

## SPEAKERS' BIOS



### **José Abelli**

66 years old. Resident in the city of Rosario, Argentina.

Incomplete university studies. Systems Engineering.

Some work experience:

- Instituto Movilizador de Fondos Cooperativos (1975/1980). Responsible for the development of information systems for the Cajas de Créditos.
- Banco de la Provincia de Misiones (1980/1986). Responsible for banking information systems.
- Government of the Province of Santa Fe, Argentina (1990/1991). Advisor to the Minister of Labour on employment policies and self-managed work.
- Government of the Republic of Argentina. Ministry of Labour of the Nation (1991/1993). Advisor to the Secretary of Employment and Vocational Training.
- 2019/ to date. Ministry of Productive Development of the Nation. Advisor to Minister Matías Kulfas. Advisor on self-management policies and policies to stimulate cooperative sectors.
- Some experiences in the university and research field:
- National University of Rosario (UNR) Master in Social Economy Entities (2013). Co-founder and permanent member of the Advisory Council.
- CONICET (National Council for Scientific Research) collaboration with various researchers on the subject of recovered enterprises and self-managed work).
- University of Buenos Aires (UBA), collaborator of the programme Facultad Abierta, dedicated to the research of Empresas Recuperadas.
- University of Bologna, Italy. Alma Mater Postgraduate School. Teaching of extracurricular courses on Self-managed Work and Social Economy.
- International Congress of Workers' Economy, member of the Advisory Council of Argentina.

Some Experiences in the Cooperative World and Workers' Self-management:

Founder and President of the National Movement of Recovered Enterprises (MNER) of Argentina (1999/2002).

President of FACTA (Federación Argentina de Cooperativas de Trabajo Argentinas) (2005/2008).

Currently member of ACTRA (Autogestión Cooperativismo y Trabajo), Argentina.

INDACO (International Development for Cooperative) Italy, (2008/2016). Second degree cooperative in Italy. Dedicated to the international promotion of the worker cooperative and self-management model.



**Tahira Afridi** is the founder and CEO of Artisan Links, who has dedicated her career to empowering women artisans by providing trainings, product development, market access for their products using their traditional design. Artisan Links success is due to Tahira and her team's efforts in collaborating with international/local designers, combining local art/embroidery with modern concepts to appeal to the international market. The entire product range of Artisan Links is handmade, requiring high degree of skill. Tahira is also credited with keeping the traditional handmade embroidery of Afghanistan alive through the Afghan refugee women forced to leave their country and take refuge in Pakistan. Tahira and her team reached out to these women for keeping the traditional embroidery skill alive and has been working with these women for over 24 years. Artisan Links work ethics and role in empowering women and providing them with income generating activity had been recognized by WFTO, MADE51 (UNHCR), Chamber of Commerce and Industries Peshawar and many of our customers. Tahira is currently embarking on expanding her operations within Pakistan where the flow of Refugee's from Afghanistan is steadily increasing and providing income generating activities/training for women within Afghanistan.



**Béatrice Alain** is the Executive Director of the Chantier de l'économie sociale, an independent organisation that brings together actors and partners of the social economy, in order to promote collective entrepreneurship and develop new sectors and tools able to support the emergence of this development model based on solidarity, equity and transparency. A privileged interlocutor of the Quebec government in matters of social economy, the Chantier is also recognized internationally for its work to develop an ecosystem to enable the development of the social economy. Mrs. Alain is particularly interested in the means and strategies to facilitate dialogue and ultimately the collective action of stakeholders from different sectors and different territories in order to reinforce the development of the social economy. Mrs. Alain, who has a background in economics and political science, is also Copresident of the TIESS, an organisation that enables the liaison and transfer of social economy innovations for the development of territories in Quebec, Secretary of the Board of the Chantier de l'économie Trust, a patient-capital fund for social economy enterprises and involved in different international networks that promote and support the SSE.

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#### **Madelaine Yorobe Alfelor**

Mayor Madel is the first lady Mayor of Iriga. She was elected in 2004 and was re-elected twice for six consecutive years. As a City Mayor, she has placed many innovative programs on environmental protection and management that generated massive multi-stakeholders participation and contributed to the city's fight against global warming. As a result, the City has received several awards for these endeavors.

With a 75% net trust rating from SWS (Social Weather Station) Survey in 2009 and 2017, the City IRA (Internal Revenue Allotment) went up to 500 million pesos from 103 million. Local revenue has increased from 12 million pesos to 130 million pesos for the period of 2006 to 2018. City Government's asset became six times higher, from 200 million pesos to 1.2 billion from 2007 to 2018. These were achieved due to the innovative economic enterprises that contributed to the massive increase of income and assets; and due to the trust and confidence of the Iriga constituents.

Professional experience:

- Mayor of Iriga City, Philippines
  - Treasurer, United Cities and local Government (UCLG) World
  - Co-President, United Cities and Local Government Asia Pacific (UCLG AsPac) representing East and Southeast Asia Sub-Region
  - Regional Representative of the League of Cities of the Philippine (LCP)
  - Association of City Mayors President of City Mayors in Bicol Region, Philippines
  - Executive Vice-President, League of Organic Agriculture Municipalities and Cities in the Philippines
  - Champion on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) of UCLG ASPAC
  - Kaya Natin Champion: Kaya Natin Movement Secretary Jess Robredo Legacy
  - Kaya Natin Champion on Good Governance
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**Filipe Almeida** is the president of Portugal Social Innovation, a pioneering Government initiative that mobilizes European funds to promote social innovation and social entrepreneurship, as well as develop the social investment market in Portugal. He is also professor of the University of Coimbra and researcher at the Center of Social Studies (CES/FEUC) and Center of Cooperative and Social Economy Studies (CECES/FEUC). He holds a PhD in Business Administration from EBAPE / FGV (Brazilian School of Public Administration and Business, Getúlio Vargas Foundation, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) and a PhD in Business Management from FEUC (Faculty of Economics, University of Coimbra, Portugal). He also holds a Master's Degree in Business Sciences from the University of Coimbra, having attended the MBA program at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (USA). He is the author of several books and articles in Business Ethics, Corporate Social Responsibility and Academic Fraud.



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**Juan Fernando Álvarez.** Professor of the Faculty of Environmental and Rural Studies of the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana of Colombia and Director of its area of studies in transformative organizational ecosystems. Economist from the Universidad de los Andes of Venezuela, Master in Social Economy from the University of Barcelona and PhD in Social Sciences from the University of Lisbon. President of the Scientific Committee of CIRIEC Colombia and Member of the Ibero-American Observatory of Employment and the Social and Cooperative Economy (OIBESCOOP).

He has been a guest professor at universities in Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador, Peru, Paraguay, Chile, Brazil and Argentina, consultant to the United Nations Food Organization, the Andean Development Corporation and Confederations of Cooperatives in various countries. He is one of the leaders in the analysis of the cooperative impact in Latin America. His publications cover topics related to satellite accounts, social balance, impact measurement and public policies of social and solidarity economy.

