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ECONOMIES FOR LIFE

IN A BURNING WORLD

A dialogue with RIPESS × ASEC

Challenges for the social solidarity economy in today's ecosocial context

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THREE CRISES, ONE QUESTION

CLIMATE RIGHTS POWER

Who decides what the economy is for?

Markets — and a new configuration of authoritarian power



2025 · FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT (FFD4)

FOR THE FIRST TIME:
SSE IN GLOBAL FINANCE

The social and solidarity economy (SSE) was explicitly recognised in the Sevilla Commitment — the first global financing for development framework to do so.

Not by chance
Years of work by networks, SSE-friendly countries and allies inside the UN system — building on UN resolutions 77/281 (2023) and 79/213 (2024).

Source: RIPESS 2025 Activity Report



Recognition is on paper. Now what changes for people?

FfD4

Sevilla Commitment

SSE recognised in financing for development

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Global Forum on Food Sovereignty

Alliances with peasant and food movements

GSEF · WFLED

Social economy and local development forums

Cities and territories as allies

WSSD2

Second World Summit for Social Development

SSE in the social protection agenda

Regional advances: public policy · youth leadership · social protection · care · food sovereignty · solidarity finance · territorial development

Source: RIPESS 2025 Activity Report

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL · 25 JUNE 2026

BEYOND GROWTH

The Roadmap for Eradicating Poverty Beyond Growth — UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights

"The Social and Solidarity Economy … constitutes the most developed alternative available."

Para. 161

Presented by Elena Carolina Díaz Galán · authored by Olivier De Schutter

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pages

44
mentions of SSE

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the transition to SSE

WHAT IT ADDS

Definition	ILO and UN resolutions — we had this
Vision	A fundamental alternative to the current economic system, within planetary boundaries
Pathway	Co-construction of policy, solidarity finance co-governed by communities, public procurement
System	Debt cancellation, UN tax convention, SDRs by need, Global Fund for Social Protection

RIPESS inputs strengthened the SSE section. Cited: RIPESS, Jenkins & Poirier (UNTFSSE Encyclopedia) and the RIPESS–Prosperidad Social agreement.

Source: UN Roadmap Beyond Growth (2026) · A/HRC/RES/62/28

WHERE WE ARE AS A NETWORK

One network, six continents

Africa & Middle East	**Asia — ASEC**	Europe
Latin America & Caribbean	North America	Oceania

RIPESS exists because its continental networks exist. Its legitimacy comes from the territories.

STRONGER

More visible, better connected, stronger governance

STRETCHED

Small teams, volunteers, short-term project funding

UNEQUAL

Resources, mobility, visibility and language are not shared equally

WHEN THE DOOR CLOSES

The authoritarian turn: Colombia, 2026

28 FEB 2026

RIPESS signs a cooperation agreement with Prosperidad Social

- Knowledge exchange and public policy inputs
- International Chair on Popular, Social and Solidarity Economy and Social Rights
- Economies for Life Alliance

7 AUG 2026

A far-right government takes office, winning by under one point

- Pledge to shrink the state by up to 40%
- Oil and gas revival; fracking ban overturned
- Decree cuts COP 367,472 million from Prosperidad Social

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social leaders killed in Colombia, January–September 2026

Peasant, Indigenous, Afro-descendant and environmental leaders

Policy space won under one government can be lost in a single election.

Source: RIPESS · Reuters · New Left Review · El Colombiano · Defensoría del Pueblo via teleSUR

WHO PAYS FOR ADAPTATION?

Floods, heat and drought are already reshaping Asian cities and villages. The work of adaptation — rebuilding, feeding, caring — is done largely unpaid, largely by women, often through solidarity economy organisations.

Those already financing adaptation with their labour have the least access to climate finance.

SANTA MARTA, COLOMBIA · APRIL 2026

Leaving fossil fuels behind — from the territories

First International Conference on the Transition Away from Fossil Fuels

01

Last-mile economies

Popular, community and solidarity economies where people live, eat, work and care are the economies of life that can replace fossil dependence.

02

Local governments as co-implementers

Public procurement, land use, local food systems and municipal finance are decisive transition levers.

03

Safeguards against co-optation

Carbon markets and “nature-based solutions” without community control can dispossess those who protect forests and rivers.

In ASEAN, national transition platforms focus mainly on large energy projects and are strongly governmental. The community dimension is the missing piece.



