



Session title: Women & Gender Equality for SSE

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Date / Duration: 20th of October / 2 hours

Session format: Thematic session

Target audience: Women's SSE organizations, SSE organizations working for the benefits of women

Session Objectives / descriptions:

The difficulties such as labour market discrimination and work-family conflict faced by women in securing a decent job in market economy turn them to engage more with Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) organizations. The inclusiveness of SSE allows women to enjoy their full economic, social, and political rights. SSE organizations and enterprises side with care work at families. This characteristic explains women's needs to facilitate flexibility in time management and provide opportunities for paid work alone SSE and their commitment in leading the SSE movement. In this session, speakers will highlight successful initiatives by women's organizations or targeted at women during the COVID-19 crisis. These examples will illustrate how women's SSE organizations can help the community stay resilient under the time of difficulties.

Although SSE organizations may provide alleviation measures to women and communities, they face different types of challenges. Speakers will also discuss the challenges they met and what are possible solutions to overcome the difficulties with innovation and new collaborative actions.

Moderators & Speakers:

Moderator - Mirai Chatterjee (Chairperson, SEWA Cooperative Federation and Director, SEWA Social Security)

Speakers:

- Varsha Thakor, Board member, Lok Swasthya SEWA Co-op, health sector, India
- Sangita Gamit, Board member, Megha Indigenous Farmers' Cooperative, India
- Simel Esim, Programme Manager (Senior Technical Specialist), International Labour Organization ILO
- Kerry Krige, Chief Technical Advisor International Labour Organisation
- Lucie Demers, Director of Strategy and Development at Filaction, Canada

Expected results:

- Visualizing the contribution of women in gender equality and our society through SSE
- Facilitating discussion among stakeholders from different women's SSE organizations from Africa, Asia and Europe on how to help women in leading SSE organizations in the future with new forms of economy after COVID-19 pandemic
- Identifying the role of local governments in accompanying structuration/development of women's organizations or women-led initiatives

Schedule		
10:00-10:05 (UTC+2, Paris)	Introduction by moderator	
13:30-13:35 (UTC+5:30, New Delhi)	Mirai Chatterjee (Chairperson, SEWA Cooperative Federation and Director, SEWA Social Security)	
17:00-17:05 (UTC+9, Seoul)		
10:05-10:15 (UTC+2, Paris)	Successful cases of initiatives by women's organizations or targeted at women during the COVID-19 crisis Focusing on the impact of the Covid-19 crisis on women's SSE organizations and the role played/to be played by women in the SSE sector to drive mid to long-term recovery initiatives and the alleviation of the crisis' impacts on the most vulnerable groups	-Varsha Thakor (Board member, Lok Swasthya SEWA Co-op, health sector)
13:35-13:45 (UTC+5:30, New Delhi)		
17:05-17:15 (UTC+9, Seoul)		

<p>10:15-10:35 (UTC+2, Paris)</p> <p>13:45-14:05 (UTC+5:30, New Delhi)</p> <p>17:15-17:35 (UTC+9, Seoul)</p>	<p>How to lead and mobilize Women’s SSE organizations in the new normal</p> <p>Innovative cases of initiatives (in terms of technology or collaborative actions) by women's organizations or targeted at women, but which were faced with barriers and challenges to be addressed in the future for better outcomes</p>	<p>-Kerryn Krige, Chief Technical Advisor International Labour Organisation</p> <p>-Sangita Gamit(Board member, Megha Indigenous Farmers' Cooperative)</p>
<p>10:35-10:50 (UTC+2, Paris)</p> <p>14:05-14:20 (UTC+5:30, New Delhi)</p> <p>17:35-17:50 (UTC+9, Seoul)</p>	<p>Q & A</p>	
<p>10:50-11:30 (UTC+2, Paris)</p> <p>14:20-15:30(UTC+5:30, New Delhi)</p> <p>17:50-18:30(UTC+9, Seoul)</p>	<p>Open Dialogue</p> <p>Widening the discussion and developing methodologies among discussants and opening the floor –</p> <p>Questions that will be addressed during the session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do we allow the replication of good practices by women's SSE organizations and/or for women's empowerment? - How to turn a collective and integrated approach into a systematic model conducive to a greater participation of women in the mainstream economy through SSE? - Who are the enablers for women’s SSE movement? Who can provide the necessary support and assistance? - Lessons learnt from the past, why and how should women organize themselves? With a focus on both the informal and formal contexts. Is the organization in networks always needed, or are more formalized types of organization (unions, workers organizations) needed if we want to influence policy measures/local governments? - What is the role of local governments in accompanying structuration/development of women's organizations or women-led initiatives 	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lucie Demers, Director of Strategy and Development at Filaction -Simel Esim, Programme Manager (Senior Technical Specialist), International Labour Organization ILO) <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Varsha Thakor (Board member, Lok Swasthya SEWA Co-op, health sector) -Kerryn Krige, Chief Technical Advisor International Labour Organisation -Sangita Gamit(Board member, Megha Indigenous Farmers' Cooperative)