Technical Working Groups.
- **Resource Mobilization:** The Task Force will strengthen its resource mobilization efforts to secure the resources it needs to operate effectively and be sustainable.
- **Awareness Raising & Communications:** The Task Force will consolidate its communication approaches and materials, including through its website, social media and other communications channels. Additionally, the Task Force will develop and disseminate awareness-raising materials in English, French and Spanish.

Externally: Establishing and maintaining partnerships/collaboration

- **Furthering the engagement of UN entities:** The Task Force will continue reaching out to relevant entities within the UN development system to further their contributions to the implementation of the UNGA Resolution.
- **Clarifying engagement with the non-SSE private sector:** The Task Force will continue to deliberate on its relation and engagement with the non-SSE private sector.
- **Establishing a 'Group of Friends':** The Task Force will explore the possibility of establishing a 'Group of Friends', made up of Member States that have been active in the adoption of the Resolution and on the SSE more generally, while ensuring diverse geographical representation.
- **Raising the awareness of UN Country Teams:** The Task Force will help inform UNCT mobilization efforts to promote the SSE at the country level.
- **Furthering coordination at the regional level:** The Task Force Secretariat will develop its linkages with UN Regional Economic and Social Commissions to further their contributions to the implementation of the UNGA Resolution.
- **Clarifying linkages with alternative economic models:** The Task Force will clarify the linkages between the SSE and other alternative economic models, building on previous efforts, including the work of the UN Economist Network on the New Economics for Sustainable Development.

Priority Area 1. Promoting Policy Coherence on the SSE

The Task Force will promote policy coherence on the SSE in collaboration with relevant entities of the United Nations development system and beyond, notably on supporting Member States to establish a conducive environment for SSE entities consistent with the nature and diversity of the SSE, including an enabling legal, policy, regulatory and strategic framework. The Co-Chairs and ILO will lead this work.

Priority Area 2. Promoting Education and Research on the SSE

The Task Force will promote education and research on the SSE for sustainable development. It will develop knowledge products, including online and in multiple languages as relevant. It will also disseminate existing products, notably on social media, highlighting the linkages between the SSE and the SDGs. UNRISD will lead this work.

Priority Area 3. Facilitating Access to Financial and Non-Financial Support Services for SSE Entities

The Task Force will establish a Technical Working Group on Access to Finance for SSE entities. It will engage Member States, multilateral, international, and regional financial institutions, development banks, SSE networks and experts to map financial models, instruments and mechanisms consistent with the nature and diversity of the SSE, including through a whole system approach. Concurrently, the Task Force will also address non-financial support services for SSE entities, including capacity development tools. It will identify and share good practices and lessons learned to engage with related stakeholders and encourage them to promote SSE access to financial and non-financial support services. UNCTAD will lead this work.

Priority Area 4. Improving Statistics on the SSE

The Task Force will establish a Technical Working Group on Statistics of the SSE. Building on the outcomes of the 21st International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS) on measuring cooperatives and the SSE, it will contribute to producing statistical definitions for the main concepts relevant to the identification, classification, and measurement of SSE entities. It will also contribute to developing and disseminating recommendations for data collection methods. Furthermore, it will contribute to, and provide feedback on, the drafts of Guidelines for statistics concerning the SSE to be presented as room documents to the 22nd ICLS. The ILO will lead this work.