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National social work organisations are **Members** of IFSW

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Regions represent IFSW around the globe

5+ mio

Social Workers are represented by IFSW

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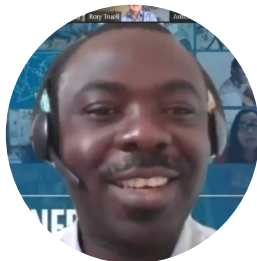
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«The year 2022 has been ground-breaking for the profession»



Joachim Mumba
IFSW President



Rory Truell
IFSW Secretary General

Dear colleagues and friends, 2022 has highlighted the challenges we face and the social work solutions. Never before have global authorities spoken so favourably on the need for social work to counteract the international crises that nation-states cannot fix. The comments from the Global People's Summit came from the leaders of the UN, mass movements, social activists, and communities as they recognised how essential social work is to sustainable change.

In this report we will highlight the key social work events of 2022 in the order of the timeline that they took place:

The Theme of Ubuntu and Recognition of Community Power

2022 began with the continuation of global social work theme: Ubuntu. The theme emerged from the IFSW online world conference in 2020 extending the profes-

sion's learning on indigenous approaches in social work and re-confirming our role in community development. IFSW member organisations worldwide held seminars and workshops examining the theme of Ubuntu and how local cultures can be supported to co-develop sustainable social, environmental, and economic transformation.

On January 1st, 2022 IFSW noted

"On top of the years of inability to transform contexts of poverty and violence, the world has learnt a lot in 2021. We have learnt about people's extraordinary ability to care for one another under lockdown situations. We have also learnt that people wary of vaccines articulate a distrust of their political surroundings that must be addressed. We have witnessed the limitations of governments to work together, in all people's interests, to ensure everyone has access and support to become vaccinated. We have seen high-level polit-

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ical gatherings fail to act fast enough to right the wrongs of climate change. We learnt that inequality grows even faster under the pandemic, driving over 120 million into extreme poverty, while over the same period, the wealth of the world's billionaires more than doubled. Nearly everyone agrees the time for change is now."

Read the full article [here](#).

A new theme was then launched merging Ubuntu with a new international message of 'Co-Building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind'. To promote ideas and discussion, the IFSW Secretary-General published a paper in January entitled, '[Six Actions We Can Do Together to Co-Build A Sustainable And Fair World](#)'. The idea of the *People's Global Summit* was to bring together representatives at global and local levels to consider and identify the changes we needed to make to co-build sustainability, justice, and peace in everyone's lives. Realising this was to be a multi-year process, IFSW planned many events. The People's Global Summit in June 2022 and regional conferences planned throughout 2023, and in preparation for 2024, the then IFSW President Silvana Martinez, and Secretary-General, Rory Truell travelled to Panama in February to finalise the contract for a world event with the theme, 'Respecting Diversity Through Joint Social Action'.

Realising the Role of Social Work Education in Social Change

In February, the IFSW Education Commission made its [first endorsement of a social](#)

[work programme](#) that sought recognition it met the new international social work education standards. In the endorsement process it was shown that Han University (the Netherlands) identified its role as a key actor in social development by partnering with local communities worldwide to effect social change. The approach is adapted from Christ University in Bangalore (India) [where IFSW observed the social work department's successful sustained partnership with communities](#) resulting in a rapid social and economic transformation.

These and other examples highlight the effectiveness of social work educational providers when they recognise their role, beyond providing education, but as centres for local social change.

Ukraine: Working Beyond Humanitarian Aid

Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, IFSW responded immediately with IFSW European members rallying to the borders during the first days of the invasion. Our colleagues assembled at the geographical borders where Ukraine meets Romania, Poland, Hungary, and Moldova. They knew what to do, and what not to do as the profession had learnt a lot from other refugee crises and the complexities of supporting communities fleeing war and the impact on established communities of new arrivals. In this instance, the social workers were determined to change the culture of top-down tools applied by the international community and, instead, co-build dignified options

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for refugees and the communities receiving them.

IFSW's role extended over the following weeks and months heroically coordinated by Ana Radulescu, involving an invitation from a province in Ukraine to establish a partnership with IFSW to meet the significant needs of local and internally displaced people under war conditions. Ana, along with Herbert Paulischin (Austrian Association), members of the As Pro As (Romanian Association) entered Ukraine each fortnight to provide advice and coordinate support donated by IFSW member organisations. Representatives from the German and Italian associations also joined the trips as well as Rory Truell working closely with Ana supporting the developments.

Naturally the IFSW work is continuing in Ukraine and for more information a full report outlining the IFSW approach can be found [here](#) along with other commentary in this End of Year Report. This work is being closely observed by the international social development communities as it is breaking new ground on understanding how to effectively apply social development under war conditions. This has involved the establishment of community-led social kitchens, social enterprises, a social supermarket as well as supporting local responses to provide housing and clothing for internally displaced people.

We note with enormous gratitude that many IFSW member organisations have raised funds to support this work. It would have been impossible without them. We

also acknowledge that the foundations of this model of practice lie in the experiences shared by colleagues in other war zones, particularly Yemen, El Salvador, Northern Ireland and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

We also take this opportunity to comment that IFSW is in regular contact with social workers and member organisations who are currently in other war zones. Several have recently approached us asking if the Federation can provide the same support, as in Ukraine, in their situations. The answer is yes. Associations that are independent and able to advance a social work perspective of community development and peacebuilding have IFSW's full support. Social work organisations working towards their independent role or are carefully managing their relationship with an authoritative government/regime also have our full support in their journeys. The social work response to the war in Ukraine is the latest development of our global profession's learning on professional practice in war conditions, these learnings can be considered and adapted in all war zones and if advice and support is needed, please contact the IFSW Secretariat.

World Social Work Day and Expanding Partnerships

The month of March brought World Social Work Day which was celebrated and used as a moment of global action by over 140 national associations of social work. The theme acted as a pre-cursor to the upcoming

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ing Global People's Summit, 'Co-Building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind'. This year partners to the Summit also joined us in highlighting social work, for example, [the global trade union movement for workers in the public services](#).

In addition to IFSW members and partners actions, the IFSW UN Commission co-organised online events at the UN headquarters in New York and Geneva as well as in regional offices. The Geneva event was co-sponsored by The United Nations Research Institute for Social Development who recognise social work as an essential and key reference point to social development.

Also, in March the IFSW Education Commission partnered with universities to commence a free structured education programme on Social Work in Contexts of War and Conflict. The well attended programme set a new benchmark in the outward focusing Federation and resulted in calls for more programmes. The IFSW Ethics Commission, with the Social Work Ethics Research Group (SWERG), further commenced a series of regional webinars exploring social work ethics during the pandemic.

In April, IFSW was [invited to co-launch Global Public Health Week](#) by the World Federation of Public Health Associations. The launch involved an online panel discussion with representatives of each body discussing how to close the gaps between health and social services. Each organisation committed to carrying on this work and plans were developed to create guidelines for communities and policy makers

on developing integrated services that work in partnership with communities.

In partnership with Bath Spa University and the University of Ulster, IFSW representative's David Jones, Silvana Martinez and Rory Truell in April 2022, relaunched the Global Social Work Working Conditions and Wellbeing survey. This second survey shed more light on social work pay and conditions than the previous pilot study and is now being used as an advocacy tool for increasing wages and bettering conditions across the profession. The [results were published](#) later in the year in the IFSW co-owned International Journal of Social Work.

The IFSW General Assembly

The 2022 IFSW General Assembly was held in May as an online event due to travel restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. With over 100 member associations registered, representatives were able to continue our ongoing learning and mutual support. The outgoing President, Silvana Martinez, who had completed her 4-year term was acknowledged and thanked for dedication to her office, alongside Rose Henderson, Vice Global President and Regional President for Asia-Pacific, and Larry Alicea Rodríguez, Regional President for Latin America and Caribbean Region.

Joachim Mumba from Zambia was elected unopposed as the new President. He had previously held the role of Regional Vice President Africa. In his place Oluwatoni

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Modupe Adeleke (Nigeria) was elected. John Brennan (Ireland) as Vice President Europe was re-elected for second term. Kenia Batista (Panama) was elected as Regional President Latin America and Caribbean and Joan Davis-Whelan (Canada) became Regional President North America and Mildred Joyner (USA) became Vice President North America. They join the other elected executive members that remain in post: Victor Ivan Garcia-Toro (Puerto Rico) Treasurer, Noel Muridzo (Zimbabwe) African Regional President, Sriganesh M V (India) as Asia-Pacific Regional Vice-President, Ana Radulescu (Romania) European Regional President and Tania Maria Ramos (Brazil) as Latin America and Caribbean Regional Vice President.

The new executive met after the General Assembly and appointed Ana Radulescu as IFSW Global Vice President and Jane Shears as the IFSW Ethics Commissioner.

A new policy was also approved at the General Assembly, [The Role of Social Workers in Advancing a New Eco-Social World](#), which had been developed and submitted by the IFSW UN Commission. The policy updates the professions description of human rights, recognising the broader ranges of rights and responsibilities involved with social work practice. The holistic rights framework is described in the policy as:

"A Holistic Rights Framework recognizes individual human rights, (dignity and fundamental freedoms), social human rights, (civil, economic, and political), cultural rights, eco- system rights, and the broader

rights of nature. Within this framework are driving values and principles: Recognizing the importance of diversity, sustainability, self-determination, and that all people are responsible to protect and advance the rights of others as well as nature. The aim of the framework is to establish a consensus that balances all rights through participatory engagement in inclusive policies and practices for our shared futures."

We note the importance of this new description and the consequential need to update many older policies.

The IFSW executive also announced that the executive Censure of the Israeli Union of Social Workers had been withdrawn following their statement: *"The Israeli Union of Social Workers supports the full and equal rights of both Palestinians and Israelis. It respects and promotes the right to self-determination for all peoples. Our members desire a just end to the conflict and a life where no one feels threatened or has their right to security undermined."*

The executive further recognised the need for ongoing work with Israel and Palestine to give life to the intentions of the statement.

During the General Meeting, the IFSW Executive further announced that the award of the Andrew Mouravieff-Apostol Medal (former IFSW Secretary-General) went to [Charles Mbugua, IFSW representative to the UN in Nairobi, past Global Vice President and President of the African region, and also to the Council of International Fellowship.](#)

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Loss of IFSW Colleague

John Stark (1951 to 2022) was a regular attendee of IFSW meetings and conferences and husband of a former IFSW President Ruth Stark. He passed away in June after a long illness. Thank you John, we will miss you and always remember your wisdom and passion for social work. Ruth, we are and will always be here with you and your family.

The Peoples Global Summit

The Peoples Global Summit, initiated by IFSW and co-facilitated with UNRISD concluded on the 2nd of July. It brought together communities, global organisations, the UN, mass movements, religious faiths, governments, trade unions and professions representing 100s of millions of people.

The event was formally opened by Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General, and closed by Rebeca Grynsperg, Secretary General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. Many activists and community leaders provided keynotes alongside the partner organisation's addresses. Running for 24 hours for four days, participants interacted and made contributions throughout the Summit. It concluded with the launch of ['The Peoples Charter for an Eco-social World'](#).

The Charter sets a new course for international development. It recognises that most nation states are self-serving and

lack the necessary principle of 'cooperation for common good' to act on major world challenges. Further, that nation states tend to be blind and deaf to the unique communities of which they comprise. For example, the larger nation states are unaware of the strengths and potential that sits within the communities. The Charter pronounces that it is necessary to transfer power to the people. It notes that people do not want war in their lives or war in other people's lives. That people do not want to live in poverty, nor do they want other people to live in poverty. The Charter, and the international partners who formed the summit confirm that people's assemblies provide better forms of democracy and inclusion which leads to sustainability, justice and better life quality.

The Summit partners committed to keep on working together in recognising, supporting and initiating people's assemblies and continue to look for IFSW's leadership in taking this – the world's largest mass movement – forward. Our work in the Summit was entirely based on social work principles and practice. The practice examples stem from social worker's supporting and facilitating communities to come together and collectively make decisions on their shared futures. The partners found these examples inspiring, such as these from [India](#), [Rwanda](#), [Uganda](#), [Zambia](#), [Scotland](#), [Bangladesh](#), [Iran](#), and [Costa Rica](#). Each of these examples have been generated by IFSW members and

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shared through the Federation's channels of shared learning and development.

We take this opportunity to thank all IFSW members for not only providing examples of community power, but also for your unwavering support for the Summit. This consequential event could not have taken place without you.

Governance Between General Assemblies: The IFSW Global Executive

Following the General Assembly, the new IFSW executive has met regularly online. In the first post-Assembly meeting, it was affirmed that we would meet no less than four times a year. This is a big contrast to the pre-pandemic era when the Executive normally met face to face once per year. We have had some difficult decisions to make. One example is the Federation's commitment to hybrid events as we move forward. The conditions of the pandemic illustrated that online meetings create far greater participation and inclusion and yet there is still a need for face-to-face encounters. The next General Assembly will therefore be held as a hybrid event along with forthcoming IFSW conferences. This has placed some strain on both the conference hosts and the international Secretariat in responding to concerns that creating free online access may undermine the conferences that need registration fees for their viability. This is a 'learn as we go' situation, and we are confident that we will find solutions.

