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**WORKSHOP**

# ► Social and Solidarity Economy for Advancing the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia

18-19 June 2024  
9:00 – 18:00 (UTC+7)

Hybrid;  
Sukosol Hotel,  
477 Thanon Si Ayutthaya,  
Thanon Phaya Thai,  
Ratchathewi Thailand



Register Online



Hosted By	International Labour Organization (ILO)
Date and Time	18 June 2024   9:00 – 17:30 (UTC+7)/4:00 – 12:30 (CET) 19 June 2024   9:00 – 14:00 (UTC+7)/4:00 – 7:00 (CET)
Venue	Hybrid; Sukosol Hotel, 477 Thanon Si Ayutthaya, Thanon Phaya Thai, Ratchathewi, Bangkok 10400
Online Registration	and Zoom ( in English with simultaneous translation into Thai)
Background	<p>Building on strong local roots to address local challenges, social and solidarity economy (SSE) entities create quality jobs, contribute to inclusion of disadvantaged groups, driving inclusive and sustainable development across Asia and the Pacific. Social and solidarity economy entities address the multifaceted challenges and respond to transformations in the world of work, in and through their principle and values, such as pursuit of social mission and participatory governance. Attesting to its importance, the ILO, OECD, and UN have adopted Resolutions and Recommendation 2 acknowledging its role in the contributing to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals, encouraging Member States to implement enabling policies, programmes, and institutions for the social and solidarity economy.</p> <p>In Asia and the Pacific, understanding around the social and solidarity economy is still in its early stages, regarding its national definition, measurement, size, impact, potential and limitations. There are no framework laws or policies that encompass all elements of the social and solidarity economy, as defined by the ILC and UN resolutions. The ILO launched the project Strengthening Social and Solidarity Economy in Asia -Phase 2 to help policymakers, workers' and employers' organizations and practitioners better understand the social and solidarity economy's contribution to decent work and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to inform and create policy dialogue in four countries – Cambodia, Mongolia, Thailand, and Vietnam.</p> <p>This regional workshop will feature the key findings from the four country case studies to shed light on the social and solidarity economy landscape, its contributions to decent work and sustainable development, challenges and opportunities and policy recommendations. The workshop will also feature case studies on the social and solidarity economy's role and contributions towards</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) making supply chains more inclusive and sustainable, 2) facilitate the transition of informal workers and entities to the formal economy, 3) promoting a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies, and 4) promoting decent work in the platform economy.</li></ol> <p>This workshop is organized by ILO and funded by the Government of the Republic of Korea.</p>

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1 A universal definition (see para. 5) on the social and solidarity was adopted at the 110th session of the International Labour Conference.

2 Resolution on decent work and the social and solidarity economy at the 110th International Labour Conference, the Recommendation on the social and solidarity economy and social innovation by the OECD Council at Ministerial level and the adoption of a UN resolution on the SSE for sustainable development

## Objectives

- Strengthen the understanding of the ILO constituents and partners in the region on the social and solidarity economy, and its contribution to decent work and sustainable development based on the findings from four country case studies and good practices;
- Enhance the regional network on promoting the social and solidarity economy by providing a platform for policymakers, organizations, support institutions and practitioners to share knowledge, know-how and good practices; and
- Discuss the national action plans to operationalize the policy recommendations to strengthen the social and solidarity economy in the four countries.to strengthen the social and solidarity economy in the four countries.



8:30 – 9:00

▶ Registration

9:00 – 9:10

▶ Opening Remarks

▶ Ms. Panudda Boonpala

Deputy Regional Director, RO-Asia and the Pacific  
Bangkok, ILO

9:10 - 10:30

▶ **Policy Roundtable Discussion**

This session will bring policymakers to share experiences and insights on developing and implementing policies, legal and regulatory frameworks on the social and solidarity economy and its entities in the Asia-Pacific region.

