

The Social Economy in Quebec A New Approach to International Cooperation

A panel discussion and film presentation organized in conjunction with the Aga Khan Foundation Canada travelling exhibition, "Bridges that Unite".

Reducing poverty and improving the quality of life in developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America is a daunting and ongoing challenge. Traditional aid strategies have not produced desired results; more than ever new sustainable approaches to development are required.

The experience of the Quebec social economy, a grassroots entrepreneurial movement that has produced surprising economic and social outcomes, has become a reference point for international institutions, governments and civil society organizations.

A panel of experts who have played the role of ambassadors of the Quebec social economy worldwide will share their experiences and comment on the challenges to build bridges for sustainable international solidarity.

Host

Marguerite Mendell

Vice-Principal, School of Community and Public Affairs, Director, Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy, Concordia University; Member, Board of Advisors, Chantier de l'économie sociale.

Moderator

Jean-François Aubin

Coordinator, Démarche de revitalisation des premiers quartiers de Trois-Rivières ; Coordinator, International Committee, Chantier de l'économie sociale.

Panelists

Michel Charette

International Aid Management Consultant; Former Executive Director, Centre for International Studies and Cooperation.

Paul Ouellet

General Coordinator, Caisse d'économie solidaire Desjardins.

Nancy Neamtan

President/Executive Director, Chantier de l'économie sociale; Co-Director, Réseau québécois de recherche partenariale and L'Alliance de recherche universités-communautés en économie sociale; President/Board Member, Fiducie du Chantier de l'économie sociale.

Film

UNE AUTRE MONDIALISATION EST EN MARCHÉ

**L'économie sociale et solidaire s'engage
à l'international**

Friday, March 26, 2010 • 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Cinéma de Sève, J.W. McConnell Building, 1400 De Maisonneuve Blvd. West

Admission is free. **Registration is required.** For more information or for registration please contact: Sandra Margolian 514-848-2424 ext. 4867 or s.margolian@concordia.ca

Discussions will be conducted in both English and French. Refreshments will be served.

The exhibition, *Bridges that Unite*, runs at Concordia University from March 7 to 27. See www.bridgesthatunite.ca