The Executive has re-prioritised the budget now that international travel is again possible. During the pandemic we had increased staffing to support online events and to free time for the Secretary-General in coordinating and sharing information on the social work response to the pandemic and co-facilitating the Summit. With this phase largely behind us, the Executive have redirected funds towards being able to meet for the first time since 2019. The next such meeting will take place next May in Prague, coinciding with the IFSW European regional conference.

As a result of the budget changes the Secretariat staffing was reduced by ¼ and we thank **Lola Casal** for the role she played as IFSW International Membership Manager since 2019 and before in other key roles within the Secretariat. Her tasks have been absorbed by the remaining 3 staff, **Rory, Pascal and Mayaka**.

In November the Executive further decided to put the IFSW Human Rights Commission on pause (temporarily disband) until work can be completed to develop a new scope and purpose for the HRC. Without pre-empting the outcome of this project, it is envisaged that a relaunch would be inclusive of the intents of both the original purpose of the Commission as well as the new policy paper adopted at the 2022 General Meeting which updated IFSW's expression of rights to include social and environmental rights along with human rights. The consultation and development work on this will be undertaken in time for a pro-

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posal to be put before the General Meeting in 2024.

In the interim, the Secretariat and Executive will continue to make statements on human (and other) rights and act to defend social workers when their rights have been abused.

The Executive thanked Commissioner **Xanthis Suarez** and all the regional representatives for all their work and contributions to the work of the Human Rights Commission.

The year ended on a further high note with three more national associations of social work being admitted as full members. The National Alliance of Professional Social Workers of Kazakhstan, the Guinea-Bissau Association of Social Workers and the National Association of Social Workers Ukraine (NASWU) have been successful in their applications to join the International Federation of Social Workers. We welcome them all, and along with the other 147 national associations, we look forward to working with them in advancing the social work profession.

Conclusion

The year 2022 has been ground-breaking for the social work profession. It follows from the [extraordinary work that social workers performed under the lockdown phases](#) on the pandemic. A time when

many governments recognised social work as an essential profession. The Summit and the IFSW partnership in Ukraine, build on the work and examples of IFSW members, have helped shape new global understandings of social development and we can expect further developments in 2023.

As you will see elsewhere in this report, the Commissions, some of which have only recently been formed, are striving forward. These operational branches of the Federation comprise expert and skilled social worker volunteers. Other volunteers, such as past Presidents and officials continue to dedicate their time in helping to prepare statements, run projects and to give considered advice on complex issues.

Members are also showing significant solidarity with other IFSW members. We have cited above the example of Ukraine, but we can also mention Myanmar, Iran, Palestine and other countries that are experiencing significant social challenge. The team spirit and commitment across the Federation is running at a high and we look forward to this continuation in the year to come.

Thank you to all in IFSW, your contributions, your support and dedication for advancing the profession's role is second to none. We wish you a wonderful 2023.

Joachim Mumba, IFSW President &
Rory Truell, IFSW Secretary-General

«El año 2022 ha sido pionero para la profesión»



Joachim Mumba
Presidente FITS



Rory Truell
Secretario General FITS

Estimados colegas, amigos y amigas: 2022 ha puesto de relieve los retos a los que nos enfrentamos y las soluciones del Trabajo Social. Nunca antes las autoridades mundiales se habían pronunciado con tanta certeza sobre la necesidad del Trabajo Social para contrarrestar las crisis internacionales que los Estados nación no pueden solucionar. Los comentarios recibidos durante la Cumbre Mundial de los Pueblos, de líderes de la ONU, movimientos de masas, activistas sociales y comunidades, reconocieron cuán esencial es el Trabajo Social para el cambio sostenible.

En este informe, destacaremos los eventos clave del Trabajo Social durante el 2022.

El tema de Ubuntu y el reconocimiento del poder comunitario

2022 comenzó con la continuación del tema del Trabajo Social global: Ubuntu. El

tema surgió de la conferencia mundial en línea de la FITS en el 2020, ampliando el aprendizaje de la profesión sobre los enfoques indígenas en el Trabajo Social y reafirmando nuestro papel en el desarrollo comunitario. Las organizaciones de la FITS en todo el mundo realizaron seminarios y talleres sobre el tema de Ubuntu y cómo se puede apoyar a las culturas locales para desarrollar conjuntamente una transformación social, ambiental y económica sostenible.

El 1 de enero del 2022, la FITS señaló:

“Más allá de los años de ineficacia a la hora de transformar contextos de pobreza y violencia, el mundo ha aprendido mucho en 2021. Hemos aprendido sobre la extraordinaria capacidad de las personas para cuidarse unas a otras en situaciones de encierro. También hemos aprendido que las personas que se niegan a vacunarse manifiestan una desconfianza hacia su entorno político que es preciso abordar.

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Hemos sido testigos de las limitaciones de los gobiernos para trabajar para el interés de todas las personas, para garantizar que todas ellas tengan acceso y apoyo para vacunarse. Hemos visto cómo reuniones políticas de alto nivel no actuaban con la rapidez suficiente para corregir los males del cambio climático. Hemos aprendido que la desigualdad crece aún más rápido bajo la pandemia, llevando a más de 120 millones a la pobreza extrema, mientras que, durante el mismo periodo, la riqueza de los multimillonarios del mundo se ha más que duplicado. Casi todo el mundo está de acuerdo en que el momento de cambiar es ahora”

Lea el artículo completo [aquí](#).

Se lanzó, entonces, un nuevo tema que combinaba Ubuntu con un nuevo mensaje internacional de 'Construir juntos y juntas un nuevo mundo ecosocial: sin dejar a nadie atrás'. Para promover ideas y debates, el secretario general de la FITS publicó en enero un documento titulado '[Seis acciones que podemos realizar juntos y juntas para construir un mundo sostenible y justo](#)'. La idea de la Cumbre Mundial de los Pueblos era reunir representantes a nivel mundial y local para considerar e identificar los cambios necesarios para construir la sostenibilidad, la justicia y la paz en la vida de todas las personas. Al darse cuenta de que esto iba a ser un proceso de varios años, la FITS planeó muchos eventos: la Cumbre Mundial de los Pueblos en junio de

2022 y las conferencias regionales planificadas a lo largo del 2023, y en preparación para el 2024. La entonces presidenta de la FITS, Silvana Martínez, y el secretario general, Rory Truell, viajaron a Panamá en febrero para ultimar el contrato para un evento internacional con el tema 'Respetar la Diversidad a través de la Acción Social Conjunta'.

Tomar consciencia del Rol de la Educación en Trabajo Social para el Cambio Social

En febrero, la Comisión de Educación de la FITS por primera vez dio su [aval a un programa de Trabajo Social](#) que buscaba el reconocimiento de que cumplía con los nuevos estándares internacionales de educación en Trabajo Social. Este proceso de evaluación demostró que la Universidad de Han (Países Bajos) había identificado su papel como actor clave en el desarrollo social al asociarse con comunidades locales de todo el mundo para llevar a cabo el cambio social. El enfoque es una adaptación tomada de la Universidad Christ de Bangalore (India), [donde la FITS observó el éxito de la cooperación sostenida del Departamento de Trabajo Social junto a las comunidades](#), que dio lugar a una rápida transformación social y económica.

Estos y otros ejemplos resaltan la eficacia de los proveedores de educación en Trabajo Social cuando reconocen su papel como centros para el cambio social local.

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Ucrania: Trabajar Más Allá de la Ayuda Humanitaria

Ante la invasión rusa de Ucrania en febrero del 2022, la respuesta de la FITS no se hizo esperar. Durante los primeros días de la invasión, nuestros miembros europeos se reunieron en las fronteras geográficas entre Ucrania, Rumania, Polonia, Hungría y Moldavia. Ya sabían qué hacer y qué no hacer, de acuerdo a los aprendizajes de la profesión a partir de otras crisis de refugiados/as y las complejidades de apoyar a las comunidades que huyen de la guerra y su impacto en las comunidades establecidas. En este caso, los trabajadores y trabajadoras sociales estaban decididos a cambiar la cultura verticalista aplicada por la comunidad internacional y, en cambio, construir colaborativamente opciones dignas para las personas refugiadas y las comunidades que las reciben.

El papel de la FITS se extendió durante las siguientes semanas y meses, coordinado heroicamente por Ana Radulescu, a partir de una invitación de una provincia en Ucrania para establecer una asociación con la FITS para satisfacer las necesidades de las personas locales y desplazadas en condiciones de guerra. Ana, junto con Herbert Paulischin (asociación austriaca), miembros de As Pro As (asociación rumana) ingresaron a Ucrania cada quince días para brindar asesoramiento y coordinar el apoyo ofrecido por las organizaciones miembros de la FITS. Representantes de

las asociaciones alemana e italiana también se sumaron a los viajes, así como Rory Truell, que trabajó en estrecha colaboración con Ana para apoyar estos avances.

Naturalmente, el trabajo de la FITS continúa en Ucrania. Para obtener más información, pueden encontrar un informe completo que describe el enfoque de la FITS [aquí](#), además de las consideraciones vertidas en este Informe de Fin de Año. Este trabajo está siendo observado de cerca por las comunidades internacionales, ya que está abriendo nuevos caminos en la comprensión de cómo aplicar de manera efectiva el desarrollo social en condiciones de guerra. Esto ha implicado el establecimiento de comedores, empresas y supermercados socio-comunitarios así como el apoyo a las respuestas locales a la hora de proporcionar vestimenta y vivienda a las personas desplazadas internamente.

Extendemos nuestra enorme gratitud a las muchas organizaciones miembros de la FITS que han recaudado fondos para apoyar este trabajo. Hubiera sido imposible sin ellas. También reconocemos que los cimientos de este modelo de práctica se encuentran en las experiencias en otras zonas de guerra compartidas por colegas - particularmente en Yemen, El Salvador, Irlanda del Norte y Bosnia y Herzegovina.

También aprovechamos esta oportunidad para destacar que la FITS está en contacto regular con trabajadores y trabajadoras sociales y organizaciones miembros que

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se encuentran actualmente en otras zonas de guerra. Varios/as se nos han acercado recientemente para preguntarnos si la Federación puede brindarles el mismo apoyo que se está dando en Ucrania. La respuesta es sí. Las asociaciones independientes y capaces de promover una perspectiva del Trabajo Social sobre el desarrollo comunitario y la consolidación de la paz cuentan con el apoyo pleno de la FITS. Las organizaciones de Trabajo Social que estén trabajando hacia su independencia en relación a un gobierno/régimen autoritario también cuentan con todo nuestro apoyo. La respuesta del Trabajo Social a la guerra en Ucrania es solo el último desarrollo en el aprendizaje de nuestra profesión global sobre la práctica profesional en condiciones de guerra. Estos aprendizajes pueden ser considerados y adaptados en todas las zonas de guerra y, en caso de requerir asesoramiento o apoyo, pueden comunicarse con la Secretaría de la FITS.

Día Mundial del Trabajo Social y Ampliación de Asociaciones

El mes de marzo trajo consigo el Día Mundial del Trabajo Social, que fue celebrado como una oportunidad para la acción global por más de 140 asociaciones nacionales de Trabajo Social. El tema sirvió de antesala para la Cumbre Mundial de los Pueblos, 'Construir juntos y juntas un nuevo mundo ecosocial: sin dejar a nadie atrás', cuyos socios se nos han unido para destacar el Trabajo Social, como en el caso [del](#)

[movimiento sindical mundial para los trabajadores y trabajadoras de los servicios públicos.](#)

Además de las acciones de los miembros y socios de la FITS, la Comisión de la ONU de la FITS coorganizó eventos en línea desde las sedes centrales de la ONU en Nueva York y Ginebra, así como en las oficinas regionales. El evento de Ginebra fue copatrocinado por el Instituto de Investigación de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo Social, que reconoce al Trabajo Social como un punto de referencia esencial y clave para el desarrollo social.

Asimismo, en marzo, la Comisión de Educación de la FITS se asoció con universidades para comenzar un programa educativo gratuito sobre Trabajo Social en Contextos de Guerra y Conflicto. El programa, que contó con una gran asistencia, estableció un nuevo punto de referencia para la Federación y dio lugar a solicitudes de más programas. La Comisión de Ética de la FITS, junto al Grupo de Investigación de Ética del Trabajo Social (SWERG), comenzó una serie de seminarios web regionales sobre la ética del Trabajo Social en el contexto de la pandemia.

En abril, [la Federación Mundial de Asociaciones de Salud Pública invitó a la FITS a participar en el lanzamiento de la Semana Mundial de la Salud Pública.](#) El lanzamiento involucró un panel de discusión en línea en la que representantes de cada organismo debatieron cómo reducir las brechas entre los servicios sociales y sanitarios. Cada organización se comprometió a lle-

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var a cabo este trabajo y se elaboraron planes para crear pautas para las comunidades y los/as responsables de formular políticas sobre el desarrollo de servicios integrados que trabajen en colaboración con las comunidades.

