



PRESS RELEASE

On October 17 in Quito, the International Leading Group on Social and Solidarity Economy (ILGSSE) pleads for the inclusion of SSE in the New Urban Agenda*

Paris, on October 12, 2016 – HABITAT III, first international summit of the United Nations to be held after the adoption of the sustainable development goals (SDGs), is taking place in Quito, Ecuador, from 17 to 20 October 2016 on the theme : “*The sustainable urban development: the future of urbanization?*”

During this major event, the International Leading Group on Social and Solidarity Economy (ILGSSE) organizes a side event **to emphasize the transformative role of SSE for cities and urban economies**. This event follows on [the high-level event and the declaration adopted by the ILGSSE on September 20, 2016](#), on “SSE as a strategic means of implementing the New Urban Agenda”.

High-level attendants will discuss **the potential of social and solidarity economy in the strategic implementation of the New Urban Agenda**, focusing on the concrete measures taken by governments, local communities, international organizations and the civil society.

Program and speakers

“Social and Solidarity Economy, a key sector to implement the New Urban Agenda”

Introduction (10 min)

- **André Vallini**, Minister of State for Development and Francophonie, France
- **Geovanny Cardoso Ruiz**, Executive Director of the National Corporation for Popular and Solidarity Finance of Ecuador (CONAFIPS)

Panelists (35 min)

- **Moderator: representative of the United Nations inter-agency task force on SSE** (name to be confirmed)
- **Denis Coderre**, Mayor of Montreal and President of Metropolis
- **José Fortunati**, Mayor of Porto Alegre and Vice-president of the Global fund for cities development (FMDV)
- **Lorena Zarate**, President of the Habitat International Coalition (HIC)
- **Raul Luna**, Coordinator of the Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of Social Solidarity Economy, Latin America (RIPESS-LAC)
- **Myriam Matray**, Member of the Scientific committee of The Mont-Blanc Meetings (MBM) – International Forum of Social and Solidarity Economy Entrepreneurs, Specialist territorial diagnosis and local clusters for social and economic cooperation

Discussion with the audience (10 min)

Conclusion (5 min)

- **Thierry Jeantet**, President of the Mont-Blanc Meetings (MBM) – International Forum of the Social and Solidarity Economy Entrepreneurs

*“Social and Solidarity Economy, a key sector to implement the New Urban Agenda”, Monday, October 17, 2016, 9:30-10:30 am, Room R13, Ecuadorian House of Culture, Quito, Ecuador.

More information about the association The Mont-Blanc Meetings (MBM) – International Forum of the Social and Solidarity Economy:

The MBM association, within a plural economy and all over the world, promotes and enhances SSE. Since more than 10 years, this international network has been a laboratory of ideas for its three fields of actions: (i) gather leaders and actors of SSE, (ii) co-build sustainable and inclusive initiatives and projects and (iii) influence international policies and agendas for SSE. Accredited by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the association holds the co-secretariat of the international leading group on SSE since 2014.

[More information](#)

About the International leading group on Social and Solidarity Economy (ILGSSE):

Launched in September 2014, the ILGSSE is chaired by France and coordinated by the association The Mont-Blanc Meetings which holds the permanent co-secretariat. Its mandate is to enhance knowledge of SSE and integrate it into a new development model, with a view to contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The leading group currently comprises six member States, two observer States, international institutions and civil society organizations.

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