▶ Moderator:

Mr. Kelvin Sergeant  
Specialist, Job Creation and  
Enterprise Development,  
DWT-Bangkok, ILO

▶ Discussants:

Mr. Jonathan Wong  
Chief of Innovation, Enterprise  
and Investment, ESCAP  
Mr. Balu Iyer  
Regional Director, Int'l Co-op  
Alliance Asia and Pacific

▶ Panelists :

Enactment of the Law on Cooperatives in Vietnam and  
the promotion of the collective economy  
- Vietnam Cooperative Alliance

▶ Legal framework to promote social enterprises in  
Thailand - Office of Social Enterprise Promotion

▶ Enactment of Workers' Cooperative Act 2020 in  
Japan - Japan Workers' Co-operative Union

▶ Regional Regulation No. 13 of 2023 in Palu City,  
Indonesia – Ms. Mutmainah Korona,  
member of the Palu City Parliament

▶ Developing a conducive environment for promotion  
of social economy in the Republic of Korea -  
Korea Social Enterprise Promotion Agency

10:30 – 10:50

COFFEE - TEA BREAK

10:50 – 12:00

▶ Panel Discussion:

**ILO and UN Resolutions concerning the social and solidarity economy**

The tripartite constituents of the ILO adopted the Resolution concerning decent work and the social and solidarity economy at the 110th session of the International Labour Conference in June 2022; followed by the UN resolution on the social and solidarity economy in April 2023. What are the outcomes of these Resolutions, their significance and how can countries implement the Resolutions?

▶ Moderator:

Ms. Xiaoyan Qian,  
DWT/CO Director, DWT- Bangkok

▶ Presenter:

Ms. Simel Esim  
Unit Head, Cooperatives/SSE,  
Enterprises Department, ILO

▶ Discussants :

Ms. Laurence Kwark  
Former General Secretary of  
Global Social Economy Forum

Dr. Denison Jayasooria  
Board Member of Asian Solidarity  
Economy Council, Professor  
and Head of the Secretariat  
for the All-Party Parliamentary  
Group Malaysia on Sustainable  
Development Goals

12:00 – 13:00

LUNCH

13:00 – 14:30

► Plenary Session:

### Social and solidarity economy's contribution towards decent work and the SDGs in Asia, policy implications

This session will present the social and solidarity economy study in four project countries, its contributions to the SDGs, opportunities, challenges, and suggested policy recommendations.

► Moderator:

Mr. Benjamin R.  
Quinones Jr  
Chairman, Asian Solidarity  
Economy Council

► Panelists :

Social and solidarity  
economy in Asia –  
phase 2 project –  
Ms. Heejin Ahn,  
ILO Bangkok  
Cambodia–  
Mr. Ngin Chanrith  
CamTech  
Mongolia –  
Mr. Bat Orshikh  
Erdenebat and  
Ms. Purvedulam  
Jamiyansuren  
DS Mongolia

Thailand – Mr. Akkanut  
Wantanasombut  
Chulalongkorn University  
Vietnam –  
Ms. Kieu Oanh Pham,  
Centre for Social Initiatives  
Promotion  
and Mr. Giang Chu  
Vietnam Cooperative Alliance

14:30 – 15:45

### ► Social and solidarity economy and supply chain development

How does the social and solidarity economy entities make global supply chains inclusive and sustainable? Community-based supply chains, labels/certification practices, and cooperative-to-cooperative trade among other practices will be explored.

► Moderator:

Ms. Valkyrie Hanson  
Regional Coordinator for Decent  
Work in Supply Chains, DWT-  
Bangkok, ILO

► Panelists :

Mr. Kon Onn Sein  
Managing Director of the  
Foundation for Community  
Studies and Development, OA  
Organik, Fair-trade community  
enterprise working in partnership  
with the Orang Asli

Mr. Xu Mingfeng  
Division Chief of International  
Business, International  
Cooperation Department,  
All-China Federation of Supply  
and Marketing Cooperatives

Ms. Joanne Choi  
Board Secretary of World Fair  
Trade Organization Asia

15.45 – 16:05

COFFEE-TEA BREAK

16:05 – 17:20

### ► Social and solidarity economy's role in facilitating transition from the informal to the formal economy

This session explores cases on the social and solidarity economy entities providing informal workers with opportunities to access decent, formal jobs, and facilitate access to social protection and protect the rights of workers.