En abril de 2022, y en asociación con la Universidad de Bath Spa y la Universidad de Ulster, los representantes de la FITS, David Jones, Silvana Martínez y Rory Truell, relanzaron la encuesta Condiciones Laborales y de Bienestar del Trabajo Social Global (Global Social Work Working Conditions and Wellbeing). Esta segunda encuesta arrojó más luz sobre la remuneración y las condiciones laborales del Trabajo Social que el estudio anterior y ahora se utiliza como una herramienta favor del aumento salarial y del mejoramiento de las condiciones laborales para toda la profesión. Los [resultados se publicaron](#) ese año en el International Journal of Social Work, propiedad conjunta de la FITS.

La Asamblea General de la FITS

La Asamblea General de la FITS 2022 se llevó a cabo en mayo como un evento en línea debido a las restricciones de viaje causadas por la pandemia. Con más de 100 asociaciones registradas, los y las representantes pudieron continuar sus aprendizajes y apoyo mutuos. Se reconoció y agradeció la dedicación a su cargo a la presidenta saliente, Silvana Martínez, al haber completado su mandato de 4 años, junto con Rose Henderson, vicepresidenta global y presidenta regional de Asia-Pacífico, y Larry Alicea Rodríguez, presi-

dente regional de América Latina y el Caribe.

Joachim Mumba (Zambia) fue elegido sin oposición como nuevo presidente. Anteriormente había ocupado el cargo de vicepresidente regional de África. En su lugar fue elegida Oluwatoni Modupe Adeleke (Nigeria). John Brennan (Irlanda) fue reelegido para un segundo mandato como vicepresidente de Europa. Kenia Batista (Panamá) fue elegida presidenta regional de América Latina y el Caribe. Joan Davis-Whelan (Canadá) asumió la presidencia regional de Norteamérica y Mildred Joyner (EE. UU.), la vicepresidencia. Se suman a los otros miembros ejecutivos electos que permanecen en el cargo: Víctor Iván García-Toro (Puerto Rico), tesorero; Noel Muridzo (Zimbabwe), presidente regional de África; Sriganesh MV (India), vicepresidente regional de Asia-Pacífico; Ana Radulescu (Rumania), presidenta regional de Europa; Tânia Maria Ramos (Brasil), vicepresidenta regional de América Latina y el Caribe.

El nuevo comité ejecutivo se reunió después de la Asamblea General y nombró a Ana Radulescu como vicepresidenta global de la FITS y a Jane Shears como comisionada de Ética de la FITS. También se aprobó una nueva política en la Asamblea General, [El papel de los trabajadores y trabajadoras sociales en el avance de un nuevo mundo ecosocial](#), que había sido desarrollada y presentada por la Comisión de la ONU de la FITS. Esta política actualiza la descripción que hace la profesión en relación a los derechos humanos, al ampliar los parámetros de derechos y responsabi-

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lidades implicados en la práctica del Trabajo Social. Este marco holístico de derechos se describe de la siguiente manera:

“Un marco holístico de derechos reconoce los derechos humanos individuales (dignidad y libertades fundamentales), los derechos humanos sociales (civiles, económicos y políticos), los derechos culturales, los derechos del ecosistema y los derechos más amplios de la naturaleza. Dentro de este marco encontramos valores y principios impulsores: reconocer la importancia de la diversidad, la sostenibilidad, la autodeterminación y que todas las personas son responsables de proteger y promover los derechos de las demás, así como los de la naturaleza. El objetivo de este marco es establecer un consenso que equilibre todos los derechos a través del compromiso participativo en políticas y prácticas inclusivas para nuestros futuros compartidos”.

Tomamos nota de la importancia de esta nueva descripción y la consiguiente necesidad de actualizar muchas políticas anteriores.

El comité ejecutivo de la FITS también anunció la suspensión de la censura ejecutiva de la Unión Israelí de Trabajadores Sociales tras su declaración: *“La Unión de Trabajadores Sociales de Israel respeta los derechos plenos e iguales de palestinos e israelíes y promueve el derecho a la autodeterminación de todos los pueblos. Nuestros miembros desean un final justo del conflicto y una vida en la que nadie se*

sienta amenazado o vea socavado su derecho a la seguridad”. El comité ejecutivo reconoció igualmente la necesidad de un trabajo continuo con Israel y Palestina para dar vida a las intenciones de esta declaración.

Durante la Asamblea General, el comité ejecutivo de la FITS anunció a su vez la concesión de la Medalla Andrew Mouravieff-Apostol (ex secretario general de la FITS) fue a [Charles Mbugua, representante de la FITS ante la ONU en Nairobi, anterior vicepresidente global y presidente de la región africana y también del Consejo de Fraternidad Internacional.](#)

Pérdida de un colega de la FITS

John Stark (1951-2022) era un asiduo asistente a las reuniones y conferencias de la FITS y esposo de Ruth Stark, presidenta de la FITS. Falleció en junio tras una larga enfermedad. Gracias John, te extrañaremos y siempre recordaremos tu sabiduría y pasión por el Trabajo Social. Ruth, estamos y estaremos siempre contigo y con tu familia.

La Cumbre Mundial de los Pueblos

La Cumbre Mundial de los Pueblos, impulsada por la FITS y cofacilitada por UNRISD, concluyó el 2 de julio. Reunió a comunidades, organizaciones internacionales, la ONU, movimientos de masas, religiosos, gobiernos, sindicatos y profesiones que representan a cientos de millones de personas.

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El evento fue inaugurado formalmente por António Guterres, secretario general de la ONU, y clausurado por Rebeca Grynszpan, secretaria general de la Conferencia de las Naciones Unidas sobre Comercio y Desarrollo. Activistas y líderes comunitarios ofrecieron discursos junto a los de las organizaciones asociadas. Durante las 24 horas de los cuatro días que duró la Cumbre, los y las participantes interactuaron e hicieron contribuciones. Concluyó con el lanzamiento de '[La Carta de los Pueblos para un Mundo Ecosocial](#)'.

La Carta marca un nuevo rumbo para el desarrollo internacional. Reconoce que la mayoría de los Estados nación carecen del principio necesario de 'cooperación para el bien común' para hacer frente a los grandes desafíos mundiales y tienden, además, a hacer oídos sordos frente a las comunidades únicas que los constituyen, desconocen sus fortalezas y potencialidades. La Carta afirma que es necesario otorgar el poder al pueblo, que la gente no quiere la guerra en sus vida ni en la de sus semejantes, ni vivir en la pobreza, y que las asambleas populares brindan las mejores formas de democracia e inclusión con miras a la sostenibilidad, la justicia y una mejor calidad de vida.

Los socios de la Cumbre se comprometieron a seguir trabajando juntos en el reconocimiento, el apoyo y la puesta en marcha de asambleas populares y a seguir apostando por el liderazgo de la FITS para llevar adelante este movimiento de masas, el mayor del mundo. Nuestro trabajo para

la Cumbre se ha construido sobre los principios y la práctica del Trabajo Social. Los ejemplos de prácticas destacan del apoyo que los trabajadores y trabajadoras sociales proveen para que las comunidades se unan y tomen decisiones colectivas sobre sus futuros compartidos. Los socios encontraron inspiradores los ejemplos de [India](#), [Ruanda](#), [Uganda](#), [Zambia](#), [Escocia](#), [Bangladesh](#), [Irán](#) y [Costa Rica](#) -cada uno de los cuales ha sido generado por miembros de la FITS y compartido a través de sus canales de aprendizaje y desarrollo compartidos.

Aprovechamos esta oportunidad para agradecer a todos los miembros de la FITS no solo por brindar ejemplos de poder comunitario, sino también por su apoyo inquebrantable a la Cumbre. Este importante evento no habría podido celebrarse sin ustedes.

Gobernanza entre Asambleas Generales: El Comité Ejecutivo Global de la FITS

Después de la Asamblea General, el nuevo comité ejecutivo de la FITS se ha reunido regularmente en línea. Esto supone un gran contraste con la época anterior a la pandemia, cuando el comité ejecutivo normalmente se reunía cara a cara una vez al año. Hemos tenido que tomar algunas decisiones difíciles. Un ejemplo es el compromiso de la Federación con los eventos híbridos: la pandemia ha puesto de manifiesto que las reuniones en línea hacen posible una participación e inclusión mu-

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cho mayores y, sin embargo, todavía existe la necesidad de encuentros cara a cara. Por lo tanto, la próxima Asamblea General se llevará a cabo como un evento híbrido junto con las próximas conferencias de la FITS. Esto ha supuesto cierta presión tanto para los anfitriones de las conferencias como para la Secretaría a la hora de responder a la preocupación de que la creación de un acceso gratuito en línea pueda socavar las conferencias que necesitan tarifas de inscripción para su viabilidad. Esta es una situación sobre la que deberemos de aprender 'sobre la marcha', con la convicción de que encontraremos soluciones.

El comité ejecutivo ha redefinido las prioridades del presupuesto ahora que los viajes internacionales vuelven a ser posibles. Durante la pandemia, aumentamos el personal para apoyar los eventos en línea y para que el secretario general coordinara y compartiera información sobre la respuesta del Trabajo Social a la pandemia y coorganizara la Cumbre. Con esta fase en gran parte superada, el comité ejecutivo ha reorientado los fondos para poder reunirse por primera vez desde 2019. La próxima reunión de este tipo tendrá lugar el próximo mes de mayo en Praga, en coincidencia con la conferencia regional europea de la FITS.

Como resultado de los cambios en el presupuesto, el personal de la Secretaría se redujo en ¼ y agradecemos a **Lola Casal** por el papel que desempeñó como Manager de Membresía Internacional de la FITS

desde 2019 y anteriormente en otros roles clave dentro de la Secretaría. Sus tareas han sido absorbidas por los 3 miembros restantes del personal: **Rory, Pascal y Mayaka**.

En noviembre, el comité ejecutivo decidió además suspender la Comisión de Derechos Humanos de la FITS temporalmente) hasta que se pueda desarrollar un nuevo alcance y propósito para la CDH. Sin anticiparnos al resultado de este proyecto, se prevé que un relanzamiento incluiría tanto del propósito original de la Comisión como el de la nueva política adoptada en la Asamblea General del 2022, que actualizó la concepción de los derechos por parte de la FITS al incluir los derechos sociales y ambientales junto con los derechos humanos. El trabajo de consulta se llevará a cabo a tiempo para presentar una propuesta ante la Asamblea General en 2024.

Mientras tanto, la secretaria y el comité ejecutivo continuarán haciendo declaraciones sobre los derechos humanos (y otros) y actuarán para defender a los trabajadores y trabajadoras sociales cuando sus derechos hayan sido vulnerados.

El comité ejecutivo agradeció a la comisio-nada Xanthis Suárez García y a todos los y las representantes regionales por todo su trabajo y y sus contribuciones a la labor de la Comisión de Derechos Humanos.

El año terminó maravillosamente con la admisión de otras tres asociaciones nacionales de Trabajo Social como miembros de pleno derecho. La Alianza Nacional de

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Trabajadores Sociales Profesionales de Kazajstán, la Asociación de Trabajadores Sociales de Guinea-Bissau y la Asociación Nacional de Trabajadores Sociales de Ucrania (NASWU) han tenido éxito en sus solicitudes para unirse a la Federación Internacional de Trabajadores Sociales. Les damos la bienvenida a todos y, junto con las otras 147 asociaciones nacionales, esperamos trabajar con ellos en el avance de la profesión del Trabajo Social.

Conclusión

El año 2022 ha sido decisivo para la profesión de Trabajo Social. Se deriva del extraordinario trabajo que realizaron los trabajadores y trabajadoras sociales durante las fases de aislamiento de la pandemia, época en la que muchos gobiernos reconocieron el Trabajo Social como una profesión esencial. La Cumbre y la asociación de la FITS en Ucrania, basadas en el trabajo y los ejemplos de los miembros de la FITS, han contribuido a dar forma a una nueva comprensión global del desarrollo social y podemos esperar nuevos avances durante el 2023.

Como verán en otras partes de este infor-

me, las comisiones, algunas de las cuales se han constituido recientemente, se están esforzando por avanzar. Estas ramas operativas de la Federación están compuestas por trabajadores y trabajadoras sociales voluntarios, expertos y cualificados. Otros voluntarios, como ex presidentes y funcionarios, continúan dedicando su tiempo a ayudar a preparar declaraciones, ejecutar proyectos y brindar asesoramiento sobre temas complejos.

