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Thierry Jeantet, Honorary President of SSE International Forum (ESSFI), and **Elisa Torrenegra**, Co-chairperson of ESSFI, accompanied by **Jean Fabre**, Member of the Scientific Committee, met with the UN Deputy Secretary-General, **Ms Amina Mohammed** on April 13 in Washington D.C.

The meeting focused on the need to strengthen the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) ecosystem worldwide in order to harness its full potential for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (Agenda 2030) adopted on 25 September 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly as well as the various international Climate Agreements.

The discussions also addressed the contribution that the SSE can make to other major issues, such as the transformation of informal economies into formal economies - widespread in the Southern hemisphere -, the challenges linked to massive urbanisation, where the SSE can be a factor of social cohesion, the management of environmental issues, the future of work, food security, and the problems linked to the ageing of populations that will follow the youth demographic boom. The role of the SSE was also discussed in the context of other UN concerns such as the reintegration of ex-combatants during crisis recovery, and the need to anticipate in a positive manner the management of future migrations.

Furthermore, the SSEFI delegation had, other constructive meetings in New York with UN Women, the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), UN Environment (UNEP), the International Labour Organization (ILO), and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).



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