



SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY & TERRITORIES : Transitioning from "informal economies" to collective and sustainable economies for our territories



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◆ **PRE-PROGRAM** ◆

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The 2023 edition of the **Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum**, organised every two years, will be held **from 1 to 6 May 2023 in Dakar, Senegal**.

#DakarGSEF2023 will highlight the practices and visions that will enable us to build a more inclusive and fair world through sustainable and virtuous economic development.

This first edition in Africa will bring together several thousand people from all continents for three days of exchanges and political dialogue preceded by two pre-Forums. This mobilisation takes on a particular dimension in the expected context of international recognition of the role of the Social Solidarity Economy by the United Nations.

The **Global SSE Forum #DakarGSEF2023** is committed to meeting its objectives with an ambitious program based on **several moments**:

- ◆ On 1 and 2 May - **the Youth & SSE Pre-Forum**, acknowledging the participation of young people in this economy of the future, creator of decent jobs, and its new opportunities for young people in all territories.
- ◆ On 3 May - **the Women's Day for SSE**, a day dedicated to the vital role of women in SSE organizations and enterprises.
- ◆ On 4, 5 and 6 May - **the Main Forum**, built around a central question, broken down into 7 themes, has **two main objectives** :

• **Political**

Elected officials and leaders from all over the world, international experts and representatives of development agencies will commit to promoting this economy centred on people and respect for the environment, an essential tool for achieving the 17 sustainable development objectives.

• **Sharing experiences and expertise**

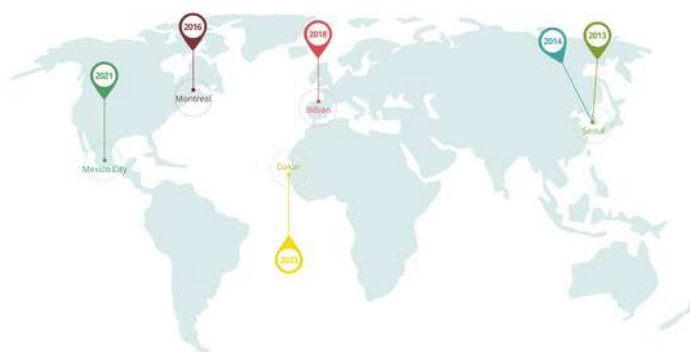
Successful initiatives carried out by local governments and actors involved in SSE all over the world are highlighted in order to encourage the sharing of practices and to offer a real platform for mutual learning to go further.

CO-ORGANIZERS

- ◆ **The City of Dakar**
- ◆ **RACTES (Network of Actors and Local Governments for Social and Solidarity Economy of Senegal)**
- ◆ **GSEF (Global Forum for Social and Solidarity Economy)**
- ◆ **The Ministry of Microfinance and Social and Solidarity Economy of Senegal**

GLOBAL SSE FORUMS

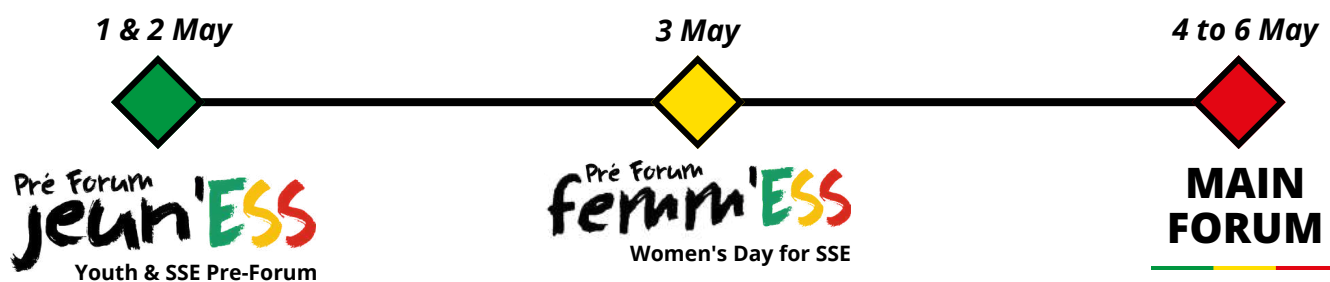
- ◆ A major international event that brings together all the stakeholders of the Social Solidarity Economy
- ◆ Every 2 years since 2013 in collaboration with GSEF member cities
- ◆ A time for engagement, mutual learning, sharing and action



History of the GSEF Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forums

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Place du Souvenir Africain



Grand Théâtre National de Dakar



Musée des Civilisations Noires

Thematic Paths

The 2023 edition of the **Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum** will deal with an ambitious global theme, broken down into 7 sub-themes, **7 paths** of **plenary sessions**, **self-organized sessions** and **workshops** that participants will be able to explore throughout the Forum.