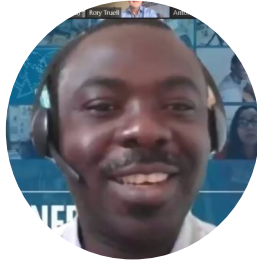
Los miembros también están mostrando gran solidaridad con otros miembros de la FITS. Hemos citado anteriormente el ejemplo de Ucrania, pero también podemos mencionar Myanmar, Irán, Palestina y otros países que están experimentando importantes desafíos sociales. El espíritu de equipo y el compromiso en toda la Federación es muy alto y esperamos que continúe así el año que viene.

Gracias a todos y todas dentro de la FITS: sus contribuciones, su apoyo y dedicación para hacer avanzar el papel de la profesión son insuperables. Les deseamos un maravilloso 2023.

Joachim Mumba, Presidente de la FITS y
Rory Truell, Secretario General de la FITS

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«L'année 2022 a été révolutionnaire pour la profession»



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Secrétaire général FITS

Chers collègues et amis, 2022 a mis en lumière les défis auxquels nous sommes confrontés et les solutions dans le domaine du travail social. Jamais auparavant les autorités mondiales n'ont parlé aussi favorablement de la nécessité du travail social pour contrer les crises internationales que les États-nations ne peuvent pas résoudre. Les commentaires du Sommet mondial des peuples sont venus des dirigeants de l'ONU, des collectifs, des acteurs sociaux et des communautés, qui ont reconnu à quel point le travail social est essentiel au changement durable.

Dans ce rapport, nous mettrons en évidence les événements clés du travail social de 2022 dans l'ordre chronologique où ils ont eu lieu :

Le thème de l'Ubuntu et de la reconnaissance du pouvoir de la communauté

L'année 2022 a commencé par la poursuite du thème du travail social mondial : l'Ubuntu. Le thème a émergé de la confé-

rence mondiale en ligne de la FITS en 2020, élargissant l'apprentissage de la profession sur les approches autochtones du travail social et reconfirmant notre rôle dans le développement communautaire. Les organisations membres de la FITS du monde entier ont organisé des séminaires et des ateliers sur le thème de l'Ubuntu et sur la manière dont les cultures locales peuvent être soutenues pour co-développer une transformation sociale, environnementale et économique durable.

Le 1^{er} janvier, l'IFSW 2022 observait :

« En plus des années d'incapacité à transformer les contextes de pauvreté et de violence, le monde a beaucoup appris en 2021. Nous avons appris l'extraordinaire capacité des gens à s'entraider dans des situations de confinement. Nous avons également appris que les personnes qui se méfient des vaccins expriment une défiance à l'égard de leur environnement politique qui doit être prise en compte. Nous avons été témoins des li-

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mites des gouvernements à travailler ensemble, dans l'intérêt de tous, pour garantir que chacun ait accès à la vaccination et bénéficie du soutien nécessaire pour se faire vacciner. Nous avons vu des rassemblements politiques de haut niveau échouer à agir assez rapidement pour anticiper les dommages causés par le changement climatique. Nous avons appris que les inégalités se creusent encore plus vite sous l'effet de la pandémie, faisant basculer plus de 120 millions de personnes dans l'extrême pauvreté, alors que, au cours de la même période, la richesse des milliardaires dans le monde a plus que doublé. Presque tout le monde s'accorde à dire que l'heure du changement a sonné. »

Lisez l'article complet [ici](#).

Un nouveau thème a ensuite été lancé, associant Ubuntu à un nouveau message international : « Co-construire un nouveau monde éco-social : ne laisser personne de côté ». Afin de promouvoir les idées et la discussion, le secrétaire général de la FITS a publié en janvier un document intitulé « [Six actions que nous pouvons mener ensemble pour co-construire un monde durable et équitable](#) ». L'idée du Sommet mondial des peuples était de réunir des représentants aux niveaux mondial et local afin d'étudier et d'identifier les changements à apporter pour co-construire la durabilité, la justice et la paix dans la vie de chacun. Consciente qu'il s'agissait d'un processus pluriannuel, l'IFSW a planifié de nombreux événements. Le Sommet mondial des peuples en juin 2022 et les conférences régionales prévues tout au long de l'an-

née 2023, et en préparation de l'année 2024, la présidente de la FITS de l'époque, Silvana Martinez, et le secrétaire général, Rory Truell, se sont rendus au Panama en février pour finaliser le contrat relatif à un événement mondial sur le thème « Respecter la diversité par une action sociale conjointe ».

Reconnaissance du rôle de la formation au travail social dans le changement social

En février, la commission de l'éducation de la FITS a approuvé [pour la première fois un programme de travail social](#) visant à faire reconnaître son respect des nouvelles normes internationales d'enseignement du travail social. Au cours du processus d'approbation, il a été démontré que l'Université de Han (Pays-Bas) a identifié son rôle en tant qu'acteur clé du développement social en établissant des partenariats avec les communautés locales du monde entier afin d'agir sur le changement social. L'approche est adaptée de la Christ University de Bangalore (Inde) [où l'IFSW a observé le partenariat durable et réussi du département du travail social avec les communautés](#), qui s'est traduit par une transformation sociale et économique rapide. Ces exemples parmi d'autres soulignent l'efficacité des prestataires de formation en travail social lorsqu'ils reconnaissent leur rôle en tant que centres de soutien au changement social local, au-delà des prestations d'éducation fournies.

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Ukraine : travailler au-delà de l'aide humanitaire

Après l'invasion de l'Ukraine par la Russie en février 2022, l'IFSW a réagi immédiatement, ses membres européens se regroupant aux frontières dès les premiers jours de l'invasion. Nos collègues se sont rassemblés aux frontières géographiques où l'Ukraine rencontre la Roumanie, la Pologne, la Hongrie et la Moldavie. Ils savaient ce qu'il fallait faire et ne pas faire, car la profession avait beaucoup appris d'autres crises de réfugiés, notamment la complexité du soutien aux communautés fuyant la guerre et l'impact des nouveaux arrivants sur les communautés établies. Dans ces circonstances, les travailleurs sociaux étaient déterminés à changer la culture des outils descendants appliqués par la communauté internationale en créant conjointement des solutions dignes pour les réfugiés et les communautés qui les accueillent.

Le rôle de la FITS s'est étendu au cours des semaines et des mois qui ont suivi, héroïquement coordonné par Ana Radulescu, impliquant une invitation d'une province d'Ukraine à établir un partenariat avec l'IFSW pour répondre aux besoins importants des populations locales et déplacées dans des conditions de guerre. Ana, ainsi que Herbert Paulischin (Association autrichienne) et les membres de l'As Pro As (Association roumaine) se sont rendus en Ukraine tous les quinze jours pour fournir des conseils et coordonner le soutien apporté par les organisations membres de la FITS. Des représentants des associations allemande et italienne se

sont également joints aux voyages, ainsi que Rory Truell, qui a travaillé en étroite collaboration avec Ana pour soutenir les développements.

Naturellement, le travail de la FITS continue en Ukraine. Pour en savoir davantage, un rapport complet décrivant l'approche de la FITS est à votre disposition [ici](#), ainsi que d'autres commentaires dans ce rapport de fin d'année. Ces initiatives sont suivies de près par les communautés internationales du développement social, car elles apportent un nouvel éclairage sur la manière d'appliquer efficacement le développement social dans des conditions de guerre. Parmi ces initiatives, citons la création de cuisines sociales gérées par la communauté, d'entreprises sociales, d'un supermarché social, ainsi que le soutien aux actions locales visant à fournir un hébergement et des vêtements aux personnes déplacées à l'intérieur du pays.

Nous notons avec une immense gratitude que de nombreuses organisations membres de la FITS ont collecté des fonds pour soutenir ce travail. Sans elles, tout cela aurait été impossible. Nous prenons acte également que les fondements de ce modèle de pratique reposent sur les expériences partagées par des collègues dans d'autres zones de guerre, notamment au Yémen, au Salvador, en Irlande du Nord et en Bosnie-Herzégovine.

Nous profitons également de cette occasion pour signaler que l'IFSW est en contact régulier avec les travailleurs sociaux et les organisations membres qui se trouvent actuellement dans d'autres zones de guerre. Plusieurs d'entre eux nous ont ré-

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cemment contactés pour nous demander si la Fédération pouvait leur apporter le même soutien, comme en Ukraine, dans leur situation. La réponse est oui. Les associations indépendantes et capables de promouvoir une dimension de travail social dans le développement communautaire et la consolidation de la paix bénéficient du soutien total de la FITS. Les organisations de travail social qui s'efforcent de jouer un rôle indépendant ou qui gèrent de manière rigoureuse leur relation avec un gouvernement ou un régime autoritaire bénéficient également de notre soutien total dans leur démarche. La réponse du travail social à la guerre en Ukraine est le dernier développement de l'apprentissage des pratiques professionnelles dans des conditions de guerre pour nos activités mondiales. Ces apprentissages peuvent être envisagés et adaptés dans toutes les zones de guerre. Si vous avez besoin de conseils et de soutien, n'hésitez pas à contacter le secrétariat de la FITS.

Journée mondiale du travail social et élargissement des partenariats

Le mois de mars a été marqué par la Journée mondiale du travail social, célébrée par plus de 140 associations nationales de travail social comme un moment d'action mondiale. Ce thème a servi de précurseur au prochain Sommet mondial des peuples, « Co-construire un nouveau monde éco-social : ne laisser personne de côté ». Cette année, les partenaires du Sommet se sont également joints à nous pour

mettre en lumière le travail social, comme le [mouvement syndical mondial des travailleurs des services publics](#).

En plus des actions des membres et partenaires de la FITS, la Commission de la FITS auprès des Nations unies a co-organisé des événements en ligne au siège de l'ONU à New York et à Genève, ainsi que dans les bureaux régionaux. L'événement de Genève était coparrainé par l'Institut de recherche des Nations unies pour le développement social, qui reconnaît le travail social comme un point de référence clé essentiel du développement social.

De même, en mars, la commission de l'éducation de la FITS s'est associée à des universités pour lancer un programme d'éducation structuré gratuit sur le travail social dans les contextes de guerre et de conflit. Le programme, qui a attiré un grand nombre de participants, a marqué la volonté d'ouverture de la Fédération et a suscité des demandes pour d'autres programmes. La commission d'éthique de la FITS, avec le groupe de recherche sur l'éthique du travail social (SWERG), a également lancé une série de webinaires régionaux explorant l'éthique du travail social pendant la pandémie.

En avril, l'IFSW a été [invitée à co-lancer la Semaine mondiale de la santé publique](#) par la Fédération mondiale des associations de santé publique. Le lancement a donné lieu à une table ronde en ligne, au cours de laquelle des représentants de chaque organisme ont débattu de la manière de combler les écarts entre les ser-

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vices sociaux et de santé. Chaque organisation s'est engagée à poursuivre ce travail et des plans ont été élaborés afin de créer des lignes directrices à l'intention des communautés et des décideurs politiques sur le développement de services intégrés qui travaillent en partenariat avec les communautés.

En partenariat avec l'université de Bath Spa et l'université de l'Ulster, David Jones, Silvana Martinez et Rory Truell, représentants de la FITS, ont relancé en avril 2022 l'enquête mondiale sur les conditions de travail et le bien-être des travailleurs sociaux. Cette deuxième enquête a mis davantage en lumière les salaires et les conditions de travail des travailleurs sociaux que l'étude pilote précédente. Elle est désormais utilisée comme instrument de sensibilisation en faveur d'une augmentation des salaires et de l'amélioration des conditions d'exercice pour toute la profession. Les [résultats ont été publiés](#) plus tard dans l'année dans l'International Journal of Social Work, propriété de la FITS.

Assemblée générale de la FITS

L'assemblée générale 2022 de la FITS s'est tenue en mai sous la forme d'un événement en ligne, en raison des restrictions de voyage imposées par la pandémie de COVID-19. Avec plus de 100 associations membres inscrites, les représentants ont pu poursuivre leur apprentissage continu et leur soutien mutuel. La présidente sortante, Silvana Martinez, qui a terminé son mandat de quatre ans, a été saluée et re-

merciée pour son dévouement à sa fonction, de même que Rose Henderson, vice-présidente mondiale et présidente régionale pour l'Asie-Pacifique, et Larry Alicia Rodríguez, président régional pour la région Amérique latine et Caraïbes.

Joachim Mumba de Zambie a été élu sans opposition comme nouveau président. Il avait auparavant occupé le poste de vice-président régional pour l'Afrique. Oluwatoni Modupe Adeleke (Nigeria) a été élu pour le remplacer. John Brennan (Irlande), vice-président Europe, a été réélu pour un second mandat. Kenia Batista (Panama) a été élue présidente régionale pour l'Amérique latine et les Caraïbes, Joan Davis-Whelan (Canada) présidente régionale pour l'Amérique du Nord et Mildred Joyner (USA) vice-présidente pour l'Amérique du Nord. Elles rejoignent les autres membres exécutifs élus qui restent en poste : Victor Ivan Garcia-Toro (Porto Rico), trésorier, Noel Muridzo (Zimbabwe), président régional Afrique, Sriganesh M V (Inde), vice-président régional Asie-Pacifique, Ana Radulescu (Roumanie), présidente régionale européenne et Tania Maria Ramos (Brésil), vice-présidente régionale Amérique latine et Caraïbes.

