



The Kampala Declaration

Promoting the culture and practice of SSE in East Africa

We, local elected officials and representatives of local governments, social and solidarity economy networks and practitioners from 5 East African countries (Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, South Sudan and Rwanda) as well as South Africa, participants in the GSEF Training & Workshop Series: East Africa Regional Training on Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) in Kampala (Uganda) on 21-23 August 2019, assert that an inclusive, participatory and global approach towards the promotion of the SSE is imperative to ensure the sustainable development of wellbeing in all territories.

After 2 and half days of fruitful deliberation, we, mayors and representatives of counties/local governments, social and solidarity economy networks and practitioners, pledge to:

- **Develop an action plan** to support the continued efforts towards promotion and education, communication strategy, awareness-building, financing, monitoring & evaluation and advocacy on SSE for its adoption by the territories, particularly with and among elected officials;
- **Include the promotion of SSE** in the strategic plan of a city / local government for economic and inclusive development for citizens' livability.
- **Build and facilitate the work of multi-stakeholder collaboration** (counties, cities, municipalities, districts, SSE networks and practitioners, social and solidarity finance organizations, academic actors, and "responsible" private sector actors), which may serve as a platform for sharing, exchanging best practices among peers, and building strategies henceforth;
- **Organize knowledge sharing platforms** in the field of SSE in the region;
- **Develop and mobilize strategic partnerships with international SSE**

networks and around United Nations mechanisms working towards the promotion of the SSE (GSEF, OIF, RIPESS, UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy, GPIESS...) to bring remarkable synergies;

- **Carry out mapping on the SSE initiatives in our territories** and countries in order to identify actors, constraints, opportunities, and devise strategies and necessary support measures.

- **Elaborate a structured approach and ultimately a strategy for co-building public policies** and legislative frameworks in favor of SSE across the continent;

- **Initiate advocacy efforts vis-à-vis regional, continental and international Institutions** (UN, African Union, UDEAC, CEMAC, UEMOA, UCLG Africa, AfDB, etc.) for the integration of SSE in strategies, development actions and their financing;

- **Encourage the implementation of innovative approaches**, policy implementation and tools within local governments and inter-communal bodies to support the development of SSE in our territories;

- **Support the establishment of a GSEF Chapter in Kampala** in support of GSEF's Vice-President City (Bamako) and of the regular holding of Policy Dialogues in Africa;

- **Promote the creation of an East African regional umbrella network and national platforms of SSE practitioners** and become members in international networks such as RIPESS and RAESS (RIPESS Africa).

- **Participate with delegates in international convergence meetings of SSE** such as the World Social Forum of Transformative Economies (in Barcelona, June 2020) and the GSEF (in Mexico City, October 2020)

We COMMIT to the following core values:

- **SUSTAINABILITY.** To be based on environmental and ecological practices, to act in a socially responsible way (promoting workers and human rights) and to put people before profit in all our operations and activities.

- **INNOVATION.** To be innovative and creative in finding solutions to social, environmental and economic challenges based on the real needs of our communities.

- **TRANSPARENCY.** To be open in terms of our intentions and accountable in our actions.

- **INCLUSIVENESS.** To be fair and inclusive of all people we work with and

relate to and follow non-discriminatory practices at all levels and with all stakeholders, and to respect cultural and religious values.

- INTEGRITY – acting consistently and ethically, in coherence with the principles and values of SSE

- SOLIDARITY – to be cooperative and mutualistic, basing our activities on the public interest and for the benefit and welfare of our communities.

In addition, and more specifically, we recommend the following actions to be implemented:

National/Central Governments

- Include ‘social and solidarity economy’ as a new subject in school curricula in order to teach concepts related to the SSE to the students, since they are the future actors of the social and solidarity economy;

- Advocate for transfer of resources, skills, effective resource mobilization and allocation in the area of SSE from the central government to other government agencies

National/Central Governments and County/Local governments

Encourage the establishment of an appropriate legislative and regulatory framework for the promotion of SSE in every country

County/Local governments

- Include the promotion of SSE in local development plans and budgets

- Establish appropriate training mechanisms for elected officials, local authorities’ technicians and other SSE actors

County/Local governments and SSE actors

- Encourage the designation of “SSE Ambassadors” in local government/counties to create the conditions for a high-level political support

- Advocate for SSE enterprises to be taken into consideration in public procurement

- Support youth initiatives in the field of SSE and involve youth in the promotion of the SSE

- Advocate for fair taxation and incentives that are tailored to the needs of the SSE

- Identify and build a network of researchers and academic institutions in order

to promote teaching and research in the field of SSE

We declare our commitment to adapt SSE as a development strategy in transforming the economic system in our countries and strongly affirm that, due to its ability to leave no one behind on the fringe of economic development and its profoundly democratic nature, the SSE should become a priority in public and private economic policies and practices.

The motion to adopt the declaration was moved by;

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The motion was seconded by;

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