Main theme

"TRANSITIONING FROM "INFORMAL ECONOMIES" TO COLLECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIES FOR OUR TERRITORIES"



PATH 1

Co-constructing public policies for collective and sustainable economies conducive to decent jobs for young people and women.

How to identify the challenges and issues and co-create the conditions and opportunities for public policies conducive to collective and sustainable economies for our territories? How to build bridges for transitioning from informal economies to collective and sustainable economies that create decent jobs for young people and women? What roles for local authorities and SSE actors to promote a territorialized economy and allow us to achieve inclusive and sustainable development?



PATH 2

Sustainable blue economy, preservation of artisanal fishing, creation of new sustainable jobs, and social & environmental protection.

How to solve the issues faced by the artisanal and industrial fishing sectors and establish a dynamic in the search for relevant mitigation solutions? What responses can the inclusive governance of a sustainable solidarity blue economy provide? How to create direct and indirect solidarity and decent jobs in the sectors of tourism, fishing, energy, agriculture, transport, etc. in the perspective of an inclusive and sustainable "blue growth"? What social protection system can best meet the needs of fishing stakeholders and communities, as well as actors of impacted coastal territories?



PATH 3

Collective and sustainable "green" economy for the territories, food self-sufficiency and its governance.

How to reconcile the fight against poverty and environmental protection? How to reconcile a society of overproduction & consumption and hunger? How to make trade, green economy, and sustainable development coexist? How to design a "green" economic project that can achieve consensus between developing countries, emerging countries and developed countries, and among SSE and civil society actors? In the absence of a "global governance", how can the general interest of a green economy, self-sufficiency of communities, and preservation of the planet be ensured? What institutional mechanisms could finally make it possible to move on to an operational phase of the transition towards a green economy?

Thematic Paths



PATH 4

Solidarity & sustainable digital economy and smart territories.

How to model the concept of smart territory on the basis of very different realities?
How to pool the platforms for building upon all the experiences of SSE organizations and enterprises in the digital field and on digitization? How to improve services to users, the functioning of local governments, and the steering of local public policies, in particular through the digitization of procedures and the processing of data? How to structure collective approaches to cooperation at territorial and/or national levels between governments and SSE organizations and enterprises?



PATH 5

Financing collective and sustainable economies for the territories.

What are the methods, strategies, and constraints related to the financing of SSE organizations and enterprises? How to address the challenges of their effectiveness, sustainability, and impact? What specific tools can be mobilized to target such essential groups in our economies as young people, women, and rural populations? How to create decentralized financing structures within local governments to support SSEOs? What alternative and innovative financing mechanisms can be mobilized? What is the role of the state and local governments? How to pool human, financial, and material resources and create partnerships between local governments and SSE actors? How to better leverage and regulate the CSR plan of companies?



PATH 6

Policy dialogue : national & local governments and key stakeholders of collective and sustainable economies for the territories.

How to strengthen a more open and collaborative governance between local authorities and SSE organizations and enterprises in our territories? How can the collaboration between all actors (central & local governments and SSE actors, among others) stimulate the development of territorial, collective and sustainable economies? How to set up structured dialogue mechanisms articulated with participatory governance from an SSE perspective? How can the collaboration between local authorities and SSE stakeholders contribute to the emergence of decentralized policies able to boost local economy in their respective territories?



PATH 7

Social and Solidarity Economy and sustainable development : links between practices and research

How can SSE embark on paths of research and building & transmission of knowledge? What are the links between SSE and the four pillars of sustainable development (Human, Social, Economic and Environmental)? What innovative links can be made between SSE and development research? What collaboration between SSE actors, academia, and research institutions?

In its global vision of the Social and Solidarity Economy, the GSEF gives a crucial place to the youth who create social and economic values.