Le nouveau comité exécutif s'est réuni à l'issue de l'assemblée générale et a nommé Ana Radulescu comme vice-présidente mondiale de la FITS et Jane Shears comme commissaire à l'éthique de la FITS.

Une nouvelle politique a également été approuvée lors de l'assemblée générale, [Le rôle des travailleurs sociaux dans la promotion d'un nouveau monde éco-social](#), qui avait été élaborée et soumise par la

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Commission de la FITS auprès des Nations Unies. La politique actualise la description des professions dans le domaine des droits de l'homme, en reconnaissant l'éventail plus large des droits et des responsabilités liés à la pratique du travail social. Le cadre holistique des droits est décrit dans la politique comme suit :

« Un cadre holistique des droits reconnaît les droits de l'homme individuels (dignité et libertés fondamentales), les droits sociaux de l'homme (civils, économiques et politiques), les droits culturels, les droits de l'écosystème et les droits plus larges de la nature. Ce cadre comprend des valeurs et des principes directeurs : affirmation de l'importance de la diversité, de la durabilité, de l'autodétermination et de la responsabilité de tous les individus envers la protection et la promotion des droits d'autrui ainsi que de la nature. L'objectif de ce cadre est d'établir un consensus visant à concilier l'ensemble des droits par un engagement participatif dans des politiques et des pratiques inclusives pour nos avens communs. »

Nous notons l'importance de cette nouvelle description et la nécessité qui en découle de mettre à jour de nombreuses politiques plus anciennes.

Le comité exécutif de la FITS a également annoncé le retrait de la censure de l'Union israélienne des travailleurs sociaux à la suite de leur déclaration en ces termes : « *L'Union israélienne des travailleurs sociaux soutient les droits pleins et égaux de tous les Palestiniens et Israéliens. Elle respecte et promeut le droit à l'autodétermination de tous les peuples.*

Nos membres souhaitent une fin juste au conflit et une vie où personne ne se sent menacé ni ne voit son droit à la sécurité compromis. » Le comité exécutif a également affirmé la nécessité d'un travail continu avec Israël et la Palestine pour donner vie aux intentions de la déclaration.

Au cours de l'assemblée générale, le comité exécutif de la FITS a également annoncé que la médaille Andrew Mouravieff-Apostol (ancien secrétaire général de la FITS) a été décernée à [Charles Mbugua, représentant de la FITS auprès des Nations Unies à Nairobi, ancien vice-président mondial et président de la région Afrique, ainsi qu'au Council of International Fellowship.](#)

Perte d'un collègue de la FITS

John Stark (1951-2022) était un habitué des réunions et conférences de la FITS et l'époux de Ruth Stark, l'une de nos anciennes présidentes. Il est décédé en juin à l'issue d'une longue maladie. Merci John, tu nous manqueras et nous nous souviendrons toujours de ta sagesse et de ta passion pour le travail social. Ruth, nous sommes et serons toujours là pour toi et ta famille.

Sommet mondial des peuples

Le Sommet mondial des peuples, initié par l'IFSW en collaboration avec l'UNRISD, s'est conclu le 2 juillet. Il a rassemblé des centaines de millions de personnes représentant des communautés, organisations mondiales, Nations unies, collectifs, con-

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fessions religieuses, gouvernements, syndicats et professions diverses.

L'événement a été officiellement ouvert par Antonio Guterres, secrétaire général des Nations unies, et clôturé par Rebecca Grynspan, secrétaire générale de la Conférence des Nations unies sur le commerce et le développement. De nombreux acteurs sociaux et dirigeants communautaires ont prononcé des discours d'ouverture parallèlement à ceux des organisations partenaires. Pendant quatre jours et 24 heures sur 24, les participants ont pu échanger et contribuer tout au long du Sommet. Il s'est terminé par le lancement de la « [La Charte des Peuples pour un Monde Eco-social](#) ».

La Charte fixe un nouveau cap pour le développement international. Elle prend acte que la plupart des États-nations poursuivent leurs propres intérêts sans égard pour le principe nécessaire de « coopération pour le bien commun » propre à relever les grands défis mondiaux. En outre, les États-nations ont tendance à être aveugles et sourds aux communautés uniques qui les composent. Par exemple, les grands États-nations ne sont pas conscients des forces et du potentiel qui résident au sein des communautés. La Charte déclare qu'il est nécessaire de transférer le pouvoir au peuple. Elle note que les gens ne veulent pas la guerre dans leur vie ni dans celle des autres. Ces personnes ne veulent pas vivre dans la pauvreté, et elles ne veulent pas non plus que d'autres personnes vivent dans la pauvreté. La Charte, et les partenaires internatio-

naux qui ont organisé le Sommet, confirment que les assemblées populaires offrent de meilleures formes de démocratie et d'inclusion, ce qui conduit à la durabilité, à la justice et à une meilleure qualité de vie.

Les partenaires du Sommet se sont engagés à continuer à travailler ensemble pour reconnaître, soutenir et initier des assemblées populaires et à solliciter le leadership de la FITS pour faire avancer ce mouvement collectif, le plus important au monde. Notre travail au sein du Sommet était entièrement basé sur les principes et la pratique du travail social. Les exemples de pratiques découlent du soutien et de la facilitation apportés par les travailleurs sociaux aux communautés pour qu'elles se regroupent et prennent collectivement des décisions sur leur avenir commun. Ces exemples ont inspiré les partenaires, parmi lesquels l'[Inde](#), le [Rwanda](#), l'[Ouganda](#), la [Zambie](#), l'[Écosse](#), le [Bangladesh](#), l'[Iran](#) et le [CostaRica](#). Chaque initiative a été lancée par des membres de la FITS et partagée via les canaux d'apprentissage et de développement de la Fédération.

Nous profitons de cette occasion pour remercier tous les membres de la FITS pour avoir non seulement fourni des exemples de pouvoir communautaire, mais aussi pour leur soutien indéfectible au Sommet. Cet événement d'envergure n'aurait pu avoir lieu sans vous.

Gouvernance entre les assemblées générales : comité exécutif mondial de la FITS

Après la tenue de l'assemblée générale, le

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nouveau comité exécutif de la FITS s'est réuni régulièrement en ligne. Lors de la première réunion qui a suivi l'assemblée, il a été décidé de nous réunir au moins quatre fois par an. L'époque avant la pandémie où l'exécutif se réunissait normalement en présentiel une fois par an est révolue. Il nous a fallu prendre des décisions difficiles. Par exemple, l'engagement de la Fédération à organiser des événements hybrides à mesure que nous avançons. Les conditions de la pandémie ont montré que les réunions en ligne permettent une participation et une inclusion bien plus larges, mais que les rencontres en face à face demeurent nécessaires. La prochaine assemblée générale se tiendra donc sous la forme d'un événement hybride, parallèlement aux prochaines conférences de la FITS. Cette situation a mis à rude épreuve les organisateurs des conférences et le secrétariat international. Il a en effet fallu apaiser la crainte que la création d'un accès en ligne gratuit ne nuise aux conférences dont la viabilité dépend des droits d'inscription. Nous sommes dans une situation où nous apprenons au fur et à mesure, et nous sommes convaincus que nous trouverons des solutions.

Le comité exécutif a redéfini les priorités du budget maintenant que les voyages internationaux sont à nouveau possibles. Pendant la pandémie, nous avons augmenté les effectifs pour soutenir les événements en ligne et libérer du temps pour le Secrétaire général dans son travail de coordination et de partage d'informations sur la réponse du travail social à la pandémie, ainsi que de co-organisation du Som-

met. Cette phase étant largement derrière nous, l'exécutif a réaffecté les fonds pour que nous puissions nous réunir pour la première fois depuis 2019. La prochaine réunion de ce type aura lieu en mai prochain à Prague, en même temps que la conférence régionale européenne de la FITS.

À la suite des changements budgétaires, les effectifs du Secrétariat ont été réduits d'un quart. Nous remercions à ce propos Lola Casal pour la mission qu'elle a remplie en tant que responsable des membres internationaux de la FITS depuis 2019 et précédemment dans d'autres fonctions clés au sein du Secrétariat. Les trois autres membres du secrétariat, Rory, Pascal et Mayaka ont ensuite pris le relais.

En novembre, le comité exécutif a également décidé de mettre la Commission des droits de l'homme de la FITS en pause (dissolution temporaire) jusqu'à ce que les travaux puissent être achevés afin de développer une nouvelle portée et un nouvel objectif pour la CDH. Sans préjuger des résultats de ce projet, il est envisagé une reprise en tenant compte des intentions de l'objectif initial de la Commission ainsi que du nouveau document d'orientation adopté lors de l'assemblée générale de 2022, qui a actualisé l'expression des droits de la FITS afin d'inclure les droits sociaux et environnementaux en plus des droits de l'homme. Les travaux de consultation et de développement à ce sujet seront entrepris à temps pour qu'une proposition puisse être soumise à l'assemblée générale en 2024.

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D'ici là, le secrétariat et le comité exécutif continueront à faire des déclarations sur les droits de l'homme (et autres) et à agir pour défendre les travailleurs sociaux lorsque leurs droits ont été violés.

Le comité exécutif a remercié la commissaire Xanthis Suarez et tous les représentants régionaux pour leur travail et leur contribution aux travaux de la Commission des droits de l'homme.

L'année s'est terminée sur une nouvelle note positive avec l'admission de trois nouvelles associations nationales de travail social en tant que membres à part entière. L'Alliance nationale des travailleurs sociaux professionnels du Kazakhstan, l'Association des travailleurs sociaux de Guinée-Bissau et l'Association nationale des travailleurs sociaux d'Ukraine (NASWU) ont vu leur demande d'adhésion à la Fédération internationale des travailleurs sociaux acceptée. Nous leur souhaitons la bienvenue et, avec les 147 autres associations nationales, nous nous réjouissons de travailler avec elles pour faire progresser la profession de travailleur social.

Conclusion

L'année 2022 a été révolutionnaire pour la profession de travailleur social. Ces avancées sont le résultat du travail exceptionnel que les travailleurs sociaux ont accompli pendant les périodes de confinement lors de la pandémie. Cette époque a incité de nombreux gouvernements à reconnaître le caractère essentiel de la profession de travailleur social. Le Sommet et le

partenariat de la FITS en Ukraine, qui s'appuient sur les travaux et les exemples des membres de la FITS, ont contribué à façonner de nouvelles conceptions mondiales du développement social. D'autres évolutions interviendront en 2023, nous en sommes convaincus.

Comme vous le verrez ailleurs dans ce rapport, les commissions, dont certaines n'ont été constituées que récemment, vont de l'avant. Ces branches opérationnelles de la Fédération sont composées de travailleurs sociaux bénévoles experts et qualifiés. D'autres bénévoles, tels que les anciens présidents et collaborateurs, continuent à consacrer leur temps à la préparation des déclarations, à la gestion des projets et à la fourniture de conseils avisés sur des questions complexes.

Les membres font également preuve d'une grande solidarité avec les autres membres de la FITS. Nous avons cité plus haut l'exemple de l'Ukraine, mais nous pouvons également citer le Myanmar, l'Iran, la Palestine et d'autres pays qui connaissent d'importants défis sociaux. L'esprit d'équipe et l'engagement au sein de la Fédération sont au beau fixe et nous espérons que cela se poursuivra dans l'année à venir.

Merci à tous les membres de la FITS, vos contributions, votre soutien et votre dévouement pour faire avancer le rôle de la profession sont sans égal. Nous vous souhaitons une merveilleuse année 2023.

Joachim Mumba, Président de la FITS et
Rory Truell, Secrétaire général de la FITS

Awards

IFSW Andrew Mouravieff-Apostol Medal

IFSW is pleased to announce the award of the highest honour of the Federation – the Andrew Mouravieff-Apostol Medal – to Charles Mbugua and the Council of International Fellowship (CIF)

The presentation was made at the IFSW virtual General Meeting on Saturday 14 May 2022.

Charles Mbugua



Charles Mbugua was nominated for the award by the social work associations in the IFSW Africa Region executive, Dr. David Jones and IFSW Secretary-General Dr. Rory Truell. The award recognises Charles' outstanding contribution to professional social work nationally, regionally and globally in different cadres and now serving as the IFSW UN Representative for Africa Region.

To see the video nomination from the IFSW Africa executive please [click here](#), and to watch the presentation by David Jones, please [click here](#).

Read the nominations [here](#) and the acceptance speech [here](#).

The Council of International Fellowship (CIF)



The Council of International Fellowship

The Council of International Fellowship (CIF) was founded 1960 in Germany as an alumni organisation of participants of the Council of International Programs (CIP). Over the past 62 years it has developed to be an organisation offering International Professional Exchange Programs. AvenirSocial (the national association of social workers in Switzerland) and Talentia (Finish association of socialworkers) nominated CIF for the medal in recognising the role they have played in promoting social work and community wellbeing internationally.