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**Laura Aufrère.** Laura is the coordinator of RIPESS Eu scientific committee, and a PHD student in management. She studies commons and social and solidarity economy initiatives, focusing specifically on work and labour organisation, cooperation and governance topics, as well as social protection.

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**Estelle Bacconnier** has been working on the development and implementation of European Union policy to support the social economy in the European Commission since 2017, first in the Directorate General for the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs and now in the Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. She is currently part of the team preparing the action plan for the social economy due to be adopted by the European Commission by the end of 2021. Since 2007, she has worked for different departments of the Commission, on different policy fields such as better regulation, the governance of EU decentralised agencies, intellectual property and women entrepreneurship.

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**Mohamed Bazi** is a Professor of Finance and Strategy at the Faculty of Law, Economics and Social Sciences of Mohammedia, Hassan 2 University of Casablanca – Morocco. He is also a consultant and has worked as a researcher with the European Institute for Research on Cooperative and Social Enterprises (EURICSE) – University of Trento (Italy) – in the framework of the Financial Mechanisms for Innovative Social and Solidarity Economy ecosystems project commissioned by the International Labour Organisation ILO. His research focuses on social issues, entrepreneurship and social and solidarity economy. He has participated in several conferences in Morocco and internationally (USA, Canada, France, Belgium, UAE, Italy, etc.) and published several articles in this field. He holds a PhD in Management Sciences from the National School of Business and Management, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco. He speaks Arabic, French and English and has working knowledge of Spanish.



**Andreia Barbosa** is the co-founder of Circular Economy Portugal (CEP), an environmental NGO which aims to accelerate the transition to a circular economy based on sustainable production and consumption. Since 2017, CEP shares knowledge and raises awareness about the concept of circular economy; it develops and implements demonstration projects, from (electronics) repair to (textiles) upcycling and composting; and it is also a network of circular pioneers – social enterprises creating value for society and the environment.

Andreia holds a Master in Human Ecology, having conducted research on the intersection between circular and solidarity economy. Previously, she worked as a media content producer, journalist and scriptwriter.

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**Fernando Baptista** is an international consultant and researcher in Development Cooperation, with emphasis on networks, collective intelligence and the impact of the Internet and social media on practices of socio-economic organization. Among his projects are the design, implementation and facilitation of Internet-based strategies for virtual learning, networking and collaboration in order to further ILO activities on Social and Solidarity Economy, on South-South cooperation, and on Labour Migration. Another of his relevant works is the design and implementation of e-communication and social media strategies for UNOSSC, which aim at creating synchronisms and synergy among complementary South-South cooperation activities carried out within the UN system and with external partners. Fernando Baptista has twenty-one years' diversified experience with private enterprises, government, international organizations, non-profits, social movements and network-based organizations, and an interdisciplinary background including International Development, Social Sciences, Management and Technology.

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**Gabriel Gameiro Rodrigues Bastos**

Secretary of State for Social Security since 2019.

Graduated in Law and Post-Graduated in Legal and Administrative Sciences from the University of Lisbon School of Law. With a 20-year career in the service of Social Security, he was, between 2016 and 2019, Vice-President of the Directive Council of the Social Security Institute, IP., Portuguese Representative on the EU Social Protection Committee, and an alternate member of the Economic and Social Council.

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**Aicha Belassir.** Director of the Federation Work Integration Social Enterprises Associations – FAEDEI.

More than 15 years of professional experience in the field of Social Economy and non-profit entities, at the national, European and international level.

Master in Directive Management of Non-Profit Organizations. Graduated in Intercultural Mediation and Equal Opportunities.

Represents FAEDEI in ENSIE, the European Network of Social Integration Enterprises and in RIS, the Social Inclusion Network.

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**Riccardo Bodini** is the Director of Euricse, a research foundation focusing on knowledge development and innovation for cooperative and social enterprises. He joined Euricse in 2010 to work on project development, and has since held positions as Coordinator (2012-2015) and General Coordinator (2016-2018). In addition to managing the Foundation, Riccardo works directly with public sector agencies, cooperatives and social enterprises on applied research and consulting projects ranging from strategic planning and organizational design to policy analysis. Prior to joining Euricse he spent nine years in Chicago working for RW Ventures, an organization specialized in urban and regional economic development, where he worked on a variety of projects designed to foster business development in underserved urban areas. Riccardo graduated summa cum laude in Communication studies at the University of Bologna and obtained a Master in Public Policy from the University of Chicago.





**Marie J. Bouchard** is full professor at University of Quebec in Montreal (CAN) and president of the Scientific Commission on Social and Cooperative Economy of CIRIEC International. She presently acts as external coordinator of the project Opportunities and challenges of statistics on Social and Solidarity Economy, led by UNRISD for the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy (UNTFSE), after having chaired for the International Labour Organization the COPAC technical working group on cooperative statistics. In Canada, Marie J. Bouchard is also a member of the Center for research on social innovation (CRISES) and scientific advisor for Innovating Territories in Social and Solidarity Economy (TIESS).

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**Sharan Burrow** is the General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation, representing 200 million workers in 163 countries and territories with 332 national affiliates. The ITUC's primary mission is the promotion and defense of workers' rights and interests, through international cooperation between trade unions, global campaigning, and advocacy within the major global institutions. Previously President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) from 2000 – 2010, Sharan is a passionate advocate and campaigner for social justice, women's rights, the environment, and labour law reforms, and has led union negotiations on major economic reforms and labour rights campaigns in her home country of Australia and globally. She has also served as a member of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation and is represented on a number of international commissions concerning climate action, industrial transition, and economic reform.

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**Norberto Ismael Cafasso**, Trade Union Secretary of the Unión Obrera Ladrillera de la República Argentina (UOLRA). Adhered to the CGT. Argentine Republic. Term of office 2019-2023. He is also National Coordinator of the Child Labour Eradication Area of the UOLRA. Joint Member of the Collective Labour Convention. Congressman for UOLRA to the General Confederation of Labour of the Argentine Republic (CGT). Member of CONAETI. National Commission for the Eradication of Child Labour under the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security of Argentina.

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**Jamil Chaabouni** is Honorary Professor at SESAME University in Tunis and a member of the National Statistics Council. He was until 2017 Professor of Management at the University of Sfax where he leads the Research Unit in Business Management (URGE). He received a Ph.D. degree in management science, in 1980, from the University Philipp of Marburg / Germany. His research interests include governance, strategy, organisation and information management. He served as vice dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management of Sfax. He leads several cooperative research projects with the universities of Toulouse, Marseille in France and Technical University Berlin. He performed consultancy work and expertise with, among others, the ILO, the UNDP, the UNECA, the National Center for Informatics, the IGL group, the Tunisian Institute for Strategic Studies, the Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ).