The **Youth & SSE Preforum** will bring together young people from several places around the world, as well as representatives of companies and training centres, investors, researchers, academics and solution providers, around the theme :

**« Collective and sustainable entrepreneurship for the territories:
 the answers to the inclusion of young people from here and elsewhere. »**

Multiple and ambitious goals

- ◆ Bring to the fore SSE youth projects
- ◆ Give a privileged place to young people in the process of development agencies: design, implementation, decision
- ◆ Draft and disseminate a "Youth Appeal" at the end of the Pre-Forum
- ◆ Advocate for the adoption of a resolution at the UN General Assembly in 2023, aiming at strengthening the recognition of the work done by SSE organisations in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
- ◆ To create together a decisive turning point for a fairer and more sustainable global economy with and for the younger generation

This Pre-Forum will integrate 150 young people from the **Caravan'ESS** from several West African countries who will participate directly in the activities to promote the integration of people in solidarity.



A comprehensive and inspiring program

- ◆ Inspiring presentations, experience sharing workshops, opportunity fairs: employment, entrepreneurship, research, social innovation, solidarity economy...
- ◆ More than 10 self-organized sessions and a panel of 20 world-renowned speakers
- ◆ A **village dedicated to the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals** to highlight the innovative projects of young people in the SSE and to promote the dissemination of their entrepreneurial know-how
- ◆ Two great evenings and artistic performances by committed young artists
- ◆ A **Call of the Youth** on SSE will be drafted and presented at the end of #DakarGSEF2023; the start of the action plan for young people in the social and solidarity economy after the Forum
- ◆ A team of **100 young volunteers** will welcome the participants on site.

The **Consortium Jeunesse Sénégal (CJS)** was selected by RACTES and the City of Dakar to ensure the participation, involvement and valorisation of young people during the entire Forum.

In partnership with the NGO JED, Ashoka, Make Sense, Social Change Factory and the National Youth Council of Senegal.

Program

Pré Forum JEUN'ESS YOUTH & SSE PRE-FORUM

	Monday 1 May	Tuesday 2 May
8 - 9 am	Welcome and installation of participants	
9 - 11.30 am	Opening	Panel 4 Funding: How to support and encourage youth initiatives?
11.30-12.30 am		Panel 1 What place for youth networks and platforms in the territories?
12.30 am - 2 pm	Lunch	Lunch
2 - 3 pm	Self-Organized Sessions	Self-Organized Sessions
3 - 3.30 pm	Advocacy Co-construction Workshop	Advocacy Co-construction Workshop
3.30 - 5.30 pm	Panel 3 Digital economy: a vector of emancipation for the youth	Panel 2 Green & Blue Economies: territorial and sustainable opportunities for the youth
5.30 - 6 pm	Break	
6 - 7 pm	Cultural Evening Youth Concert Place du Souvenir Africain	Closing of the Youth & SSE Pre-Forum Review, perspectives and action plan
7 - 10 pm		Cultural Evening Closing Place du Souvenir Africain
		Reception Youth & SSE Hôtel de Ville

SDG Village (Sustainable Development Goals)

Thematic Paths

- 1 - Co-construction
- 2 - Blue Economy

- 3 - Green Economy
- 4 - Digital Economy

- 5 - Financing
- 6 - Policy Dialogue

The growing contributions of women in households, in systems of production of goods and services and in economies are still little recognised in Africa. How can we highlight the social and economic empowerment of women in the territories? What structuring investments for women and concrete long-term actions? What financing policies and mechanisms to support women's productive activity? How to strengthen women's egalitarian participation?

The **Women's Day for SSE** will be a special time for reflection to answer these different questions and is based on a central theme:

"Women's empowerment and the territorialisation of sustainable public policies"

Ambitious goals

- ◆ **Ensure that women truly participate** in the transformational process through intergenerational dialogue that highlights the opportunities offered by SSE
- ◆ **Create spaces** for discussion, learning, capitalisation and mobilization of resources to implement transformational innovations in the SSE sector in support of women.
- ◆ **Encourage a new interpretation** of the challenges and strategies for the promotion of SSE through a section with female politicians, to make a powerful statement that will positively influence policies and programs.
- ◆ **Help people better understand the challenges of SSE** and its importance to ensure food, economic and financial sovereignty in our countries and the central role of women in this process.