To read the nomination from AvenirSocial [click here](#), endorsement from Talentia [click here](#).

To read CIF's acceptance speech please [click here](#) and to watch the speech please [click here](#).

Events

World Social Work Day



This year, World Social Work Day took place on **15 March 2022**. The theme 'Co-building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind' coincided with the theme of the people's summit that took place from 29 June to 2 July. Social workers around the world came together to celebrate our achievements as a profession.

The 2022 theme has been promoted by social work and now involves extensive global partnerships representing 100s of millions of people. IFSW President, Silvana Martinez said. 'The Co-building a New Eco-Social World peoples' summit has brought large and diverse groups together with a common vision and shared starting

principles. Collectively we are the largest civil-society organisation comprising the world's trade unions, health sectors, Faith Invest network, global student bodies, international social work, United Nation's agencies, social movements, academic networks and many others. The 2022 World Social Work Day acted as a platform for this initiative, to engage all communities so they can have their say in what kind of collective world they want to live in. I urge all social workers to become involved in this global mass movement for change'.

IFSW received over 100 translations of the WSWD poster and shared information about more than 300 events, videos, and initiatives from IFSW members organisations, global partners, friends, governments, and communities from around the globe.

IFSW thanks all of you for being the voice of our social work profession and making WSDW 2022 one of the most successful celebrations.

Read more

[Click here to read more about celebrations around the globe.](#)

You may find a collage of the hashtag **#WSWD2022** on the next page.



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15TH MARCH 2022
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March 15, 2022 | 9AM



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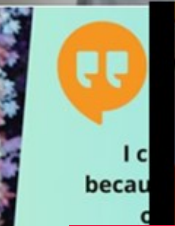
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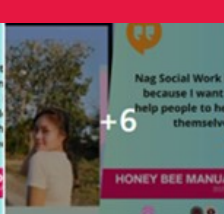
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JEAN ROSE JIMENEZ



Nag social work ko to help people and on of my passion helping people especially those who are in need
JESSA CUTAND



Nag Social Work because I want help people to help themselves
HONEY BEE MANULA



Events

Global Summit



The People's Global Summit, 'Co-building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind' took place from 29 June to 2 July.

The summit effectively started a grass-roots global people's movement that proudly comprises differing world cultures and values, with a holistic vision that combines sustainability, social justice and 'we the people' working together for an eco-social world. It was initiated by IFSW and UN-RISD along with 24 global diverse organizations and representing 100s of millions of people with roots in communities throughout the world.

The summit partners share the perspective that the lofty pledges made by governments after the second world war – on peace, development and human rights – have not been realized. Inequalities and fractures have grown. Poverty sits alongside extreme wealth. Nature has been

stripped, leading to climate warming and environmental destruction. During the Summit people were able to share their experiences and stories in different ways.

In the Summit participants contributed to **The People's Charter for an Eco-Social World** by sharing what values, policies and practices needed to be developed to give everyone and the planet safety and security. See also next page.

Read more

This is one step on the journey of a continuing process for sustainability, justice, and equality for all.

[Join the movement here.](#)

Events

Global Summit: The People's Charter for an Eco-Social World



The Peoples Charter for an Eco-social World has been developed from the People's Global Summit..

Community leaders in Sierra Leone, the 5th poorest country in the world, reflected that *"This Charter acknowledges that we need to have leaderful communities that acknowledge our global and local interdependency for sustainable development. The Charter replaces the concept of aid which has failed over generations to change the dynamics of poverty and international exploitation. We now have hope that we can develop new levels of cooperation that make a reality of the pledges from the world's leaders. This will only be realised by working in accordance with the values of the People's Charter for an Eco-Social World."*

Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General recognized that humanity is facing acute and existential challenges, but that *"We,*

the people, are being let down" by the world's leaders. He stressed the importance of international solidarity to not only speak out about our challenges, but to expect engagement between local and global leaders and civil society so that together we can achieve a sustainable eco-social world.

The Charter, which comprises voices from throughout the world, highlights the importance of participatory democracy in effecting transformational change. It proposes transitioning economies away from those who success is measured purely by profit, towards "sustainable well-being societies" – an approach already being adopted by some governments.

The People's Charter for a New Eco-Social World has been delivered to the **United Nations High-Level Political Forum** in July 2022 and created a catalyst for further global action.

Read more

Read the full news item about the People's Charter [here](#).

Download a copy of the People's Charter [here](#).



Co-building a New Eco-Social World:
Leaving No One Behind
GLOBAL ONLINE SUMMIT, 29 JUNE - 2 JULY 2022

THE SUMMIT IN NUMBERS

26 KEYNOTE SESSIONS **15** LIVE PANELS

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37 CONCURRENT SESSIONS **2** COMMUNICATION PARTNERS

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LOVE AND CARE OF PEOPLE AND THE PLANET,
RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS

RESPECT

DIGNITY, HARMONY
AND JUSTICE

DIVERSITY

BELONGING, RECIPROCITY AND EQUITY

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TOGETHERNESS AND COMMUNITY

14 TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS

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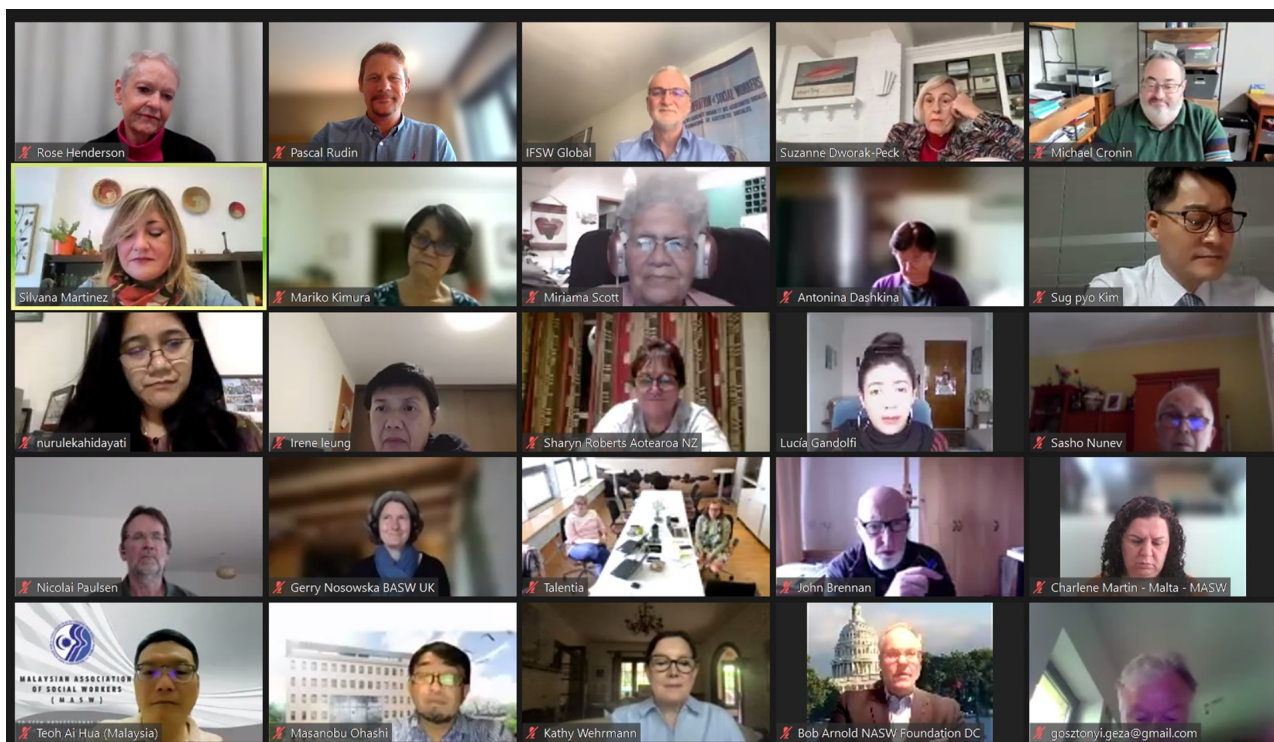
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2022 General Meeting



The 2022 General Meeting ran as an online forum on the 14th, 15th and 16th of May. The meeting involved 238 members from 93 countries resulting in the largest and most inclusive General Meeting in the history of the Federation. There was an impressive range of comments and lively debate on key policy issues. The sense of professional commitment and unity was highly visible and demonstrated the power of good relationships and the vitality of social work.

Outcomes of elections for the executive

IFSW was delighted to welcome Joachim Mumba from Zambia as the new global president. His 4-year term as president commenced on the 16th of May 2022.

He follows on from Silvana Martinez who stepped down at the end of her 4-year term at the end of the IFSW General Meeting which took place from 14th to 16th of May 2022.

The General Meeting has also confirmed the following people who have been elected unopposed:

- Regional Vice President Africa – **Oluwatoni Modupe Adeleke** (Nigeria),
- Vice President Europe – **John Brennan** (Ireland) re-elected for second term,
- Regional President Latin America and Caribbean – **Kenia Batista** (Panama)
- Regional President North America – **Joan Davis-Whelan** (Canada)
- Vice President North America – **Mildred Joyner** (USA)

Global

2022 General Meeting

There was an election on Sunday 15th May 2022 to elect the Asia-Pacific Regional President. Two candidates were nominated, and **Machiko Ohara** (Japan) was elected.

The IFSW General Meeting welcomed them in a ceremony on Sunday 15th May and thanks the outgoing executive members: **Silvana Martinez** (Global President), **Larry Alicea Rodríguez** (Regional President for Latin America and Caribbean Region), **Rose Henderson** (Global Vice President and Regional President Asia-Pacific).

The IFSW Secretary-General, Rory Truell said on behalf of the Federation and its members: *"Thank you so much to the executive members stepping down at the end of their elected terms. Under your governance the Federation has reached extraordinary levels of visibility and impact. We also warmly welcome the new executive members. It is particularly significant that we have elected our first Global President from the African region, which completes the cycle of every region in the world taking this critical leadership role."*

The executive members that remain in post are **Victor Ivan Garcia-Toro** (Puerto Rico) Treasurer, **Noel Muridzo** (African Regional President), **Sriganesh M V** (India) as Asia-Pacific Regional Vice-President, **Ana Radulescu** (Romania) European Regional President and **Tania Maria Ramos** (Brazil) Latin America and Caribbean Regional Vice President.

The new executive met on Monday 16th and appointed **Ana Radulescu** as

IFSW Global Vice President and **Jane Shears** as the IFSW Ethics Commissioner.

New Policy

The policy paper "[The Role of Social Workers in Advancing a New Eco-Social World](#)" has just been adopted as part of the 2022 IFSW General Meeting. See also later in this report for more information.

Executive Censure

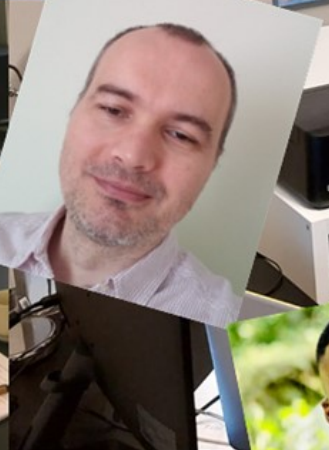
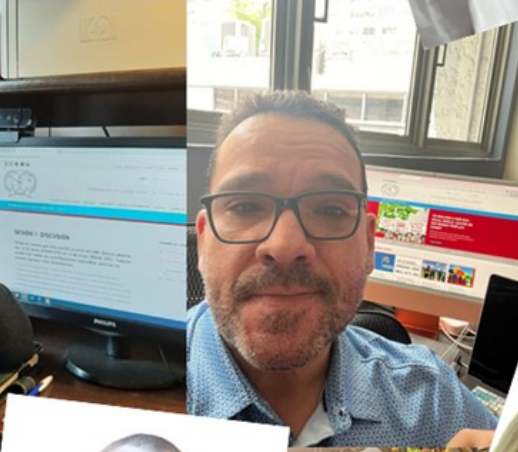
The Executive Censure of the Israeli Union of Social Workers has been withdrawn, and a [Statement](#) being agreed upon. The executive noted the need for ongoing work with Israel and Palestine to give life to the intentions of the statement. This will be followed up by the Secretary-General.

Visual Impressions

We have asked members to share impressions on how they participated in the General Meeting. Some of these images are shown on the next page.

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Information on the Covid-19 Pandemic



In many countries social workers were and continue supporting communities that are affected or fearful of the Covid-19 Virus. Social work has an essential frontline role in the fight against the spread of the virus through supporting communities protect themselves and others through physical distancing and social solidarity.

Key functions of social work at this time included and continue to include:

- ensuring that the most vulnerable are included in planning and response.
 - organizing communities to ensure that essentials such as food and clean water are available.
 - advocating within social services and in policy environments that services adapt, remain open and pro-active in supporting communities and vulnerable populations.
 - facilitating physical distancing and social solidarity.
- as a profession, advocating for the advancement and strengthening of health and social services as an essential protection against the virus, inequality and the consequent social and economic challenges.