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**Heidi Christ** has been the global lead for MADE51 – UNHCR's flagship initiative to offer market access to refugee artisans – since developing the concept in 2017. She is currently based in Geneva, UNHCR Headquarters. Prior to this position, Heidi held various consultancies with UNHCR and other UN and international agencies since 2002, living in Lebanon, Thailand, Tanzania and Ethiopia. In 2007, she founded WomenCraft – a social enterprise in Tanzania that utilizes artisanal skills to build social and economic cohesion between refugees and host communities. Prior to field assignments, she worked in with the International Rescue Committee in New York on economic inclusion models for refugee women and youth.



**Craig Churchill** has more than two decades of social finance experience in both developed and developing countries. In his current position as the chief of ILO's Social Finance Programme, he focuses on the potential of financial services and policies to achieve social objectives. Craig has authored and edited over 40 articles, papers, monographs and training manuals on various topics including microinsurance, customer loyalty, organizational development, governance, lending methodologies, regulation and supervision, and financial services for the poorest of the poor.

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**Cátia Teixeira de Sousa Cohen.** General Coordinator of CASES - António Sérgio Cooperative for the Social Economy, where she has been working since 2010. She held technical positions in CONFAGRI - Confederação Nacional das Cooperativas Agrícolas e do Crédito Agrícola de Portugal (2009-2010) and in INSCOOP - Instituto António Sérgio para o Sector Cooperativo (2003-2009). Throughout her professional career, she has been part of programmes and projects promoting the social economy sector, particularly among the young public. She graduated in Law, in 2019, from the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon, and in Social Policy, in 2002, from the Higher Institute of Social and Political Sciences.

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**Jose Luis Coraggio.** Argentinean economist. Director of the Master in Social Economy at the National University of General Sarmiento (UNGS). Former Rector of the UNGS (1998-2002). Professor Emeritus of the UNGS. Honorary Doctorate from the University of Misiones. Honorary Professor of the National University of Ecuador. Member of the Honorary Advisory Board of INAES (Argentina). Some recent publications: La economía social desde la periferia. Contribuciones latinoamericanas (org), 2007, Economía Social y Solidaria. Work before capital. 2011; Reinventing the Left in the 21st Century. Diálogos Norte-Sur, (Organiser with Jean Louis Laville), Economía social y solidaria en movimiento (Org), 2016; Potenciar la Economía Popular Solidaria: una respuesta al neoliberalismo, in: About Mexico. Temas de Economía. Nueva Época, year 1, special issue 1, Economía social: alternativas y posibilidades en tiempos de Covid-19, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico, 2020. "Social Economy and Popular Economy. Conceptos básicos", INAES, 2020.

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**Gabriella D'Amico.** Degree in BA and Master in International Relations, I worked for a private company as project manager for digital transformation, frequent collaboration with universities, NGO's and public administration for fair trade, social and solidarity economy, food policy.



**Alpha Dia** has more than 20 years of experience in various multicultural environments, having worked at the Central Bank of West African States, the Compagnie Sahélienne d'Entreprise (a construction group). He was Director of Human Resources for two banks and Director of Human Capital for TEYLIOM Properties. He has led several audit and implementation missions of HR tools, notably for the United Nations, the Ministry of Education of Senegal and the EBID in Lomé. Mr. DIA is currently the Founding Director of X Pro Consulting, specialised in HR and Organisation consulting and studies. Finally, he is the Secretary General of the Senegalese Association of HR Professionals (ASPRH), an association that brings together all HRDs and professionals in the HR function in Senegal.

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**Sonia Maria Dias**, WIEGO's global waste specialist, is a sociologist by training and a garbologist by heart. Active in the field since 1985, she has played a key role in helping to integrate the social aspects into the technical planning of waste collection and recycling as a former city officer in Belo Horizonte municipal sanitation agency, Brazil. She has a PhD in Political Sciences and is a waste specialist by the Kitakyuschu University (JICA fellow). She has held government positions most notably at the Public Cleaning Agency of the municipality of Belo Horizonte. She has done consultancy and research for the World Bank, GIZ, the Ministry of Cities (Federal Government of Brazil). She is a pro bono associate researcher with the Women's Centre for Research and Studies -NEPEM from the Federal University of Minas Gerais. She collaborated to Habitat III as Policy Unit expert. She is a member of the Waste Workers working group of Workers Health Place Without Borders. She has taught at the ILO Gender and Green Jobs Academies.. She is the coordinator of WIEGO's projects in Brazil amongst them the research-action project Gender & Waste, Brazil's Cuidar Health Risks Project, and the Open Society Foundations Cata-Saúde Viraliza Project on Covid19. Ms Dias is interested in the links between poverty alleviation and waste management, informal employment and participatory platforms, and on women's empowerment.

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**Aminata Diop**. I am a business lawyer with a Master's degree in business law and a postgraduate diploma in banking law from the Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar. I followed several training courses in microfinance in Senegal and in development law at the International Development Law Organisation (IDLO) in Rome, Italy. I am the General Manager of the Fonds de Développement et de Solidarité Municipale (FODEM) of the City of Dakar, which is a structure for refinancing savings and credit mutuals in the Municipality of Dakar and which finances project holders who cannot access traditional bank financing. We also supervise the Couveuse d'entreprise pour la Promotion de l'emploi par la Microfinance (CEPEM), a structure created by the City of Dakar and dedicated to entrepreneurship training. I am also the Vice Coordinator in charge of Development and Partnership of the Network of Actors and Territorial Communities for the Social and Solidarity Economy (RACTES). I am a member of several women's associations fighting for gender equality (Association Sénégalaise des Femmes Juristes du Sénégal) and Vice-President of the Association Sénégalaise des Femmes Diplômées des Universités (ASF DU).

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**Cheikh Diop** is a member of the Association for Social Promotion and the Barikamà Social Cooperative, which runs a microcredit project that was set up in March 2011 and consists of social inclusion through the production and sale of yoghurt and organic vegetables. Cheick is from Senegal, has been living in Italy since 2007 and lives in Rome. Since he started being part of this project, in addition to the economic support, his experience has also been a cultural exchange, learning Italian and making Italians learn about African culture.



**Seynabou Diouf.** National Coordinator of PAGE (Partnership for Action on Green Economy) for Senegal since September 2019, Seynabou Diouf is an environmental economist, teacher-researcher at the Institute of Environmental Sciences of Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar where she coordinates a research and skills development unit on the inclusive green economy.

She has just been recruited at the ILO, in October 2021, as National Coordinator of the Project on "the social dimension of the ecological transition in Senegal".

Seynabou Diouf was previously active in the consultancy and led the elaboration of several planning documents at both local and national levels.

She has coordinated several studies in the solid waste sector in Senegal, including, within the framework of the PAGE program, an evaluation of the waste market with a view to using the cooperative advantage in the sector and a feasibility study of a cooperative approach to waste management in Senegal.

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**Simel Esim** is Programme Manager (Senior Technical Specialist) at the Enterprises Department of the International Labour Office. In that capacity, she leads the ILO's work on cooperatives and the social and solidarity economy. Earlier, she was Senior Gender Specialist at the Regional Office for Arab States, where she led the work on gender equality, transition from the informal to the formal economy, and decent work for domestic workers.

