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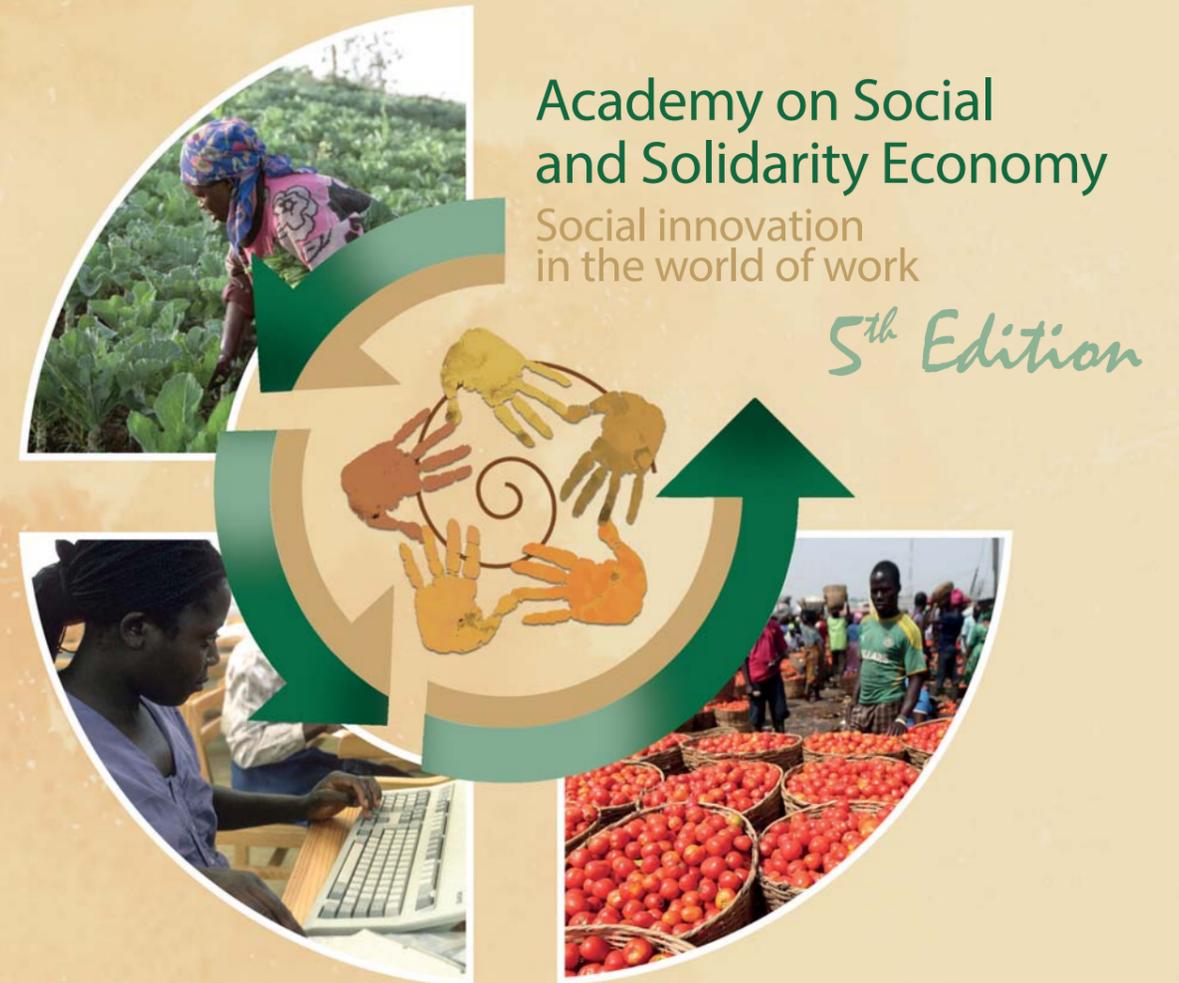
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Background

The ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalisation (2008) states that “productive, profitable and sustainable enterprises, together with a strong social economy and a viable public sector, are critical to sustainable economic development and employment opportunities”.

Today, the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) is a reality in many people’s lives because it promotes values and principles that focus on people’s needs and on their communities. In a spirit of voluntary participation, self-help and self-reliance, and through enterprises and organizations, it seeks to balance economic success with fairness and social justice, from the local level to the global level.