The pre-forum's program will be based on the interventions of :

- ◆ **6 Women Champions**, experts in their field, from different parts of the world who will speak on seven specific themes of the Social and Solidarity Economy.
 - ◆ **20 Young Women Leaders** in SSE will highlight their experiences on women's economic empowerment and make social initiatives visible.
- All their initiatives will be documented and used to support exchanges and provide inspiring resources.
- ◆ **Plenary sessions** bringing together politicians and experts will allow for a policy dialogue on laws, strategies and programmes for gender mainstreaming and the inclusion of SSE in public policies and international development agendas.
 - ◆ A **declaration** and a **roadmap** will be adopted reaffirming the challenges of SSE and its importance to ensure food, economic and financial sovereignty in our states and the central role of women in this process. It will be presented at the final closing of the Forum on Saturday.

Program

Pré Forum femmi'ESS

Women's Day for SSE

Wednesday 3 May			
8 - 8.30 am	Welcome		
8.30 - 9.45 am	Opening The place and role of girls and women in collective and sustainable economies for the territories		
9.45 - 10 am	Break		
10 - 11.30 am	Plenary Session Panel 1 : Blue, green and digital economies, what has been achieved in the field of SSE? 3 SSE Women Champions		
11.30 - 11.45 am	Break		
11.45 am - 1.15 pm	Plenary Session Panel 2 : Support mechanisms and funding methods 3 SSE Women Champions		
1.15 - 2.30 pm	Lunch		
2.30 - 4 pm	Political segment SSE and gender inclusion in national, regional and international development strategies, programmes and agendas (Agenda 2030, Agenda 2063, National political and institutional frameworks...) Political leaders, international institutions and organisations		
4 - 4.15 pm	Break		
4.15 - 5.30 pm	Workshops and Self-Organized Sessions		
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5.45 - 7 pm	Workshops and Self-Organized Sessions		
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Thematic Paths



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4 - Digital Economy



5 - Financing



6 - Policy Dialogue



7 - Research

MAIN FORUM

Thursday 4 to Saturday 6 May

Musée des Civilisations Noires
Grand Théâtre National

The recent periods of global economic and political instability, accentuated by the COVID-19, have highlighted the flaws of a model based on maximum profit and confirmed, if need be, the need to reinvent an alternative and complementary development model that is more inclusive and sustainable.

Beyond the constitution of a set of economic activities, the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) proposes a social model where those excluded from the formal system (young people, women, but also the unemployed, people with disabilities, etc.) can find their place, thus meeting the Leave No One Behind principle of the 2030 Agenda on sustainable development. Thus, the transition from "informal" economies to territorial, collective and sustainable economies is a viable solution to rebalance inequalities and economic, social and environmental objectives.

The Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum 2023 has thus set the following theme for this edition:

"Social and Solidarity Economy & Territories: the transition from "informal" economies to collective and sustainable economies for our territories"

A call for proposals launched in the spring of 2022 highlighted all the initiatives and actors in territories around the world to act collectively to find a new model of development that is less capitalist and more human. It collected more than 250 proposals.

3 days of discussion, structured around :

7 thematic paths

◆ Plenary sessions

- Panel of Ministers
- Panel of Mayors and Local Governments
- Panels of thematic experts

◆ Workshops and Self-Organized sessions

- 35 workshops where 3 to 4 witnesses will share their practices and visions
- 35 sessions self-organized by SSE actors selected by the scientific committee

◆ A village of SSE initiatives from around the world on the Esplanade of the Grand Théâtre

◆ A final Political Declaration and Roadmap will be adopted at the closure

The overall theme of the Forum has been broken down into 7 paths to follow during the 3 days of the Forum. Participants will be able to follow plenary sessions, workshops and self-organized sessions related to their theme of choice, or to navigate between the themes.

-  Path 1 - Co-construction
-  Path 2 - Blue Economy
-  Path 3 - Green Economy
-  Path 4 - Digital Economy
-  Path 5 - Financing
-  Path 6 - Policy Dialogue
-  Path 7 - Research

Grand Théâtre National de Dakar
(on the left)

Musée des Civilisations Noires
(on the right)