Read more

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News From Members

Australia

The Australian Social Work Association's Statement on Climate Action in preparation for COP27 .

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Barbados

Barbados Association of Professional Social Workers (has been highlighted in their national press.



[Link to the article](#)

Canada & USA

North America Region news on Ukraine.

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Congo (DRC)

Colleagues from the DRC are working on building a community centre, named Cen-

tre Mwanga, at Uvira town in Eastern Congo.



[Read the article](#)

India

Report on the 'Professional Social Work Response to COVID-19 Affected Families in India'.

[Read the article](#)

Iran

The President of the Iran Association of Social Workers reports on the Country's Challenges .

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Ireland

Press Release: Crisis in Ukraine highlights social and racial inequalities among ethnic minority groups fleeing for their lives from the warzone.

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News From Members

Malaysia

Malaysian Social Work Association Champions new law.



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Ukraine

Formation of a National Association of Social Workers Ukraine (NASWU).



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Netherlands

Dutch Association of Social Workers celebrates 75th anniversary.

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Zambia

The Social Workers' Association of Zambia Act, 2022 was passed.

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Panama

Panamanian Social Work and public health professional associations address gaps between health and social services.

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Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka Association of Professional Social Workers statement outlining the ineffective government response to rising prices and shortages.

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New members: **Guinea Bissau**

Executive

- **Noel Muridzo**, Zimbabwe, Regional President
- **Oluwatoni Adeleke**, Nigeria, Regional Vice President

Representatives

- **Adetohun Ogedengbe**, Nigeria, Human Rights Commission

- **Antoinette Lombard**, South Africa, Education Commission
- **Charles Mbugua**, Kenya, United Nations
- **Charles Rutikanga**, Rwanda, Indigenous Commission
- **Stephano Akudike Joseph**, Malawi, Ethics Commission

Activities and Achievements

- Passage of Social work bill in Zambia and Nigeria
- Association of Social workers in Malawi lobbies members of the parliament on social work practitioners Bill
- Construction of community Center in DRC
- Inauguration of Young Africa Social workers
- Celebration of international youth day

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- Election of new executives in Botswana, Tanzania, Nigeria and Ghana
- Mental health training for social workers and Systematic counselling therapy services in Zimbabwe
- Members in Siera Leone and Uganda got Erasmus Mundus scholarship for further studies
- Training of social workers in Nigeria on understanding disabilities
- Networking and maiden meeting of social workers in francophone countries
- Social work conferences and Annual general meetings held in Liberia, Nigeria, Tanzania.



Ghana, women at a refugee camp

Planned Activities and Events

- Regional Conference to hold in Nigeria
- World social work day celebration

- International women's day celebration
- International Peace Day celebration



Nigeria, new executives taking the oath of office



Botswana, trained social work students

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Membres

Angola, Bénin, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroun, Congo, RDC, Djibouti, Égypte, Gambie, Ghana, Guinée, Kenya, Lesotho, Libéria, Libye, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritanie, Maroc, Afrique du Sud, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sénégal, Serra Leone, Soudan, Swaziland, Tanzanie, Togo, Ouganda, Zambie et Zimbabwe.

Nouveaux membres cette année: **Guinée Bissau**

Dirigeants

- Noel Muridzo, Zimbabwe, Président
- Oluwatoni Adeleke, Nigeria, Vice-président

Représentants

Adetohun Ogedengbe, Nigeria, Droits de l'homme

- Antoinette Lombard, Afrique du Sud, Éducation
- Charles Mbugua, Kenya, Nations Unies
- Charles Rutikanga, Rwanda, Indigènes
- Stephano Akudike Joseph, Malawi, Éthique

Activités et réalisations

- Adoption du projet de loi sur le travail social en Zambie et au Nigeria
- L'Association des travailleurs sociaux du Malawi fait pression sur les membres du Parlement concernant le projet de loi sur les travailleurs sociaux
- Construction d'un centre communautaire en RDC
- Inauguration de Young Africa Social workers

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Ghana, femmes dans un camp de réfugiés

- Célébration de la journée internationale de la jeunesse
- Élection de nouveaux dirigeants au Botswana, en Tanzanie, au Nigeria et au Ghana
- Formation en santé mentale pour les travailleurs sociaux et les services de conseil et de thérapie systémique au Zimbabwe
- Des membres de Sieria Leone et d'Ouganda ont obtenu une bourse Erasmus Mundus pour poursuivre leurs études
- Formation des travailleurs sociaux au Nigeria sur la compréhension des handicaps
- Mise en réseau et première rencontre des travailleurs sociaux des pays francophones
- Conférences sur le travail social et assemblées générales annuelles organisées au Liberia, au Nigeria et en Tanzanie.

Activités et événements planifiés

- Une conférence régionale se tiendra au Nigeria
- Célébration de la journée mondiale du travail social
- Célébration de la journée internationale de la femme
- Célébration de la Journée internationale de la paix



Nigeria, les nouveaux dirigeants



Botswana, étudiants en travail social

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This year saw the transition in the Regional leadership with the term of President Ms Rose Henderson's term coming to an end. Prof Machiko Ohara from Japan is elected as President and has taken over as New President from 16th May 2022. She has begun her term with several initiatives, while keeping ongoing activities intact. In consultation with the Regional Vice President & Executive, she has reconstituted the executive & the commissions with some changes & inclusions. We will have a new secretary namely Mr Amran Jamil in place of Dr Teoh Ai Huv who will be a part of Education Commission. Rose Henderson is requested to be a part of Human Rights Commission. A blend of new faces with senior and experienced in the Executive and commissions would help in transition with continuity of good initiatives done in the past.

Members

Australia; Bahrain; Bangladesh; China; Fiji; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Iran; Japan; Jordan; Republic of Korea; Kuwait; Kyrgyzstan; Lebanon; Macau, China; Malaysia; Mongolia; Nepal; Aotearoa / New Zealand; Palestine; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Singapore; Sri Lanka; Tajikistan; Thailand; Vietnam; Yemen.

New member(s): **Kazakhstan**

Executive

- Machiko Ohara, Japan, Regional President
- Sriganesh MV, India, Regional Vice-President
- Amran Jamil, Singapore, Secretary

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- Viktor Virág, Japan, Treasurer
- Publication Team: **Daranee Narudomphong**, Thailand; **Vasudeva Sharma**, India; **Saowatarn Phoglad**, Thailand; **Nattapat Sarobol**, Thailand
- Immediate Past President: **Rose Henderson**, Aotearoa NZ

Representatives

- *Human Rights Commission*: **Raed Amira**, Palestine; **Rose Henderson**, Aotearoa NZ
- *Ethics Commission*: **Hassan Mousavi Chelak**, Iran (regional co-ordinator); **Yvonne Crichton-Hill**, Aotearoa NZ; **Sukrita Rai**, Nepal
- *United Nations Commission*: **Sebastian Cordoba**, Australia (Regional Commissioner (2022-2023)); **Kae (Wilaiporn) Kotbungkair**, Thailand; **Suresh Pathare**, India; **Hamed Olamee**, Iran
- *Indigenous Commission*: **Carole Tana-Tepania**, Aotearoa NZ, (Regional co-ordinator) **Dr Ling How Kee**, Malaysia; **Yangjian (Yvonne)**, China; **Linda Ford**, Australia

Regional Delegates Meeting:

The regional delegates meeting took place on 5 March 2022. The Regional President Ms Rose Henderson welcomed everyone and expressed that the Covid situation has

thrown many challenges including inability for physical meetings and virtual meetings have become norm of the day . She desired that there will be fruitful deliberations in the general meeting that can set priorities for further activities in the region. As a formal process the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th February 2021 ,which had been circulated was adopted

The president Ms Rose Henderson in her brief opening remarks observed that social workers have been facing social ,educational and financial challenges since the pandemic started ,but have responded effectively. Many Regional associations have Adapted & developed hybrid models in responding to needs of people requiring services. It was mentioned that the 26th joint regional conference of IFSW -AP & APASWE was held virtually in Australia in 2021 and the next regional conference in 2023 will be hosted by Iran. The various commissions representatives gave brief report of their activities.

Prof Mariko Kimura reported on the Joint Regional Workshop organised by IFSW-AP & APASWE on 19 Feb 2022 which went on well with more than 200 people participating in the workshop. It is a good start and propose to conduct more events involving educators, practitioners and researchers. As regards the UN Commission, IFSW-AP representative had gained an observer status at UN-ESCAP , which is a encouraging development for IFAP. The meeting also deliberated about the 27th

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Regional conference to be held at Iran in 2023, with Mr Hameed from Iran Association making a brief presentation on Hybrid model for the conference. The meeting also discussed about the Global Agenda theme for 2022 and was happy to note that many National Associations have planned for the activities on world Social Work day in March.



Online regional delegates meeting

During the meeting the country representatives mentioned about the key activities of their respective National associations which are as follows.

Hong Kong China has focussed on capacity building for local social workers to provide services online including mental health services to social workers. They have also published an annual journal. India has been working for establishing social work council through legislation and have held several webinars to mobilise support and formulate action plans. Iran has been actively engaged in educating family & children about social work services and

dealing with crisis. Iran associations is also involved in many commissions in the government. Indonesia is implementing social work law & regulation. They have also provided mental health support to the children affected by earth quake. Japan has briefed about the multiculture social work symposium being held on 13th March 2022 and also mentioned about the Joint statement of JASW supporting IFSW stand on Ukraine & Afghanistan. Korea reported about their upcoming president election. Malaysia has organised few webinars on mental health and are working towards social work profession bill with the ministry. They are also working to support the prevention of sexual harassment bill & violence against women. Nepal is developing manual for social work practice. Newzealand is planning for 6th indigenous conference online from 27th to 29th April 2022. Palestinian representative has reported that they are working with the ministry to regulate the profession and hope to conclude in 2022. They have established a branch in Gaza strip. Srilanka reported that they are closely working with UNICEF on social work Act & Social Work council. They also work with Institute of social development and providing online mental health counselling services. Thailand has focused on capacity building and empowering muslim women against domestic violence a project funded by European Union.

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Regional Conference



Iran Association has been making preparations to hold the 27th Asia Pacific Regional conference at Tehran from 26th to 28th October 2023. The theme that has been finalised is "social work, Co-Building Social Health for an inclusive world".

We had series of meetings with the Iran Association to decide on the date, Theme and other issues. The leadership of Iran Association Prof Hassan and his colleagues have been making earnest preparations, setting up tasks and goals towards organising the conference. However the latest developments that has triggered country wide protests that are getting escalated day by day, has created big challenge to the organisers. It must be acknowledged that Iran Association has been proactive in defending rights of its people through various actions keeping its non political approach. IFSW-AP is reviewing the situation and assessing the suitability and viability of continuing with the decision to hold the Regional Conference at Tehran or any other appropriate decision is to be taken. While Iran's Associations efforts in putting things on fast track towards orga-

nising the conference is highly appreciated, the country's situation seem to be not conducive to organise a global event. We will consider their objective views and proceed with a decision. President Prof Machiko Ohara is in consultations with Dr Rory Truell the secretary general on this. A review is underway and most appropriate decision in relation to the Regional Conference will be taken soon.

Activities and Achievements

World Social Work Day

The world social work Day for the year 2022 was celebrated on 15th March 2022 with the theme "Co-building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind". This has been the flagship event of IFSW that is celebrated across the region by our member associations. The WSWD posters have been translated into the various local languages and events and activities are held to celebrate the same. One of the main event that was held by IFSW-AP is at Bangkok with UN Regional office representative participating, besides the Minister of Thailand and the then President of IFSW-AP, Rose Henderson. A brief report is reproduced:

'The Minister of Social Development and Human Security presided over the opening ceremony of the World Social Work Day 2022 for the Asia and the Pacific Region and the ASEAN Social Work Day 2022, urging social workers to adjust themselves

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to catch up with the global crisis, turn conflicts into strength without leaving anyone behind.

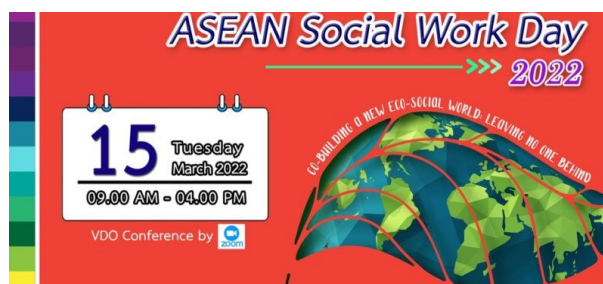
Today (15 March 2022) at 09.30 at the Meeting Room, 8th Floor, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Bangkok, H.E. Mr. Chuti Krairiksh, Minister of Social Development and Human Security presided over the World Social Work Day 2022 for the Asia and the Pacific Region and the ASEAN Social Work Day 2022 under the theme "Co-building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind". The event was held in a hybrid meeting format, having H.E. Mrs. Gita Sabharwal, the United Nations Resident Coordinator (UNRC) in Thailand and Mrs. Rose Henderson, President of the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), Asia-Pacific Region as keynote speakers. The event was attended by Mr. Anukul Peedkaew, Director-General of Department of Social Development and Welfare and representatives of social work agencies at both national and international levels. Activities in the event included a panel discussion on the topic "Coping with future crises from multi-disciplinary perspectives" under the theme "Co-building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind" by honorable panelists led by Ms. Ramrung Worawat, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Social Development and Human Security.

