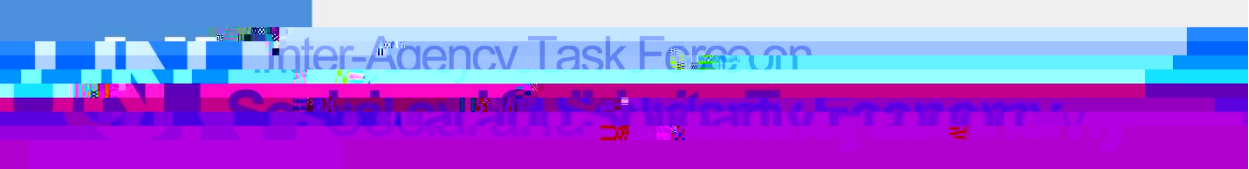


Social and Solidarity Economy as a Means to Implement the SDGs: Partnerships to bridge the financing gap

Social and solidarity economy (SSE) is increasingly used as an umbrella concept, which refers to the production and exchange of goods and services by a broad range of organizations and enterprises that pursue explicit social and/or environmental objectives. They are guided by the principles and practices of cooperation, solidarity, ethics and democratic self-management, among others, and can take the form of cooperatives, social enterprises, self-help groups or community associations, among others.

Globally, these alternative forms of production, exchange and consumption are growing in response to social, economic and environmental crises. In this regard, many observers have noted



donors to social impact investors) suggest that while SSE initiative seem well worth supporting,