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HOW TO FACE CURRENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGES?

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INTERGENERATIONAL SOLIDARITY: BRINGING TOGETHER SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Abstract
Intergenerational solidarity comprises the connection and exchange between generations. In a time when demographics show an increase in the older population in comparison with its younger counterpart, it seems important that social and economic development should no longer be focused on the dated paradigm of investing only in the education of the youngest generation. Our proposal points to the need for a more integrated approach to generations in order to build policies and programs that promote social and economic development, through an inter/multigenerational perspective. Therefore our proposal is to combine inter- and intra-generationality with social entrepreneurship; in this way, economic development would be not an end but a means to the great goal of achieving more well-being.

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Introduction
The topic of intergenerational solidarity emerges associated with (and is inseparable from) population aging (Newman et al., 1997). Population aging starts by being viewed as a “social problem”, as it undermines the