

Overcoming Refugee and Migrant Precarity: What Role for Social and Solidarity Economy?

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Publicly funded social protection and integration programmes are under intense pressure to deliver, in the face of austerity measures and large movements of people at a scale not seen since the Second World War. As governments and other stakeholders seek innovative ways to provide social protection to and foster the integration of migrants and refugees in their host societies, greater attention is being paid to the role of social and solidarity economy (SSE). With its principles and practices that aim to reintroduce values of equity and justice, humanize the economy and foster people's participation and agency, how is SSE helping these vulnerable groups overcome social exclusion and xenophobia, and access decent work?

Speakers from international organizations, governments and civil society explore the role of SSE in:

- promoting the human rights of migrant and refugee populations
- fostering the social inclusion and livelihoods of migrant and refugee populations
- supporting the developmental aspects of the Global Compact on Migration

The event also serves to introduce *Social and Solidarity Economy, Urban Communities and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups*, a new UNRISD project in collaboration with the University of Geneva.*

OPENING REMARKS

Ambassador Anna Korka
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PANELLISTS

Katja Hujo
Senior Research Coordinator, UNRISD—Overcoming Migrant Precarity:
A Rights-Based Approach to Migration Governance

Ibrahim Saïd
Research Analyst, UNRISD—Social and Solidarity Economy

Simel Esim
Head, Cooperatives Unit, ILO—Migration and the Quest for Decent Work:
The Role of Cooperatives in Social and Economic Integration

Maria Mexi
University of Geneva—Migrants and Refugees in Europe:
The Role of SSE in Times of Austerity and Populist Politics

Heidi Christ
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