

Wine & Wisdom Discussion Topic #2

“International Social Enterprise: What’s really happening out there?”

Moderators

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The Small Enterprise Educational and Promotional (SEEP) Network (www.seepnetwork.org) is a US NGO connecting microenterprise development practitioners in a global networking and learning environment to reduce poverty through the power of enterprise. For 25 years, SEEP has engaged 80+ institutional members active in 180 countries and reach over 35 million microentrepreneurs and their families worldwide.

The Value Initiative (<http://communities.seepnetwork.org/edexchange/node/116>) at The SEEP Network advances sustainable economic development and urban value chain development to help millions of people work their way out of poverty. Initiative activities include two practitioner learning programs (PLP) - one on Urban Value Chain Development and one on Business Planning for Sustainability and Scale-up.