Before joining the ILO, Ms. Esim worked as an economist at the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW), Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI), and the World Bank. She has written extensively on gender equality, decent work, migration, economic organizing, and the informal economy. Her recent works include a co-edited book, *Cooperatives and the World of Work* (2019 Routledge).

She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the American University, Washington, D.C, an M.A. in International Economics and Middle East Studies from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), and a B.A. in Political Science from Boğaziçi University. Simel speaks Turkish and English, and has working knowledge of Italian and Arabic. She is a beginner in Spanish and French.

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**Youssef Fennira.** He holds a Master's degree in International Trade from the University of Panthéon Sorbonne in Paris, and then continued his studies by completing an MBA in International Business Engineering at the Ecole Supérieure de Gestion de Paris.

He is currently leading the YOUTH SSE project at the International Labour Organisation in Tunisia, a \$10 million project funded by the European Union.

Until September 2020, he held the position of Director General of the National Agency for Employment and Self-Employment, set up a strategy for 2030 and contributed to the vote of the law on the Social and Solidarity Economy in June 2020.

Between 2013 and 2019, he led the CORP project with the German cooperation, which mainly addressed the employability issues of young Tunisians through new innovative approaches. Before he left for ANETI, CORP had enabled the decent and sustainable integration of more than 1500 young people.





**Bénédicte Fonteneau** is a trained labour sociologist, with over 25 years of research and education experience. After 25 years as a research expert in the research group on global development at HIVA-KU Leuven (Belgium), she is now a professor at the Department of Social Work of the IESSID-HE2B (Brussels). She is also an independent consultant in her fields of research.

Her work focuses mainly on 4 domains: (1) social and solidarity economy (2) social protection (3) social movements and trade unions; (4) training and methodological support in (actor-centred) monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning methodologies to development agencies and social movements.

Benedicte has also authored and co-authored over 100 publications. She is co-editor of two books related to Social Economy : “The Social Economy in the North and the South (Published in French, Spanish, English and Dutch ; De Boeck Université, 1999, Corregidor, 2000, Garant, 1999) and “The Worldwide Making of the Social Economy: Innovations and Changes” (ACCO, 2009). She also has coordinated the first edition of the ILO Reader on Social and Solidarity Economy (2010).

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**Giulia Galera** is Senior Researcher at Euricse since 2008. Her research activities focus mainly on the concept of social enterprise and its legal evolution from an international perspective, community-led social enterprises, the role and potential of social enterprises in supporting innovative integration pathways for migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, the contribution of social enterprises in building a proximity health system.

Giulia graduated in International and Diplomatic sciences and she obtained a PhD in International Studies from the School of International Studies of the University of Trento.

She coordinated several European and international research projects, including the follow-up of the “Mapping Study on Social Enterprise eco-systems” , co-led by Euricse and the EMES International Network and she collaborated with several international and national institutions, including the European Commission, UNDP, OECD, and the European Parliament.

Giulia Galera is currently a member of the Scientific Board of the OECD Global Action; of the Advisory Board of the OECD Action on legal frameworks for social enterprises and of the AMIF-RWI Project Refugees Welcome Italia Onlus: From experiences to models: family welcome as an integration pathway.

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#### **Eduardo Graça**

- Degree in Business Organisation and Management - ISE - Instituto Superior de Economia - University of Lisbon.
- President of the Board of Cooperativa António Sérgio para a Economia Social (CASES).
- President of the António Sérgio Institute of the Cooperative Sector (INSCOOP).
- Director of the Finance and Organisation Department at the National Agency for Qualification (ANQ, IP).
- President of the Board of the National Institute for the Use of Free Time of Workers (INATEL).
- President of the Permanent Commission for the Reception and Social Insertion of the Timorese Community.
- Assistant to the personal support office of the Mayor of Lisbon, Jorge Sampaio.
- Coordinator of the Professional Schools Project Team (GETAP).
- Technician at the National Institute of Statistics (INE).
- Technician at the Office of Basic Studies in Industrial Economics (GEBEI).
- Member of the Supreme Council of the Portuguese Red Cross.
- Gold Medal of Tourist Merit, the highest merit distinction awarded by the Portuguese State in the area of tourism, 2002.

Grand Order of Merit Union Grand Duc Adolphe, State of Luxembourg, for services provided in the promotion, dissemination and support of amateur music, 2000.



**Shaza Ghaleb Al Jondi** is the ILO's Regional Chief Technical Adviser for the 'Partnership for improving prospects for host communities and forcibly displaced persons' (PROSPECTS) in the Arab States, covering Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq.

A Syrian national, Ms. Jondi has more than twenty years of experience working with the United Nations in the Arab region, focusing on development issues across several thematic areas, including employment creation, environmental sustainability, poverty reduction, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Her areas of expertise include programme management, UN coherence, partnerships development, and resource mobilization.

Ms. Jondi served as the Senior UN Coherence and Partnerships Officer at the ILO Regional Office for Arab States (ROAS) for over six years. As part of this role, she worked on developing and coordinating partnerships with other UN agencies to mainstream Decent Work in their strategies and programmes at the regional and country levels. Ms. Jondi has worked extensively on crisis response and forced displacement and on promoting ILO's Decent Work Agenda in the humanitarian-development nexus. She coordinated the ILO's efforts to build partnerships and raise funds for the implementation of the agency's response strategy to refugee crises in the Arab region with a focus on Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, and Yemen.

Ms. Jondi has been the ILO's focal point for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for the Arab Region since 2015, representing the agency in numerous occasions on global, regional and national levels.

Prior to joining the ILO in 2009, Ms. Jondi worked with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Syria. At UNDP, she served for more than ten years as the Environment and Poverty Reduction Team Leader during which she also led the efforts of the UNDP Syria Country Office on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Ms. Jondi holds a MSc Degree in Environmental Management from the University of London, a Post Graduate Diploma in Development Studies, and a BS Degree from the Faculty of Health Sciences at the American University of Beirut.

For the latest publication by Ms. Jondi, see *Towards a Coordinated Humanitarian-Development Response to COVID-19 Crisis: Reflections from the Arab Region with an ILO Lens*.

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**Camille Hartmann.** A graduate in Public Policy from Sciences Po Paris, Camille Hartmann has been a senior consultant at GROUPE SOS Consulting since February 2021. She was a policy advisor at the National Digital Council on the Global Open Government Partnership (2014-2018), then Head of International Development of a global network of inclusive digital training courses within the social enterprise Simplon.co (2018-2020). Camille Hartmann has more than 8 years of professional experience in the structuring of public policies in the field of international development, social innovation, employment, professional insertion and inclusive digital

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**Sara Hoefflich de Duque**

Sara has been part of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) World Secretariat in Barcelona for more than 10 years. UCLG is the largest global city network that coordinates representation of Local and Regional government in from of the United Nations. She is Director of the Learning Team, which supports UCLG members' engagement to localize global agendas. They develop trainings and knowledge management methodologies for practices of local governments and their associations in different regions of the world. Recruited to support urban and strategic planning in African cities, she developed new cooperation methodologies as well as peer networks of leaders that are now applied globally. She is also focal point for Local Economic development and planning. Before joining UCLG, she spent 10 years working with the German development agency, GTZ, as well as NGOs in Indonesia and Colombia and subnational governments, where she focused on intermunicipal cooperation and land management. She has also worked as an urban designer and Eco architect in her home country, Germany, where she completed her architecture studies.