#### ► Moderator:

Ms. Simel Esim  
Unit Head, Cooperatives/SSE,  
Enterprises Department, ILO

#### ► Panelists :

Ms. Poonsap Tulaphan  
Manager, HomeNet Thailand

Ms. Fish Ip

Regional Coordinator Asia for  
International Domestic Workers  
Federation

Ms. Mirai Chatterjee

Chairperson, SEWA Cooperative  
Federation, India

## DAY 2 - JUNE 19

9:00 – 10:15

### ► Social and solidarity economy towards just transition

How do social and solidarity economy entities promote environmentally sustainable economies in a way that is inclusive, by creating decent work opportunities, reducing inequality, and leaving no one behind?

#### ► Moderator:

Mr. Eric Roeder  
Technical Specialist, Green Jobs,  
Climate Action and Resilience,  
DWT-Bangkok, ILO

#### ► Panelists :

Ms. Peerada Patitas  
Chairman of the Community  
Enterprise Waste Revolution  
Coalition in Suphanburi, Thailand

Mr. Hadiyanto Rashid

Mayor of Palu city, Indonesia

Ms. Donna Dizon

Representative from CLIMBS  
Philippines

10:15 – 10:35

COFFEE - TEA BREAK

10:35 – 11:50

### ► Social and solidarity economy and workers' rights and conditions in digital labour platforms

How can social and solidarity economy entities leverage the potential of the platform economy to build a fair, inclusive workplace where workers' voices and rights are respected and upheld? Examples of platform cooperatives, democratically owned and governed digital platforms in the region will be featured.

#### ► Moderator:

Mr. Phu Huynh  
Specialist, Employment  
DWT-Bangkok, ILO

#### ► Panelists :

Mr. Akkanut  
Wantanasombut  
Founder of Tamsang-Tamsong,  
Community-based solidarity  
economy platform

Ms. Anita Gurumurthy

Founding member and Executive  
Director of IT for Change, India

Ms. Heira Hardiyanti

Co-founder of MyCoolClass  
platform cooperative, Indonesia

11:50 – 13:00

LUNCH BREAK

13:00 – 14:00

### ► Advancing statistics of cooperatives and the social and solidarity economy

## ► Moderator:

Mr. Tite Habiyakare  
ILO Regional Statistics Specialist,  
ILO Bangkok

## ► Panelists :

Ms. Barbara Sak  
Director of CIRIEC International

Mr. Mansour Omeira  
Social Innovation Specialist, ILO  
COOP/SSE

Mr. David Hunter  
ILO Consultant

14:00 – 14:20

### ► Social and solidarity economy - from learnings to action

## ► Moderator:

Ms. Simel Esim  
Unit Head, Cooperatives/SSE,  
Enterprises Department, ILO

## ► Presenter:

Ms. Anita Amorim  
Unit Head, Emerging  
Partnerships, PARDEV, ILO

14:20 – 15:20

### ► National priority setting workshop *(Invitation Only)*

Participants will break into country groups and will develop national action plans based on the policy recommendations identified in the four country studies.

## ► Facilitator:

Ms. Simel Esim  
Unit Head, Cooperatives/SSE,  
Enterprises Department, ILO

## ► Facilitators for breakout working group sessions :

Mr. Sophorn Tun  
Programme Officer, CO-Bangkok

Ms. Jittima Srisuknam  
Programme Officer, CO-Bangkok

Ms. Heejin Ahn  
Technical Officer, DWT- Bangkok,  
ILO

Mr. Giulio Bordo  
Technical Officer, CO-Bangkok

Mr. Ngoc Nguyen Son  
Programme Officer, CO-Hanoi

Ms. Bolormaa Purevsuren  
National Coordinator CO-Beijing

► Rapporteurs:  
National consultants from  
four countries

15:20 – 15:40

COFFEE - TEA BREAK

15:40 – 17:00

### ► National priority setting workshop continued

17:00 – 18:00

### ► Vision setting

Representative from each group will present the priorities identified for the national action plans (each have 8 minutes), and participants will reflect on the key lessons and takeaways from the workshop

18:00 – 18:10

### ► Closing