



Global Social Economy Forum – GSEF2016 – Day 1

On the agenda: Montréal and Seoul mayors open the Forum and major announcement about social innovation

Montréal, September 1, 2016 – Media representatives are invited to attend the first day of the Global Social Economy Forum – GSEF2016, which will be held in the Palais des congrès from September 7 to 9, 2016. This third edition, organized jointly by the Ville de Montréal and Chantier de l'économie sociale, will be themed “Local governments and social economy stakeholders: Allies of the intelligent and sustainable development of cities.”

More than 1,300 participants from over 60 countries around the world will gather to draw inspiration from local and international best practices. It's an ideal occasion for the media to meet with social economy stakeholders from different parts of the world.

Schedule for Wednesday, September 7, 2016:

9 a.m.: **Plenary opening of the Global Social Economy Forum**

Who:

- Mr. Denis Coderre, Montréal Mayor and GSEF2016 co-organizer
- Mr. Park Won Soon, Seoul Mayor and GSEF Association co-chair
- Mr. Kyong Yong Song, President of the Seoul Social Economy Network and GSEF Association Co-President
- Mr. Jean-Martin Aussant, Executive Director of the Chantier de l'économie sociale and GSEF2016 co-organizer
- Mr. Ghislain Picard, Chief of the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador
- Mr. Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Government of Canada

Where: Palais des congrès de Montréal, room 517

*** A media scrum will follow the plenary opening so that the press can briefly meet the participants. ***

10:30 a.m.: Institutional and political commitments to the social economy

The mayors present at the GSEF2016 will be invited onstage to declare their commitment for the social and solidarity economy (SSE) as a lever for a more equitable and sustainable development.

Where: Palais des congrès de Montréal, room 517

Who:

- **Mr. Robert Beugré Mambé**, Governor of the autonomous district of Abidjan, Ivory Coast
- **Mr. Abate Sitotaw**, Deputy Mayor of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- **Mr. Jean Fortin**, Mayor of Baie-Saint-Paul, Canada
- **Mr. Adama Sangaré**, Mayor of Bamako, Mali
- **Mr. Géraldo Pisarello**, Deputy Mayor of Barcelona, Spain
- **Mr. Camille Bérubé**, Mayor of Beaumont, Canada
- **Mr. Xabier Ochandiano**, Economic Development, Employment and Trade Advisor of Bilbao, Spain
- **Ms. Manon Cyr**, Mayor of Chibougamau, Canada
- **Mr. Arthur Fauteux**, Mayor of Cowansville, Canada
- **Mr. Gustave Ebanda**, Mayor of Douala 5, Cameroon
- **Mr. Maxime Pedneaud-Jobin**, Mayor of Gatineau, Canada
- **Ms. Marina Johansson**, Deputy Mayor of Göteborg, Suède
- **Mr. André Kimbuta**, Governor of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Mr. Saa Emerson Lamina**, Mayor of Koidu, Sierra Leone
- **Ms. Rose Christiane Oussouka Raponda**, Mayor of Libreville, Gabon
- **Ms. Caroline St-Hilaire**, Mayor of Longueuil, Canada
- **Ms. Maria Ubarretxena**, Mayor of Mondragon, Spain
- **Mr. Abdourahamane Sangaré**, Mayor of N’Gbacoro, Mali
- **Mr. Tobias Ndjie Mveng**, Mayor of Ngomedzap, Cameroon
- **Ms. Antoinette Guhl**, Paris City Hall assistant in charge of the social and solidarity economy, social innovation and circular economy, France
- **Mr. Emmanuel Zossou**, Mayor of Porto-Novo, Benin
- **Ms. Emmanuelle Rousset**, Deputy Mayor of Rennes, France
- **Mr. Guy Larouche**, Mayor of Roberval, Canada
- **Mr. Mario Provencher**, Mayor of Rouyn-Noranda, Canada
- **Mr. Park Won Soon**, Mayor of Seoul, South Korea
- **Ms. Suzanne Roy**, Mayor of Sainte-Julie, Canada
- **Mr. Martin Dampousse**, Mayor of Varennes, Canada

Where: Palais des congrès de Montréal, room 517

11:15 a.m. to noon: **Mayors' Panel**

Who: - Mr. Denis Coderre, Montréal Mayor and GSEF2016 co-organizer
- Mr. Park Won Soon, Seoul Mayor and GSEF Association co-chair
- Mr. Adama Sangaré, Mayor of Bamako, Mali
- Ms. Maria Ubarretxena, Mayor of Mondragon, Spain

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11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.: **Poster Session – Inspiring local and international initiatives**
Time to meet the researchers presenting case studies of cooperation between local governments and SSE stakeholders in all the regions of Quebec and elsewhere in the world.

Where: Palais des congrès de Montréal, 5th floor foyer

1:15 p.m.: **Press Conference – Announcement of a major social innovation project in Quebec**
Details about the *Maison de l'innovation sociale* will be revealed in the presence of dignitaries and some founding partners of the project.

- Mr. Denis Coderre, Montréal Mayor and GSEF2016 co-organizer
- M. Park Won Soon, Seoul Mayor and GSEF Association co-chair
- Mr. Jean-Martin Aussant, Executive Director of the Chantier de l'économie sociale and GSEF2016 co-organizer
- Mr. Claude Pinard, Executive Director, Fondation Mirella et Lino Saputo
- Mr. John Cawley, Vice-President, McConnell Foundation
- Mr. Alan Shepard, President and Vice-Chancellor, Concordia University
- Mr. Michel Patry, Director, HEC Montreal
- Ms. Laure Waridel, Executive Director, Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Sustainable Development Operationalization (CIRODD)

Where: Palais des congrès de Montréal, room 523b (press room)

*** Participants will be available after the press conference for personal interviews.***

Finally, please note that around 120 initiatives will be presented in workshops and working groups during the event. To learn more about the complete program, click [here](#).

About the Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF)

The Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF) is an international association bringing together local governments and civil society stakeholders committed to supporting the development of the social and solidarity economy (SSE). Its mission is to promote cooperation among social and solidarity economy organizations and local governments to stimulate the creation of quality jobs, equitable growth, and the advancement of participatory democracy and sustainable development. During the association's founding meeting in 2013, its members issued a declaration laying out their intentions and objectives. In 2014, members adopted a charter establishing its principles and operations, including the holding of a forum every two years.

The first two editions of the GSEF took place in Seoul in 2013 and 2014 respectively and each brought more than 1,000 people together.

Social networks: **#GSEF2016**



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****** Media representatives are invited to get their badges at the press room located at the Palais des congrès de Montréal (room 523b).***

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