**Kerry Krige**, is the Chief Technical Adviser on the Social and Solidarity Economy policy in South Africa.

Prior to this, she led the Network for Social Entrepreneurs at the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS), University of Pretoria and where she continues to teach the MBA-elective on social entrepreneurship. She initiated the first mapping study of social enterprises in South Africa and is co-author of the book *The Disruptors*, social entrepreneurs reinventing business and society.

Kerry is an Associate Editor for Emerald Emerging Markets Case Collection and is on the editorial committee of the journal *Social Business*. She is a trustee on the CSI board of the Momentum Metropolitan Foundation and chaired the advisory committee of the IDCs Social Enterprise Fund.

She is registered in a joint PhD in social entrepreneurship with KU Leuven and the University of Pretoria and is involved in the African Network of Social Entrepreneurship Scholars (ANSES) and the EMES PhD network.

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**Laurence Kwark** is the General Secretary of GSEF (Global Social Economy Forum) since Feb 2016, working for the International Recognition & Visibility of Social and Solidarity Economy and the promotion of international exchange and cooperation between local governments and social economic networks. She had worked from 1998 to 2008, as a project manager for South America and Asia at the “Terre d’avenir & CCFD”, an International Development NGO of France. She had also worked as the Secretary General of the Pax Romana ICMICA (International Catholic Movement for Intellectuals and Cultural Affairs) in Geneva for 2009-2012 then from 2013 till February 2016, as the Representative of Pax Romana to UN in Geneva. She had graduated Sejong University in Seoul in 1983, and got her master degree in sociology in 1993 from the French Institute of High Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS) in Paris, France.

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**Chandni Lanfranchi** has been working at the ILO since 2012. She is currently working as technical officer for SME development and formalization in the ILO Andean Office. Her main role is to oversee the conceptualisation, planning, and implementation of the Bolivia Digna y Productiva project, with emphasis on improving productivity and working conditions and promoting incentives for enterprise formalization in selected value chains. She has also worked for several years at the International Training Centre of the ILO, based in Turin, where she served as a programme officer, mainly in the areas of green jobs promotion, skills development for rural populations, and promotion of jobs for peace and resilience. Before joining the ILO in 2012, Chandni lived in Mexico, where she worked in the private sector on SME productivity assessment. Chandni holds a master’s degree in International Affairs (Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies). She is fluent in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian.



**Josée-Anne Larue** is a youth employment and skills development specialist with 10 years of work experience in the United Nations system, at the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) working on skills development and employability, decent work, youth employment, career guidance and also in humanitarian affairs in different roles, settings and country offices (Switzerland, Italy, Lebanon, Egypt and Burkina Faso); including several years based in the field with regular missions in the Middle East, North Africa and Sahel regions. She is now back at ILO Headquarters with the ILO Employment Department. She holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Master's degree in International Peace and Conflict Resolution studies.



#### **Francisco Lima**

Academic Degrees: Ph.D. in Economics, Universidade Nova de Lisboa (2001).

Professional Experience:

- Since 2018 – President of Statistics Portugal.
- Since 2003 – Professor at the Department of Engineering and Management, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa and Research fellow at the Centre for Management Studies of Instituto Superior Técnico (CEG-IST).
- 2005-2013 – Scientific consultant for labor market issues, Statistics Portugal.
- Working with applied statistics and econometrics, his research focuses on applied microeconomics, labour economics, entrepreneurship, innovation, and policy evaluation. He has coordinated several national and European research projects and has published in international journals such as the Economic Journal, European Economic Review, Research Policy, Labour Economics and Small Business Economics.

Other Activities

- 2015-2017 – Member of the Scientific Council for Employment and Training, Centre for Labor Relations, Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security.
- 2013-2017 – Member of the General Council of the National Agency for Qualification and Vocational Education and Training (ANQEP).
- 2003-2004 – External Adviser, Labour Secretary of State, Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security.



#### **Davidson Magalhães**

Bahia's Secretary of Labour, Employment, Income and Sports, Davidson Magalhães, holds a degree in Economics from the State University of Santa Cruz (Uesc) and a master's degree in the same area from the Federal University of Bahia (UFBa). He began his teaching career in 1990 at Uesc. He is currently a professor at the University of the State of Bahia (Uneb), Salvador campus.

He was a Councillor for two terms in Itabuna, his hometown. In the city, he was also Secretary of Industry and Commerce and Secretary of Political Articulation. From 2007 to 2014, he was president of the Bahia Gas Company (BahiaGás). He was the coordinator of the National Petroleum Agency (ANP) in the Northeast, was part of the Fiscal Council of Coelba and chaired the Fiscal Council of Neoenergia in Brazil. He was a federal deputy between 2015 and 2018. In the last state elections, he became the first alternate of Senator-elect Ângelo Coronel.





**Juan Manuel Martínez Louvier.** Before holding the position at INAES, he served as Director of the Laboratory of Economic and Social Innovation in the Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla. In addition, he was the coordinator of the Master in Business Management of Social Economy in association with the Mondragon Unibersitatae. Also, he was the coordinator of the Articulation Programs and Social Intervention. He collaborated in the Asociación Tepeyac of New York as responsible for Public Relations and Promotion Community, and he worked at Volkswagen as Head of the Production Line of Motors.

Studies: Industrial engineering. Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla; Master in Development, Environment and Societies. Université catholique de Louvain; Master in Cooperative Business Management. Mondragon Unibersitatae

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**Tshepo Mazibuko.** Tshepo is the founder and Managing Member of K1 Recycling Waste Management Solutions

Johannesburg, South Africa. He started as a waste picker after he struggled to find employment for 4 years and decided to try and make a living by collecting recyclables and selling them for survival in 2009.

Today K1 Recycling is a fully fledged waste management solutions provider and employs 21 people and has a complete plastic crushing, washing and drying plant, a buy-back centre and a plastic pelletizing plant.

Tshepo had an opportunity to study "how to promote green jobs" at institutes like ILO Academy (Italy) and "business management" at GIBS (South Africa), Tshepo's success story of "from a waste picker to a businessman in suits" has touched and encouraged many people in South Africa and internationally. He recently registered K1 Foundation with an objective to educate communities and youth on waste management.

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**Deolinda Meira** is Ph.D. in Cooperative Law. She is an Associate Professor at the Polytechnic of Porto/ Porto Accounting and Business School (ISCAP). She is the Director of the Master "Management and Legal-Business Regime of the Social Economy." She is a researcher at the Center for Social and Organizational Studies of the Polytechnic of Porto (CEOS.PP), responsible for a research group on Social Economy. Her main fields of research include Cooperative Law and Social Economy Enterprises, in which respect she has published three books, two edited books, and more than 140 articles and chapters in journals and books, and active reviewer and editorial member in several international scientific journals.