The concept of SSE cuts across all four dimensions of the ILO’s Decent Work Agenda. A high-level capacity building programme on SSE was proposed by more than 200 participants on the occasion of the ILO Regional Conference on Social Economy held in Johannesburg, South Africa, in October 2009.

Since then, four editions of the Academy were organized by the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITC-ILO) in Turin (Italy) in 2010, in Montreal (Canada) in 2011, in Agadir (Morocco) in 2013 and in Campinas (Brazil) in 2014. Known as the “ILO Social and Solidarity Economy Academy (SSE Academy)”, this inter-regional training event has gathered together more than 300 practitioners and policy-makers from around the world, to share their experiences and meet leading SSE specialists.

In its 5th edition, the SSE Academy will have a special focus on how social economy organisations and social enterprises develop and bring to scale innovative models for social and economic inclusion solutions providing services and products that add social, economic and environmental value.



Objectives

The main objective of the SSE Academy will be to generate a better understanding of the concept of SSE and its possible contribution to social innovation in the world of work.

At the end of the academy, the participants will:

- Have a better understanding of latest policies and practices promoting social innovation through the Social and Solidarity Economy in the international and regional context.
- Have been acquainted with a multitude of social and solidarity experiences, strategies and tools from around the world, including examples from South-South and triangular cooperation.
- Have the chance to be part of a growing international network of policy makers and practitioners working on the Social and Solidarity Economy.



Contents and Learning Methodology

A distance-learning module introducing principles and practices of the SSE will be available for the participants before the face-to-face sessions.

The face-to-face modality of the Academy in Johannesburg, South Africa, will include:

- **Plenary Sessions:** Each morning, the programme will offer interactive plenary sessions on a selected topic in order to create a common level of knowledge and understanding among all participants and across the different thematic and policy areas covered by the Academy.
- **Elective Courses:** Participants will be able to choose among elective sessions offering an opportunity to share knowledge, discuss concrete applications of SSE at national and regional levels and draw up lessons for future research, projects and policy-making. Dedicated sessions will treat issues of particular concern to trade unions, employers organisations and governments.
- **Study visits:** The participants will have the opportunity of an in-depth knowledge of good practices and initiatives in the field of ESS in South Africa.

The following topics will be tackled during the Academy:

- The role of the ILO in promoting and supporting the Social and Solidarity Economy.
- Social innovation and Decent Work.
- South-South and Triangular cooperation on SSE: Emerging experiences from the BRICS.
- Social innovation in South Africa: Reviving townships and rural economies.
- Social entrepreneurship development through public and private procurement.
- South-South and Triangular Cooperation: International best practice in SSE policy development.
- The role of social and solidarity economy organizations in formalising the informal economy.
- Impact investing for social enterprises.
- The role of Government, Organised Business and Organised Labour in the SSE.
- Green jobs and the SSE.
- Social and solidarity economy approaches to support decent work in fragile states.



Who should attend?

The Academy is designed for

- SSE practitioners (leaders and managers of social and solidarity economy organizations).
- Policymakers from different government ministries (labour, social affairs, cooperatives, women’s entrepreneurship, youth).
- Workers and employers’ organizations.
- SSE promoters (UN organizations and development partners, foundations, networks of SSEs)
- Researchers interested in getting practical insights into the application of Social and Solidarity Economy in different regions.



Venue and dates

This fifth edition of the ILO Academy on Social and Solidarity Economy will be held at the premises of the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), Johannesburg, South Africa, from 27-31 July 2015.



Partners

The main partners of this edition are the ILO Partnerships and Field Support Department (PARDEV), the ILO Pretoria Office Private and Public Procurement and the Social Economy (PPPSE) Project financed by the Government of Flanders, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the South African Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), the Economic Development Department (EDD) and Small Business Development (SBD).

Other partners are International Centre of Research on Social and Cooperative Economy (CIRIEC), European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprise (EURICSE) and the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).



Participation costs

This Academy is donor-funded. A selection committee will identify a limited number of qualified participants based on their online application.

To be admitted in the selection process, the application will need to reach us by **14 June 2015**.

Fellowships cover the totality of training costs (including participation fees, training documents and all services for the whole Academy duration).

Participants will be responsible for organizing and paying for their own travel and visa costs as well as for their accommodation and meals outside of the training hours.



How to apply

To enrol in the Academy, please register on-line at the address:

<http://intranetp.itcilo.org/SHF/A958118/en>

click on “Apply Now”.

For further information please write directly to us at: socialeconomy@itcilo.org

Deadline for registration: 14 June 2015