

# ACE Abstract

**Title:** Measuring the SDGs feels out of your co-operative's reach? Not anymore!

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**Abstract:** You have heard about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), but feel you do not have enough information. You have wondered how you can bring the SDG framework to your co-operative. Measuring the SDGs has felt out of your co-operative's reach? Not anymore! There is a great opportunity for co-operatives to learn more about the SDGs, to move beyond commentary and reflection on sustainability in general, and to a place of action and implementation based on the SDG targets. In this interactive presentation you will accomplish three tasks: 1) you will learn more about the SDG framework and how it connects to co-operatives; 2) you will have a chance to measure and report on key indicators within the SDG framework; and 3) you will gain insight into how you can stretch measuring and reporting on your co-operatives' activities to the SDGs.

**Bios:**

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Fiona Duguid (PhD) is a researcher based out of Chelsea, Quebec. She conducts research focusing on co-operatives, social economy, sustainability and community economic development. She is a Research Fellow with the Centre of Excellence on Accounting and Reporting of Co-operatives (CEARC) at Saint Mary's University, and an instructor in the SMU Co-operative Business Management program, as well as the MBA program (CED) at Cape Breton University.

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Eric Gosselin

Eric is the CEARC SDG Research Associate. He is the *hamster in the wheel* or the *monkey behind the wrench*, so to speak. In his normal life, he is member of Les Surveillantes, a band that operates as a worker co-op. He is co-founder of Coop Vélo-Cité in Saint-Boniface, Manitoba and just graduated from the Co-op Management Master's program at Saint Mary's University.

**Resources**

More information on this research project can be found on the CEARC, SMU website.

<http://www.smu.ca/academics/sobey/research-cearc.html>