Among others, she is a member of *CIRIEC Portugal- Centro de Estudos de Estudos de Economia Pública e Social* (CEEPS), of the Scientific Committee of *CIRIEC Internacional - Centre International de Recherches et d'Information sur l'Economie Publique, Sociale et Coopérative*.



**Victor Meseguer**, Director of Social Economy Europe (EN)

Victor Meseguer joined Social Economy Europe, the voice of the 2.8 million social economy enterprises and organisations in the EU, in 2014. Since 2018 he represents Social Economy Europe at the European Commission Expert Group on social economy and social enterprises and at the UN Taskforce on Social and Solidarity Economy.

He studied a BA in Political Science at the Pompeu Fabra University of Barcelona. In the framework of an ERASMUS exchange, he studied for a year at the King's College of London. Victor holds two master's degrees: in Corporate Social Responsibility (University of Murcia) and in European Affairs (European Studies Institute, Université Libre of Brussels). Passionate about entrepreneurship, collective action, policy and international relations, Victor writes columns in the Spanish newspaper 'La Verdad'. SEE has a permanent dialogue with EU Institutions, Member States and International organisations to support social economy enterprises and entrepreneurs by mainstreaming the social economy in the main socio-economic policies and boosting its visibility. SEE is responsible for the secretariat of the European Parliament's Social Economy Intergroup formed by more than 80 Members of the European Parliament belonging to the main political groups.



**Angela Miledù**. My name is Angela, I am Venezuelan, I am 22 years old and I have been living in Italy for two years, specifically in the city of Como, together with my mother we decided to emigrate and ask for political asylum here in Italy due to the serious general situation in Venezuela in recent years. I have a bachelor's degree in humanities and I did 3 semesters of business administration at the Rafael Urdaneta University in my city Maracaibo. I speak 3 languages; Spanish which is my mother tongue, Italian and English thanks to school. In my country, I worked in a preschool as a teacher's assistant and as an animator in a painting/recreation station for children at parties/events. Since March of this year, I am doing an internship at the Cooperativa Miledù and simultaneously due to problems with the recognition of my diploma, I am studying the last years of high school in Italy in order to enter university to study tourism.



**Najma Mohamed** has a background in climate, environment and sustainable development and has been involved in designing, implementing and profiling transformative and inclusive approaches to policy and practice. She has worked in research, civil society and the public sector, at various levels and across geographies and economic sectors. She is Policy Director at the Green Economy Coalition and leads on developing GEC's policy work, which is centred on building the Coalition's strategic focus on the supply and advocacy of policies, practices and institutions for inclusive green economies, in partnership with its 60-plus members. She works across the major policy themes of a green economy transition, including green jobs and just transitions, advancing transformative policies as pathways to systemic change.



**Ruth Muñoz** (Argentina). PhD candidate for Social Sciences at Buenos Aires University (UBA), thesis title: "The Argentine state promotion of social and solidary economy from a local level. Lessons and challenges in the 24 municipalities of Conurbano Bonaerense from a comparative perspective" (in evaluation). Economist (UBA) and Master's Degree in Social Economy (National University of General Sarmiento-UNGS). Her topics of specialization are developed in three related fields: social and solidary economy (SSE), specifically microeconomics and finance; urban and regional economy and local development; public policy and evaluation on these issues. She is a researcher and professor in the Urban Economic Systems Area of the Conurbano Institute (ICO-UNGS). Since March 2020, she is the Technical Coordinator of the Advisory Council of the National Institute of Associativism and Social Economy (INAES), one of the main promotion public agencies of SSE of Argentina, under the National Ministry of Productive Development.

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**Reema Nanavaty** has been working with the SEWA since over 35 years expanding its membership to over 1.7 million members, making it the single largest union of informal sector women workers. Reema facilitated rebuilding lives and livelihoods of 60000 earthquake affected rural women and 40000 riot-affected members. She is leading the rehabilitation programs in Afghanistan, training over 5000 Afghani women on different Livelihood skills and facilitating them in setting-up their own local Association. Similarly, she has also led the rehabilitation program for war-affected widows in Srilanka; providing over 6000 women with vocational training in rural livelihood security. Reema oversees 4813 self-help groups (SHG), 160 co-operatives and 15 economic federations, pan India including 16 states, and also in 7 South-Asian countries, focusing on women's economic empowerment by building women owned enterprises, building women led supply chains, introducing modern ICT-based tools and facilitating Green-Energy initiatives and livelihoods. She was honored by Padma Shri (the fourth-highest civilian award in the Republic of India) for her contribution in area of Social Services in 2013. She is currently the member of the Advisory Council on Gender of the World Bank Group. Reema Nanavaty was invited to the International Labour Organization's High Level Global Commission on Future of Work as the only member representing the informal sector workers, women workers, self-employed workers and the rural workers' union in the entire commission.

She was also invited as a member of the working group for the UN High-level Dialogue on Energy and as a Gender lead in the Working group for the UN's Food System Summit, both convened by UN General Secretary in the UNGA, Sep 2021. Reema was also one of the only worker's representative invited to speak alongside UN secretary General Antonio Gueteras in the Official Opening Ceremony of the UN's Food Systems Summit 2021.

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**Jason Nardi** is general delegate of RIPESS EU and former coordinator of the board of directors of RIPESS Intercontinental. He represents Solidarius Italia in RIPESS Europe and is president of RIES (Italian Solidarity Economy Network). A trainer on the themes of solidarity economy and ethical finance, and a promoter of environmental and social justice, commons and communication rights, Jason is an active member of the International Council of the World Social Forum and convenor of the World Social Forum on Transformative Economies. With a background in communication and media (Princeton University, USA and a Master's degree from the University of Florence), he has been director of Unimondo, the Italian center of Oneworld.net and has worked for the Fondazione Finanza Etica (Banca Etica) and the annual Terra Futura event. Jason currently lives in Florence, where he promotes projects of CSA (Community Supported Agriculture), mutualism (in MAG Florence) and the Forum Firenze Beni Comuni (Florence Commons Forum).



**Antonella Noya** is the Head of the Unit on Social Economy and Innovation at the Center for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities. She coordinates the work on social economy, social entrepreneurship, and social innovation and has authored, co-authored and coordinated a number of OECD publications on this topics since 1997. Antonella has a background of political sciences with a specialisation in legislative drafting and in economics of territorial development and urban planning. She speaks fluent English, French and Italian and fair Spanish. She represents the OECD at the United Nations Taskforce on Social and Solidarity Economy, and at the GECES (Group of Experts on Social Economy and social enterprises) coordinated by the EC. In 2021 she has been awarded by the Euclid network the recognition of being one of the most influential 100 women in social entrepreneurship.

