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Solidarity Economy & Alternative Finance:

A Different Development Model?

Organized by NGLS, in cooperation with the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) and CommunityForge, to be held as a lunchtime side event of the Human Rights Council annual Social Forum

During the People's Summit at Rio+20 in June 2012, many civil society organisation and social movements called for a

different development model based on the "social and solidarity economy" centred on the values of cooperation, complementarity, mutual support, human rights and democratic principles. There are myriad initiatives taking place on the ground on different continents that demonstrate the potential of these new forms of economic relations. Some Member States at the official conference also echoed this call for giving much more visibility to the solidarity economy in official policy discussions, including at the United Nations. This side event will examine the potential and challenges of the solidarity economy and how alternative finance can support and help scale up this different development model.

**on 3 October 2012, from 13:15 to 14:45
in Room XXVI at the Palais des Nations.**

Moderator:

Hamish Jenkins,

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- **Peter Utting, Deputy Director, UNRISD**
(on general trends and issues on solidarity economy)
- **Frederic Lapeyre, Employment and informal economy specialist, ILO**
(on ILO research on informal and solidarity economy)
- **Thomas Greco, Director, Community Information Resource Center , USA**
(on alternative finance to support the solidarity economy)