Nyéléni Global Forum on Food Sovereignty

NEW RESEARCH · 2026

FOOD: WHERE CLIMATE, RIGHTS AND SSE MEET

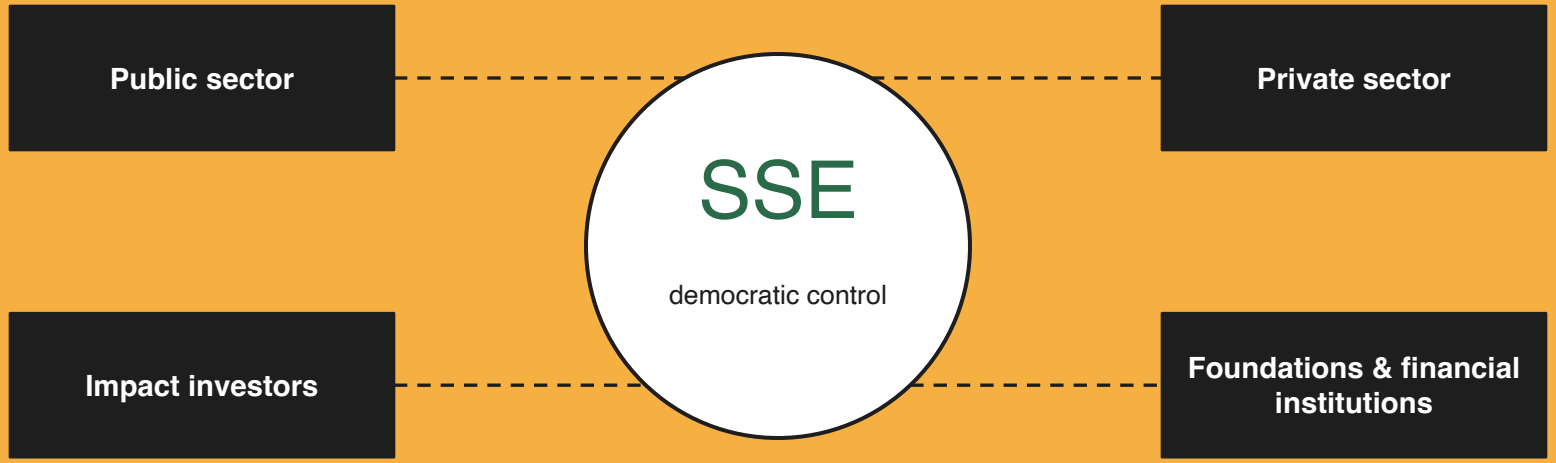
Participatory research on territorial food systems, linked to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

RIPESS · URGENCI · Heidelberg Institute of Global Health
Focus: the role of local governments in the right to food

Collective infrastructures · climate adaptation · gender and care · decent work · democratic governance · public health

Asian experiences wanted
Local markets, community kitchens, farmers' cooperatives, public procurement of local food — as co-producers of knowledge.

PARTNERS —
OR NEW OWNERS?



On what terms? · Who carries the risk? · Who decides? · Whose indicators count?

Reading the fine print

THE ROADMAP SAYS	RIPESS ASKS
Enablers: "(Mission-aligned) venture capital funds." "Corporate social investment and funding."	**Does this finance strengthen collective control — or turn solidarity into a new asset class?**
Strategy: "Implement robust impact measurement frameworks for corporate funders."	**Is accountability flowing upwards to funders, or downwards to members and communities?**
Target 4.6: a "socio-economic and environmental audit on the ROI (Investment) and ROV (Value)" by 2030.	**Are we measuring what investors value — or what communities value?**

The Roadmap also names the risks: "Concerns over a lack of democratic local control over FDIs [foreign direct investment]." Two compasses: the ILO definition it adopts, and the UN Beyond Growth Roadmap — finance through democratic intermediaries co-governed by communities.

ASEAN: THE DOOR, NOT THE ENGINE

WHAT ASEAN OFFERS

- Legitimacy with governments
- Convening power — a secretariat focused on protocol
- Every regional decision passes through it
- ASEAN Community Vision 2045: people-centred, rights, social justice

WHAT ONLY MOVEMENTS BUILD

- Action and continuity beyond summits
- Ownership by communities
- Autonomy that survives changes of government
- ASEC, cooperatives, women, informal workers, farmers, youth

The movement's autonomy is our insurance.

WHO OWNS THE ALGORITHM?

AI is reshaping work, surveillance, pay and which languages become visible — on infrastructure with a heavy footprint of energy, water and minerals, concentrated in a few hands.

If the solidarity economy is absent from this debate, AI will be designed without us — and imposed on our cooperatives, care workers and farmers.

SOLIDARITY AI

12–15 November 2026
Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok
Convened by PCC Global (Platform Cooperativism Consortium), PCC Thailand and Chulalongkorn University

- Farmer-led data cooperatives in India
- Multilingual systems in Indonesia and Malaysia
- Worker organising in the Philippines
- Buddhist ethics and Thailand's sufficiency economy

Source: Platform Cooperativism Consortium · allai.events

FOR DISCUSSION, NOT DECISIONS

Five proposals for ASEC and RIPESS

1	2	3	4	5
Protect civic space	**Right to food**	**Just transition**	**Finance with safeguards**	**Solidarity digital economy**
Solidarity and early-warning mechanism; anchor SSE in law and local governments	Two or three Asian experiences join the research with the Special Rapporteur	Carry the Santa Marta approach into cities and communities	Shared criteria for ASEAN's finance goal: ILO principles and the UN Beyond Growth Roadmap	From Bangkok: AI, data and platform cooperatives — with youth at the centre

THANKS !!!


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