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#### **Ana Cristina Rebelo da Silva Couto de Olim**

- Degree in Law (1998). Postgraduate studies in Public Law-Administrative Law (1998-2000) and in Tax Management (2002-2003).
  - Director-General of the Directorate General for Employment and Industrial Relations (DGERT) of the Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security (12 October 2020 – to date). Designated government delegate to the 109th session of the International Labour Conference, 2021 (ILO).
  - Coordinator of the Legal Department of the António Sérgio Cooperative for the Social Economy (May 2017 to October 2020).
  - She served several ministerial offices: as a member of the staff or as a consultant of the Ministry of Labour`s and the State Secretary for Employment`s offices (December 2006 to June 2007 and between September 2008 and October 2015); as a consultant of the State Secretary of Justice (2017).
  - She was a teacher of law subjects in vocational training courses (2000 to 2007).
  - Long experience as a lawyer.
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**Douglas Opiio** is the Executive Director of the Federation of Uganda Employers and the Chair of the ILO Global Business Network on Forced Labour. He is an employment and labour market professional who works with businesses of all sizes and sectors. As a strong business advocate he works closely with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the International Organization of Employers (IOE).

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**Jonghyun Park** graduated from Yonsei University with a doctorate in economics. He is an economics professor at Gyeongsang National University in Korea, where he teaches and researches money and finance, history of thought, social and solidarity economy. He is the author of *Keynes and Hayek: Focusing on the Market Economy* (Korean) and *Financial Mechanisms for an Innovative Social and Solidarity Ecosystem: The Case of the Republic of Korea* (ILO). He is also the co-translator of *The Higher Learning in America* (Thorstein Veblen) and *From the Great Transformation to the Great Financialization* (Kari Polanyi-Levitt).





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**Juan Antonio Pedreño, President of Social Economy Europe**

Juan Antonio Pedreño holds a BA in Chemistry (specialized in industrial chemistry) at Granada's University (Spain). He is an expert on social economy and co-operatives. He started his professional career as High School teacher and became a founding member of the **education co-operative Severo Ochoa**, of which he assumed the presidency for more than 20 years. Currently, he is the President of **Social Economy Europe**, **CEPES** (Spanish Business Confederation of the Social Economy), **UCOMUR** (Murcia's Region Worker Co-operatives) and **UCOERM** (Murcia's Region Education Cooperatives). Furthermore, Mr. Pedreño is the General Coordinator of the **ESMED** network (Euro-Mediterranean Social Economy) and a member of the **Spanish Economic and Social Committee**. He is the author of articles and papers on the social economy enterprise model. **Social Economy Europe** (SEE) is the voice of social economy enterprises and organisations in Europe.



**Yvon Poirier** is presently *Special Advisor on advocacy and governance* of the *Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of the Social Solidarity Economy (RIPESS)*. He also has participated as a RIPESS representative in the United Nations Inter-Agency Taskforce on SSE since the first meetings in early 2014. He has been involved in RIPESS in many different roles since March 2004, including as a member of the Board of directors from 2013 to 2020. He is Secretary of the Board of the *Canadian Community Economic Development Network (CCEDNET)*, a RIPESS member. He has co-authored different publications. A first document published in 2015 examines the origins of many concepts related to SSE [Social Solidarity Economy and related concepts Origins and Definitions: An International Perspective](#). A second paper published in 2016 is about legislation and policies [Legal and political recognition of social solidarity economy \(SEE\). An overview on SSE public policies and guidelines](#).



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**Dr. Benjamin R. Quifones, Jr.**

- Founder, Asian Solidarity Economy Council (ASEC), 2004- present. ASEC conducts advocacy, training and networking on social & solidarity economy (SSE) in Asia.
- Co-founder, President & CEO, Farmers Bazaar Fintech Philippines (FBFP) Inc., 2018-present. FBFP provides digital solutions to agriculture and food enterprises that could result in new business models, applications, or products with material effect on access to finance of small and marginalized farmers.
- Designed and pilot tested the Self Help Group-Bank Linkage Program in India, Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand (2008-1992) which until today enables millions of poor and marginalized to have access to bank finance.
- Most Outstanding Alumnus - University of the Philippines, Los Baños (1989); and University of Southern Mindanao (1988 and 2017)
- Listed in Who's Who International, U.S.A. (2001)
- PhD in Organization Development & MS in Agricultural Economics.
- Plays the guitar and game of chess.



**Noel Raboy** has been in the insurance industry for more than 20 years. His advocacy has been on microinsurance backed with expertise on the development of distribution channels, creation of new businesses and partnerships and analysis for strategic planning and implementation. He is the President and CEO of CLIMBS Life and General Insurance Cooperative and to date has led and contributed in the installation of CLIMBS first and succeeding subsidiary companies including recently the Cooperative College of the Philippines, modernizing the CoopAssurance Center concept, revitalizing the traditional weather insurance into parametric insurance among others.

Alongside, he is also a cooperative leader and has founded, chaired and participate in different organization and platform for cooperative activities in the country. He is a sociology and anthropology graduate with an executive master's degree on Business Administration. As an educator by heart, Noel also teaches in universities as well as speaks on microinsurance and cooperativism through trainings and events both local and abroad.



**Guy Ryder.** Born in Liverpool (UK) in 1956, Guy Ryder studied Social and Political Sciences at the University of Cambridge and Latin American Studies at the University of Liverpool. He speaks French and Spanish as well as his mother tongue, English. He started his professional career in 1981 as assistant at the International Department of the Trade Union Congress in London.

From 1985, he held the position of Secretary of the Industry Trade Section of the International Federation of Commercial, Clerical, Professional and Technical Employees (FIET) in Geneva.

In 1988, Guy Ryder became Assistant Director and – from 1993 - Director of the Geneva office of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU).

Guy Ryder first joined the International Labour Organization in 1998 as Director of the Bureau for Workers' Activities and, from 1999, as Director of the Office of the Director-General. It was during this time that the ILO's Decent Work Agenda was launched and won support from the international community.

In 2002, he was appointed General Secretary of the ICFTU, leading the process of global unification of the democratic international trade union movement. He was elected as first General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) when it was created in 2006. He headed international trade union delegations to high level talks with the UN, IMF, World Bank and WTO and to the G20 Leaders' Summits.

In September 2010, Guy Ryder came back to the ILO in Geneva as Executive Director, responsible for international labour standards and fundamental principles and rights at work. Among other activities, he supervised the application of ILO Conventions and Recommendations. He also headed several high-level ILO missions to address a range of issues related to labour standards in countries such as Bahrain, Colombia, Fiji, Georgia, Greece, Myanmar and Swaziland.

Guy Ryder was elected as ILO Director-General by the ILO's Governing Body in May 2012 and took office on 1 October 2012. On taking office, he pledged to position the Organization as a determined actor translating principle into action and ensuring that it had the capacity to make a major difference to the working lives of people on all of the continents. To support this he launched a major reform process geared to assuring the ILO's authority on matters falling within its mandate.

