



Shaping the future of social innovation

# Luxembourg Declaration

## Preamble

We, the representatives of governments, gathered in Luxembourg on April 10 and 11th, 2025 for the first Global Government Summit on Social Innovation,

**Recalling** the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which serve as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure peace and prosperity for all;

**Recalling** the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which serves as a common standard of achievements for all peoples and all nations;

**Recalling** the G20 Fortaleza Declaration on the important role that the social and solidarity economy could play in generating quality employment, promoting fair working conditions and environmental sustainability with job creation in just transition processes;

**Recognizing** the crucial role of innovation in addressing complex global challenges ranging from poverty to climate change, in a difficult geo-political context, leaving no one behind, including women in rural areas, youth, persons with disabilities and those in vulnerable situations;

**Affirming** that social innovation is defined as “the processes and outcomes of developing novel approaches to address societal challenges facing people and planet” ;

**Acknowledging** the growing global recognition and contribution of the social economy to social innovation, as reflected in the United Nations General Assembly Resolutions adopted in April 2023 and December 2024, the ILO Resolution concerning decent work and the social and solidarity economy adopted in June 2022 and the OECD Recommendation of the Council on the Social and Solidarity Economy and Social Innovation adopted in June 2022, as well as a growing recognition and importance of social innovation;

**Emphasizing** the importance of multi-stakeholder partnerships, including collaboration among governments, civil society, academia, and the private sector, in fostering and scaling social innovation initiatives at local, national and international level;

**Considering** the initiative of countries worldwide to launch a Global Council for Social Innovation;





**Hereby adopt the following Declaration and commit to social innovation as a driver of sustainable and inclusive development and economic growth.**

We encourage countries as well as relevant entities and stakeholders to accelerate their efforts, taking into account national circumstances, and advance the global social innovation agenda which should include, inter alia, the following key priority actions :

- **Article 1.**  
Promote policies and practices that raise awareness and understanding on social innovation and that create more visibility and recognition of its key actors and enablers, when feasible.
  
- **Article 2.**  
Create enabling environments by designing and strengthening specific legal and institutional frameworks, strategies and programs for supporting and enhancing social innovation, where appropriate.
  
- **Article 3.**  
Facilitate access for social innovators to public and private funding and to financing at the right stage of their development and tailored to their needs, including the development of innovative financing schemes and tax incentives, if not already granted.
  
- **Article 4.**  
Emphasize the importance of impact measurement and management and support the uptake of appropriate practices, where available.
  
- **Article 5.**  
Leverage technology as a catalyst for impact to build resilient, sustainable and inclusive communities.
  
- **Article 6.**  
Acknowledge social innovation at all levels in education curricula by offering dedicated training and capacity-building initiatives.
  
- **Article 7.**  
Foster knowledge exchange between all stakeholders and implement enabling policies, strategies and programs for scaling solutions at a global level.
  
- **Article 8.**  
Ensure that social innovation is inclusive, benefits all sectors of society and promotes a culture of diversity, equality and inclusion.