

## TRADE HOUSE PAVILION SESSION DETAILS

<b>Host:</b> UNCTAD
<b>Partners:</b> (please indicate a partner (s) organization that will be co-organizing the session)
<b>Type:</b> Stakeholders' dialogue
<b>Date and time:</b> Monday 11 December 2023, 13:30-14:30 hrs.
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<b>Session Title</b> (Maximum 10 words)
<b>The contribution of Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) to the SDGs: the role of trade policy</b>
<b>Themes Type:</b> (Please choose from the dropdown menu below)
<b>1. Making trade policy work for people and the planet</b>
<b>Session Description</b> (Max. 150 words with session's purpose, main topics connected to the relevant theme, and expected outcomes)
<p>An increasing number of governments are thinking of SSE as a promising means for achieving the SDGs. By operating in almost all economic sectors and by integrating social, economic and environmental objectives, SSE enterprises can contribute to all 17 SDGs. Their actual contribution to any of the SDGs will necessarily depend on a series of factors, such as their specific characteristics as well as the socio-economic and environmental context in which they operate. More importantly, however, it will depend on the existence of national policies that actively support and enhance the SSE as a model for sustainable economic and social development. In April 2023, the UN General Assembly adopted a Resolution encouraging Member States to promote and implement such national policies, precisely to ensure that SSE enterprises can fully contribute to the social, economic and environmental pillars of sustainable development. In this context, trade policy can play a key role in supporting SSE enterprises throughout the value chain, and governments have a diverse set of policies they can choose from. These may include providing fiscal incentives, facilitating access to public funding, and integrating SSE considerations in their public procurement systems. This session brings together SSE actors, researchers, and relevant entities of the UN development system to initiate a dialogue on how to harness trade policy to ensure that SSEs can fully contribute to the sustainability agenda.</p>
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