Guy Ryder was re-elected as ILO Director-General by the ILO's Governing Body on 7 November 2016 with overwhelming support across the ILO's tripartite constituency. His second term started on 1 October 2017.



**Gianluca Salvatori** is the Secretary General of Euricse, an international research center on cooperatives and social enterprises. He is also Secretary General of Fondazione Italia Sociale, member of the European Commission Expert Group on Social Economy and Social Enterprises (GECES) as well as an observer participant of the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy.

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**Mr. Michel Sawan** is a Doctor in Physiotherapy and an Environmental Activist since 2015. Michel is responsible of the Raptors Rescue Center in Lebanon and Chairman of the Lebanese Association for Migratory Birds (LAMB). He is currently a Steering Committee member in Kfou Habou village, North-Lebanon as part of the PROSPECTS Lebanon activities on SSE development in the agriculture and agro food sectors and he has participated in many environmental and social projects with the Polish Embassy, UNDP, Horizon and many other NGOs.

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**Jürgen Schwettmann**, a German national, has been working in international development cooperation since 1979, specializing in co-operative development, the social and solidarity economy, rural development, and the informal economy. He has been an official of the International Labour Organization (ILO) for 28 years, holding different positions, including Director of the Partnerships and Development Cooperation Department (Geneva), Deputy Regional Director for Africa (Addis Ababa), Director of the ILO Office for East Africa (Dar es Salaam), Chief of the ILO Co-operative Branch (Geneva), and Regional Advisor on Co-operatives (Kinshasa and Yaoundé). Before joining the ILO, Mr. Schwettmann served as rural finance advisor for the German technical assistance agency GIZ in Cameroon, and as management advisor to several coffee-marketing cooperatives in Cameroon. After retiring from the ILO in October 2015 Mr Schwettmann works as an independent consultant for various multilateral and bilateral development cooperation agencies.

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**Claudia Simonte**, National Director of Financial Inclusion and Social Financing. Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Argentina. She is a psychologist graduated from the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Palermo. She is currently in charge of the National Directorate of Financial Inclusion and Social Financing, which coordinates the Financial Inclusion Coordination Council (CCIF). Previously, she was in charge of the design and implementation of the BNA's Integral Financial Education Plan, the first financial education programme for Inclusion of Banco Nación Argentina.

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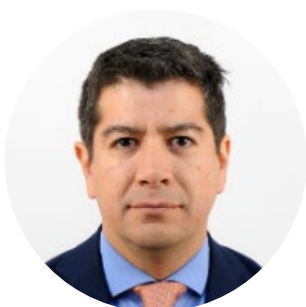


**Stephany Uy-tan**. Now on her new term as the First City Councillor after having served two terms as the first lady City Mayor of the Capital City of the third largest island of the Philippines, Councillor Stephany Uy-Tan is breaking boundaries and stereotypes in the field of local governance. Councillor Step has been contributory to the following accomplishments: as the most competitive city for the whole island of Samar according to the National Competitiveness Council; with the most number of banks and money in circulation in the island according to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas; a consistent recipient of the Seal of Good Financial Housekeeping and the Seal of Good Local Governance according to the Department of Interior and Local Government; and other awards and recognitions.



**Ana Umbelino** is a deputy mayor in the municipality of Torres Vedras, Portugal.

- Co-President of REVES: European Network of Cities & Regions for the Social Economy
- Member of GECES - Expert group on social economy and social enterprises
- Vice-President of the Portuguese Jewish Quarter Network;
- Vice-President of the Association for the Tourist Development of the Lines of Torres Vedras;
- Member of the National Consultative Group for the integration of Roma Communities in representation of the National Association of Portuguese Municipalities [2016/2018];
- Member of the National Commission for the implementation and monitoring of the National Reading Plan in representation of the Secretary of State for the Local Authorities;
- Member of the Board of the Portuguese network of Healthy Municipalities;
- Vice President of the Supervisory Board of the Portuguese Intermunicipal Network for the Cooperation and Development [RICD]



**Luis Rodrigo Morales Velez** is a Senior Advisor at the International Organisation of Employers. His practice focuses on industrial relations, international labour standards, the future of work and social protection. From 2013 to March 2019, he served as Minister of Labour Affairs in Europe for the Government of Mexico at the Permanent Mission of Mexico in Geneva, Switzerland. As such, he was responsible of providing legal advice on international labour regulation and policy. Also, he represented the government in various international forums such as the ILO; OECD, WTO, IOM, and the G20, among others. He served as regional coordinator for the Group of the Americas in the ILO (2015-2016) and as President of the Government Group of the ILO (2016-2017). Luis Rodrigo holds a law degree from the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City, Mexico and a master's degree in international business law (LL.M.) (cum laude), at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, School of Law, Leuven, Belgium.



**Corinne Vercher-Chaptal** is a professor in management sciences at the CEPN (UMR CNRS 7244) at the University Sorbonne Paris Nord, where she is in charge of the Human and Social Sciences. Her current research focuses on the management of associations, the commons, and alternative platforms. She directed the research program TAPAS - There Are Platforms as Alternatives.



**Vic Van Vuuren** is Director of Enterprises at International Labour Organization in Geneva. After completing a law degree Victor started his working career at the South African Department of Justice. Thereafter he moved into the private sector as a corporate legal advisor and human resources director at executive level in large corporates. Victor later helped establish a unified South African business federation, Business Unity South Africa, and was appointed as the first Chief Operations Officer. In February 2009 Victor was appointed as the Director: International Labour Organization, Southern and Eastern Africa covering 23 countries. In January 2016 Victor was appointed as the Director Enterprises Department at the International Labour organisation Office, Geneva. Victor is currently the chairman of COPAC (The Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Cooperatives), the UNTFSSSE (United Nations Task Force of the Social and Solidarity Economy), chairman of the PAGE Management Board (Partnership for Action in the Green Economy) and member of the Capitals Coalition Supervisory Board. Victor served on the South African Council for Higher Education, the National Economic Development and Labour Council, the International Labour Organisation Governing Body, the Council of the Pan African Employers' Confederation and the South African Power Utility Research Advisory Board.





**Lisa Wong** works as a specialist on non-discrimination at the International Labour Organization (ILO). In this role, she is responsible for the provision of technical advisory services to ILO's constituents all over the globe, and the development of global initiatives, tools and training materials on all grounds of discrimination including on equal pay for work of equal value, sexual harassment, race and ethnicity and reasonable accommodation. Lisa was the brainchild behind the Equal Pay International Coalition, and serves as a key member of the Secretariat. Lisa was also the principal author of the 2011 Global Report on Non-discrimination in employment and occupation: Equality at work: The continuing challenge.

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**Jana Žůrková** is devoted to supporting and empowering social enterprises that are part of the RREUSE international network. In particular, she leads capacity building of the members and knowledge exchange on the practical aspects of re-use & repair, including innovation. She coordinates key support services including data collection and processing, research and partnerships, both among RREUSE members and external partners. In her spare time, Jana is a volunteer at Tournevie, a non-profit tool library in Brussels.