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### Local Governments and Social Economy: co-creation of paths for a green and inclusive economy

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**Sub-theme 3. Contribution to ecological transformation from the SSE**  
**October 6th, 2021**  
**09:00 h (Mexico Central Time)**

#### Summary

How can we interpret reality through the prism of social ecologism? Seeing how life functions and is articulated in nature, analyzing the main symptoms of the imbalance between society and nature, as well as its consequences, it is fundamental to decide the paths to follow to change the suicidal trajectory along which we are moving forward. From the SSE it is possible to reflect on the risks posed by environmental deterioration, what kind of role is playing by the vision of an economy with a non-utilitarian rationality, and what paths can lead to sustainability.

#### Concept note

The great challenge posed by the "economic growth" caused by current development models has become as an unprecedented environmental crisis, which mainly affects the most disadvantaged social sectors of the world. A different future is possible, where there is an increase in the consumption of natural resources and, therefore, more emission of pollutions. What kind of future we will have is quite clear: our greatest challenge is not directed towards exacerbated economic growth, but towards the harmony of human beings with nature and environmental regeneration.

The social-ecological transformation is a space of reference to identify the necessary and viable transitions towards a more adequate balance between the different ecosystems

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and societies, it requires an integral vision where production and responsible consumption, sustainability, the participation of all social actors through the formation of solidarity networks, mutual aid and cooperation are prioritized. For an ecology without social vision biases the action and strategy falling into bad practices and initiatives that do not necessarily contribute to the quality of life and the collective welfare of people, but rather fall into radical extremes that make unfeasible axes of action not appropriate to the social reality.

In this context, appealing to the conscience of each person and demanding moderation is important, but it is definitely not enough, the solution must be approached from a collective perspective, the objective of a new environmental policy is to build and promote a new way of doing economy, a green, inclusive, solidarity economy, that requires raising awareness about the role of different organizations and sectors in global decision making and strengthening the pillars that technology, finance, business management, individual actions, communication and the commitment of society in general have been building. On this path, the social and solidarity economy represents one of the routes to achieve this and is integrated with other initiatives, such as ecofeminism and actions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

As humanity we have reached a turning point, either we act now or there is no turning back. What to do to reverse it is only in our hands. The history of our civilization has meant a continuous emancipation from the imperatives of nature and the exploitation of its resources. Consequently, our possibilities have been increased from generation to generation at the expense of environmental conservation, but this trend cannot continue in the same way. It is now a matter of preserving our existence with a deep respect for natural ecosystems, coexisting in harmony and not considering them to be at our service.

## Objectives

1. To reflect on the challenges and risks posed by the current development model.
2. To make visible the importance of environmental regeneration and its coexistence with societies.
3. To glimpse the possible paths and strategies of action to follow, which are necessary for a change of course.

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## Main question

What should be the actions or strategies of individuals, governments, groups, societies, countries, to achieve a better and more inclusive world? What key actions should be promoted from the local level?

## Guiding questions

### Round 1

1. Does the green economy constitute a path to environmental regeneration? Why?
2. How does the SSE contribute to a real solution for the preservation of natural ecosystems?
3. Who should work for environmental regeneration?

### Round 2

4. How to design positive environmental impact strategies that consider the human rights of societies in situations of violation?
5. How to promote and engage all sectors of society in strategies, from the local level, to solve the environmental problems afflicting the planet?