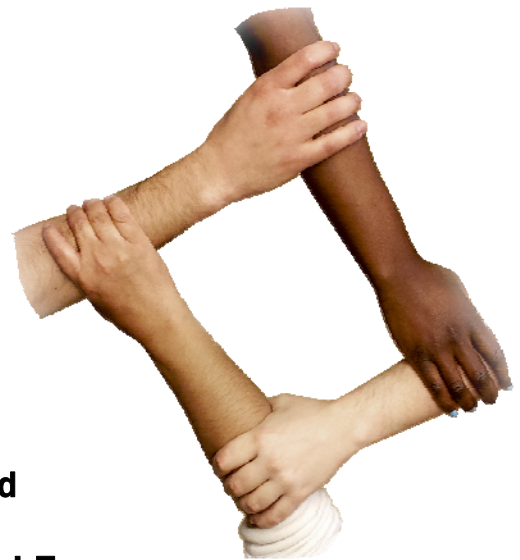


UNRISD Conference on the Potential and Limits of Social and Solidarity Economy

6-8 May 2013 – Geneva, Switzerland

Call to participate in SSE Practitioners' Forum



As interest in alternative production, finance and consumption grows in the face of global crises, this conference will explore the potential and limits of Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) – focusing on organizations that involve various forms of cooperation and solidarity.

The conference aims to raise the visibility of debates about SSE within the United Nations system and beyond, and contribute to thinking in international policy circles about a post-2015 development agenda. Its goal is to help build bridges between academics, UN officials, policy makers and practitioners working in the field of SSE.

To facilitate such interactions a **Practitioners' Forum** will take place during the conference. We are inviting practitioners from various SSE organizations such as cooperatives, women's self-help groups, social enterprises, alternative finance organizations, associations of informal workers as well as NGOs supporting SSE initiatives to apply to participate.

At the Forum, 10 practitioners will have a space to present and discuss their work with conference participants, to exchange ideas and share experiences. We hope that these meetings will give practitioners a broader perspective on the environment and context in which they are operating as an SSE organization. Conversely, the experience of practitioners working in the field can guide and inform researchers and policy makers by bringing useful insights into practical issues and the realities of SSE on the ground. All in all, the Practitioners' Forum will be an occasion for practitioners to give more visibility to their SSE organizations.



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If you are interested in taking part in the Practitioners' Forum please submit a **short motivation letter** (max. 250 words) explaining in what way your organisation could contribute to and benefit from this event and how you plan to present your work.

Please state your name, position and your organization's name and website, addressing your message to Marie-Adélaïde Matheï at sse@unrisd.org. The deadline for your application is **5 April**. Selected participants will be notified by 12 April.

Due to funding limitations, UNRISD is unable to fund travel and accommodation costs for practitioners participating in the Practitioner's Forum.

Please note that registration is requested to attend this conference. You can fill in the registration form here: www.unrisd.org/sseconf.