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- Introduce main economic issues behind the desirability of tools to facilitate inter-firm “cooperation and “contractual networks”
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- Global overview of challenges faced by MSMEs (domestic / international)
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- Platform economy: how new economy shapes MSME contracting practices
- MSME networks in the global economy



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL #8:

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

Target #8.3:

Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and *encourage the formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises*, including through access to financial services.

[emphasis added]



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL #2:

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

Target #3.3:

By 2030, double the agricultural productivity and **incomes of small-scale food producers**, in particular women, indigenous peoples, family farmers, pastoralists and fishers, including through secure and equal access to land, other productive resources and inputs, knowledge, **financial services, markets and opportunities** for value addition and non-farm employment.

[emphasis added]



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL #5:

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

Target #5.A:

Undertake reforms to give women **equal rights to economic resources**, as well as **access to ownership and control** over land and other forms of **property, financial services**, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws.

[emphasis added]



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL #9:

Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.

Target #9.3:

Increase the **access of small-scale industrial and other enterprises**, in particular in developing countries, **to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets.**

[emphasis added]



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL #10:

Reduce inequality within and among countries.

Target #10.1:

By 2030, progressively **achieve and sustain income growth of the bottom 40 per cent of the population** at a rate higher than the national average.

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