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## Press release

### *The International Coalition of the Social and Solidarity Economy celebrates the first anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly's Resolution on SSE*

The **International Coalition of the Social and Solidarity Economy (ICSSE)**<sup>1</sup> is proud to commemorate the first anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly resolution recognizing the crucial role of the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) in achieving Sustainable Development Goals worldwide.

#### **Social and Solidarity Economy - a key driver for inclusive and sustainable growth**

Last year on April 18th, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution [A/RES/77/194](#), acknowledging SSE as a key driver for inclusive and sustainable economic growth, social cohesion, and environmental protection. This landmark resolution reaffirmed the importance of SSE enterprises, cooperatives, mutuals, and associations in advancing resilient and equitable societies.

#### **UN Member States need to support and implement SSE legal frameworks and policies**

One year on, the challenges of implementation remain and the ICSSE continues to encourage the UN Member States to promote and implement national, regional and local public policies to develop SSE, including through the adoption of legislation. SSE is recognized in the resolution as a model of sustainable economy that must be valued, accounted for in national statistics, supported by fiscal and public investment mechanisms, and included in school and research programs. Member States are also encouraged to co-construct public policies with SSE enterprises and organizations and to sustainably include SSE in planning dynamics.

#### **The UNTFSSSE Task Force has a crucial role to play**

This milestone also highlights the critical work of the United Nations Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy (UNTFSSSE) in ensuring the effective implementation and follow-up of the resolution. Since 2014, the UNTFSSSE Taskforce has played a crucial role in providing guidance and support for the implementation of the UN resolution serving as a platform for dialogue, exchange, and cooperation among governments, international organizations, civil society and the private sector from SSE. By fostering synergies and leveraging collective expertise, the task force has

contributed to strengthening the global SSE movement.

The UNTFSSSE Task Force requires increased resources and capacity to carry out its essential functions, including implementing the resolution action plan, providing guidance, facilitating knowledge exchange, and coordinating collaborative initiatives. The ICSSE extends its sincere appreciation to the governments that have already expressed their support for the UNTFSSSE.

### **ICSSE is committed to advancing the SSE Agenda**

As we anticipate the presentation of the UN Secretary-General's report next September at the UN General Assembly, the ICSSE reaffirms its commitment to advancing the SSE agenda and building solidarity-based economies that prioritize people and the planet over mere profit. Together, we can harness the transformative potential of SSE to create a more just, inclusive society and achieve the United Nations' 2030 Agenda.

#### **<sup>1</sup>About the ICSSE**

*The International Coalition of the Social and Solidarity Economy (ICSSE) was established in 2021 to represent the interests of all SSE actors in the international debates, by sharing experience and expertise between the members. Five of the main representative organizations of the SSE in the international arena decided to join forces in this coalition: the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), the Global Forum for Social and Solidarity Economy (GSEF), SSE International Forum (SSE-IF), the International Cooperative and Mutual Insurance Federation (ICMIF) and the International Association of Mutual Benefit Societies (AIM).*

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