Program

MAIN FORUM

	Thursday 4 May		Friday 5 May		Saturday 6 May	
8 - 9 am	Welcome of participants					
9 - 10.30 am	Opening Introduction of the event and themes		Political Plenary Theme 6 : Mayors' and local governments' Panel		Political Plenary SSE strategies of International Organizations and Experts	
10.30 - 11 am	Break					
11 - 12.30 pm	Political Plenary Theme 1 : Ministers' Panel		12 Workshops and Self-organized sessions	Plenary Session Theme 5 : Financing	12 Workshops and Self-organized sessions	Plenary Session Theme 7 : Research
12.30 - 2.30 pm	Lunch					
2.30 - 4 pm	12 Workshops and Self-organized sessions	Plenary Session Theme 2 : Blue Economy	12 Workshops and Self-organized sessions	Plenary Session Theme 4 : Digital Economy	Restitution and Declarations Youth & SSE Pre-Forum & Women's Day for SSE Report of the 7 themes Final declaration of the Forum	
4 - 4.30 pm	Break					
4.30 - 6 pm	12 Workshops and Self-organized sessions	Plenary Session Theme 3 : Green Economy	12 Workshops and Self-organized sessions	General Assembly of GSEF Dakar City Hall	Closing Political commitments	
6 - 7 pm						
7 pm	Opening Reception Dakar City Hall	Cultural evening Place du Souvenir Africain	Cultural Evening Place du Souvenir Africain		Cultural evening Place du Souvenir Africain	

Thematic Paths



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Around the Forum : Villages & animations

All week long

The #DakarGSEF2023 Forum wished, in parallel to the times of political dialogue and exchanges, to create **open spaces for the valorisation of actors and festive cultural meetings**. Another way of experiencing the SSE in the "land of Teranga", a land of hospitality and sharing.

FROM 1 TO 6 MAY, ALL WEEK LONG *PLACE DU SOUVENIR AFRICAÏN*

The **Place du Souvenir Africain** will be at the heart of the Forum.

- ◆ **Throughout the day**, a **socio-economic and cultural village** will host exhibitors, actors of the Social and Solidarity Economy, selected in advance to present and sell their products. This market place will be animated by humorous interventions..
- ◆ **Every evening**, from 6pm to 10pm, a wide range of **socio-cultural and artistic events** will be organised during large festive and convivial evenings: craft exhibitions from Africa and the rest of the world, concerts - hip hop mbalakh/soft, forum theatres, fashion shows, community exchanges, gastronomic discoveries, film screenings, documentaries, digital content, etc.

ON 1 AND 2 MAY, DURING THE YOUTH & SSE PRE-FORUM *PLACE DU SOUVENIR AFRICAÏN*

During the Youth & SSE Pre-Forum, the Place du Souvenir Africain will host the SDG Village (Sustainable Development Goals), an exhibition and exchange space where youth initiatives from all over the world will present themselves on 17 stands corresponding to the 17 United Nations SDGs. This village, at the heart of the Youth & SSE Pre-Forum, will be extended during the following days.

FROM 3 TO 6 MAY, DURING WOMEN'S DAY FOR SSE & THE MAIN FORUM *ESPLANADE OF THE GRAND THÉÂTRE NATIONAL OF DAKAR*

During the Main Forum, on the Esplanade between the Grand Théâtre National and the Musée des Civilisations Noires, a large **Innovation Village** will be held. This village will allow participants, SSE actors, networks and partners to book a stand to present their initiatives. There will be **140 stands** of SSE organisations, local governments and civil society networks to showcase experiences and achievements of SSE actors around the world.

Practical information

◆◆◆ SITES

The **Global Social and Solidarity Economy Forum GSEF2023** will be held in Dakar from **1 to 6 May 2023**.

It will be hosted in 4 locations in the heart of the city

- ◆ The Grand Théâtre National of Dakar
- ◆ The Musée des Civilisations Noires
- ◆ The Place du Souvenir Africain
- ◆ The Dakar City Hall

The Grand Théâtre National and the Musée des Civilisations Noires are linked by a large Esplanade also dedicated to the Forum.



◆◆◆ PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION

Registration for the Forum is **mandatory** for all participants. There are two steps: pre-registration and payment after verification of information.

Preferential rates are offered to participants registering before 1 March, and for groups. Rates are adapted according to age, country of origin (Senegal / OECD / NON-OECD), type of actor (SSE actor / local government), and type of participation (speaker / participant).

To register and consult the **general conditions of participation**, please visit the official website of the Forum: dakar2023.gsef-net.org

Speakers and members of the GSEF have received by email the specific conditions for their registration.

The plenary sessions of the Forum will be broadcast live on the Internet. Online registration for this broadcast will be open from April.

◆◆◆ BOOKING A STAND

The Forum offers the possibility to initiatives and partners who wish to do so to reserve stands in the Innovation Village which will take place on the Esplanade of the Grand Théâtre National, as well as in the Socio-Economic and Cultural Village on the Place du Souvenir Africain.

You can book your stand online here : dakar2023.gsef-net.org

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