Mr. Chuti said "social work" is defined as a profession that promotes social transfor-

mation and empowerment. Human rights are founded on the notion of social work. In the 21st century, the working environment of social workers will be completely different due to complicated economic and social difficulties that have resulted from the outbreak of COVID-19 coupled with the ongoing war. Social workers are expected to deal with such difficulties as efficiently as possible.

Patience, perseverance, and integration are required for social workers all over the world to improve their work and bring about positive change. Further to that, collaboration between the government, private, and grassroots sectors is a driving force in achieving the mission of all social workers.

Mr. Chuti reminded all social workers that, while their duties and ideals remain unchanged, challenges and problems are becoming more profound and difficult. In addition, social workers need to reflect on how to achieve gender equality, cooperation and social participation to achieve the goal we set'



ASEAN Social Work Day 2022

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Diversity in communities, society and cultures is also one of the most challenging problems that require the transition from conflict to strength, which is one of the duties of social workers in the new context.

Mr. Chuti added that the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) has designated the Third Tuesday of March every year to be the World Social Work Day and engages social work agencies in various countries to appropriately organize activities to celebrate the day. In 2022, the IFSW has launched the theme "Co - building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind" so that respective country will be able to discuss and develop guidelines for social work and social welfare.

As for Thailand, the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security through the Department of Social Development and Welfare has been entrusted to be the host of the event in collaboration with social work network of partners in Thailand and countries in ASEAN and Asia-Pacific region, namely the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), the International Association of School Social Work (IASSW), the International Council on Social Work (ICSW), the National Council on Social Welfare of Thailand, the Social Work Professions Council, Thailand Association of Social Workers, Thai Association of Social Work and Social Welfare Education, Thammasat University,

and ASEAN Training Centre for Social Work and Social Welfare (ATCSW).

78th UN ESCAP Session

Besides the WSWSD celebrations with UN representatives active participation, we are also glad that IFSW-AP was invited to



participate in the 78th session UN ESCAP meeting that was held at Bangkok on a Hybrid mode from 23 to 27th May 2022. Two of our representatives namely Dr Wilaiporn kotbungkair from Thailand and Mr Kim Sug po from Korea participated physically and Dr Sebastin Kordoba from Australia participated virtually in the deliberations (A report is already made and published on IFSW website, [click here](#))

Dr. Wilaiporn Kotbungkair (Thailand) and Mr. Kim Sug Pyo (South Korea) at 78th Session of the UN ESCAP

Webinar on Global Agenda Theme 2020-22

It has been a practice for having global agenda workshops during the biennial conferences of IFSW-AP which is held along with APASWE. This gave opportunity

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for the member associations to make presentations on their activities on the theme. But the conference at Australia was virtual due to COVID and hence there was no physical global agenda workshop. Hence it was decided to have a virtual presentation by some countries before the report was compiled. Prof David Rose for APASWE and Mr Sriganesh M V for IFSW-AP coordinated the webinar and virtual presentations. There were presentations from Prof Lie Meng from China Association of Social Work Education, Ms Shirley Ikkala, University of Auckland, Dr David McNabb-UNITEC Institute of Technology (Aotearoa New Zealand), Prof Viktor Virag -Japanese Federation of Social Workers, Dr Jowima Reyes -University of Philippines, Prof Tulshi Kumar Das -Shahjalal



University of Science & Technology (Bangladesh) Prof Ipe Varughese -India Network of Professional Social Workers's Associa-

tions, and Dr Sawothan Pogladd -Thailand Association of Social Workers made presentations during the webinar held on 10th August 2022.

Activities of member associations

In this report we would like to place on record the response of the Iran Association to the present political situation in Iran that is facing nationwide protests against Hijab Law and for upholding rights. The responses include

1. Writing article in news paper one day after Mahsa Amini passed away, criticizing on the past and current situation in Iran, criticizing Hijab law etc. This article was re-shared in many different media and most wide spread newspapers.

2- participating in several interviews with different media and newspapers which have been reshared in other media many times.

3- Contribution in a criticizing session on the current situation in Iran and promotion of stopping violence and making presentation. This session was held with contribution of the head of Lawyers Of Justice System Association, National Constitution Association, The Association for Protection Foreign Children, representative of the Sociology Association, and different media and press agencies and the national TV and radio.

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4- Presentation in live TV and radio channels programs.

5- Participation in different sessions and doing advocacy with relevant policy makers including the parliament, The strategic research center of the president's office (2 sessions in one week), police, the expediency council, etc.

6- Translation and dissemination of the Associations president on IFSW website.

7- Sending emails to several international colleagues with the purpose of receiving their suggestions and recommendations including secretary general of IFSW, president of IAASW, president of IFSW-AP, IFSW UN commissioner .

8- Having a 3-hour webinar with participation of the secretary general of IFSW, president of the Italian Association of Social Workers and some professors and academicians.

Further meetings

We also have reports of regular meetings, events and conferences being held in physical and Hybrid formats from member associations. Every National association is gearing up for more activities in 2023 and especially face to face events with covid pandemic behind us.

Thank you!

To conclude , we thank the past President Ms Silvana Martinez and Present president MrJoachim for their continued support. We thank IFSW secretary General Dr Rory Truell for his continued support & guidance at all times and also thank the IFSW global secretariat and ofcourse the outgoing president of the Region Ms Rose Henderson for her leadership during the previous term.

With this brief report , we at IFSW-AP look forward for continued support from IFSW President & Executive committee and secretary General Truell for strengthening the activities in the Region.

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Members

Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Faroe Island, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kosovo, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom

New member(s): none. However, we are pleased that the newly established Ukraine Association of Social Workers made a formal application to IFSW for membership and member organisations have been invited to vote on this.

The following countries are not active yet in the IFSW European activities: Albania,

Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia republic of North, Monaco, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine. Ukraine has a new Association which has just applied for membership of IFSW.

Executive

- **Ana Radulescu** (Romania) – President
- **John Brennan** (Ireland) – Vice president

Members of the Executive

- **Brian Auslander** (Israel) – Treasurer
- **Josien Hofs** (Netherlands)
- **Paola Pontarollo** (Italy)
- **Andreas Kikvik** (Norway)

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Deputy Members

- **Birthe Povlsen** (Denmark), First Deputy Member
- **Fjolla Mucaj** (Kosovo), Second Deputy Member

IFSW Europe Honorary Secretary

- **Teodora Dobre** (Romania)

Representatives

- Representative to European Social Platform
John Brennan (Ireland)
- Representative to INGO / Council of Europe
Ruth Allen (UK)
- European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
Graça André (Portugal)
- European Anti-Poverty Network
Birthe Povlsen (Denmark)
- Eurochild
Anna Deneher (Ireland)
- Representative to International Psychogeriatric Association (IPA)
Gerry Nosowska (United Kingdom)
- United Nations, Geneva
Swetha Rao Dhananka (Switzerland)
- United Nations, Vienna
Herbert Paulischin (Austria)
- IFSW Global Education Commission
Nicolai Paulsen (Denmark)

- IFSW Global Ethic Commissions
Jane Shears (United Kingdom)
- IFSW Global Human Rights
Marcin Boryczko (Poland)
- IFSW Global Indigenous Committee
Margareta Uttjek (Sweden)

In January 2022, all IFSW Europe Representatives met online with the IFSW European Executive. From the meeting a webinar was planned (see below).

Regional Conference

Regional Conference



Preparations are underway for the next IFSW European Conference in 2023 in Prague. European Social Work Conference 2023, see <https://ifsw2023.org/>

Regional Delegates Meeting

IFSW Europe held its annual Delegates Meeting in Berlin in October 2022. The meeting was very successfully held in a hybrid format with 24 countries present in the room or on-line:- Austria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Czech Republic, Denmark,

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France – online on ZOOM, Finland, Germany, Greece – online on ZOOM, Ireland, Italy, Iceland – online on ZOOM, Israel, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Spain – online on ZOOM, Sweden, United Kingdom. We thank our German colleagues for their excellent organisation and hospitality. The next Delegates Meeting will be in Prague in May 2023.

Activities and Achievements

In 2022, IFSW Europe had a number of main priorities for actions:

1. Strengthening the national associations of social workers and to uphold the social work contribution to the decision-making process at the national level

IFSW Europe became active in supporting and endorsing our members in their activity at the national level and make their activity visible at the European level:

- Endorse the position of The British Association of Social Workers, Social Workers Union, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Social Work Association and several partner organisations co-signed a letter to the then Home Secretary, Priti Patel, opposing inhumane and unlawful draft guidance recently published in support of the proposed Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill ([Read more](#)).

- The Irish Association of Social Workers (IASW) Anti-Racism Advisory Group and our social work colleagues in Ireland and around the world stand in disbelief at the atrocities inflicted by Russian forces upon the people in Ukraine ([Read more](#)).
- The Israeli Union of Social Workers calls for the Palestinian Social Workers to join them in dialogue to explore how the two unions can communicate and work together advancing the profession in the region ([Read more](#)).

In 2022, the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the subsequent war there led to unprecedented activity by social workers in the region. Social workers are working at the borders with Ukraine to support the thousands of refugees that have fled the war. This work continues at the borders and in those many countries receiving these refugees.



First aid training at the Community Centre

The IFSW European Executive set up an on-line fund-raising facility to help support social workers who are working at the borders with Ukraine. Many of these social

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workers are volunteering to work at the borders. To-date, we have received more than 60,000 Euro and pledges of donations from a number of IFSW member organisations.

IFSW Europe opened a public call to support social workers helping people fleeing from the war zone. All European member organisation offer support to social workers inside Ukraine, at the borders or in their own country.

IFSW Europe implemented the following projects in July 2022: *A Community Social Work Centre and A Social Work Hub Ukraine*. These Projects are co-funded by IFSW Global.

2. Strengthened participation in key EU processes and dialogue with decision-makers IFSW Europe through the work of our Representatives mentioned above

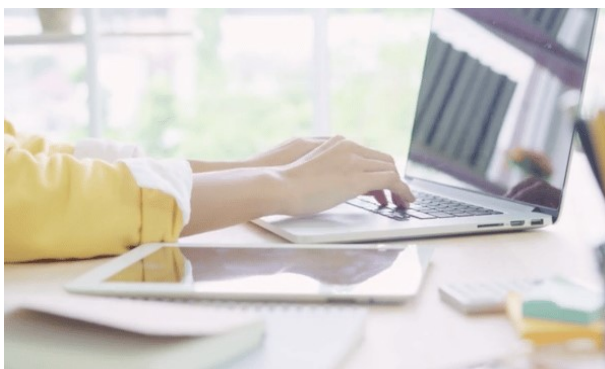
3. Improving the visibility and the voice of social workers in topics that affect the provision of social services and the life of people

IFSW Europe promoted the civil dialogue in the European Semester process ([Read more](#)).

IFSW Europe – beyond the pandemic: exploring social work ethics and values as a contribution to a new eco-social world ([Read more](#))

IFSW Europe has organised coordination of professions and community responses to the needs of refugees as they flee Ukraine ([Read more](#))

Preparation of the IFSW EUROPE POVERTY WATCH REPORT 2022 ([Read more](#))



Contribution to Poverty Watch Report

IFSW EUROPE takes part in discussion on the development of social policies to support Ukrainian refugees ([Read more](#))

4. Continue cooperation with European institutions and networks

We continued our cooperation with European Institutions and Networks. IFSW Europe continue to work with 6 European Institutions and Networks for which we had a team of 12 people from 7 countries.

We also had cooperation with European Social Network and Association of School of Social Workers:-

Nicolai Paulsen, as the Representative for IFSW Europe to IFSW Global Education Commission, contributed to a pilot peer review – a peer assessment – conducted

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by the IFSW Education Commission and chaired by the IFSW Global Education Commissioner in February 2022. It took place at the HAN University in the Netherlands, and the outcome was that their Bachelor of International Social Work has been endorsed by IFSW.

In August 2022, **Jane Shears**, our Representative on the IFSW Global Ethics Commission and now also the Global Ethics Commissioner, participated in the publication of the report of *[Beyond the pandemic: Exploring social work ethics and values as a contribution to a new eco-social world](#)*



Report: Beyond the pandemic

IFSW Europe's Representative to the Council of Europe's Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations (CINGO), **Ruth Allen**, attended and contributed in person to the Council of Europe's World Forum on Democracy (WFD) in November 2022 and hopes to attend in 2023. This is the largest regular global forum on the promotion and protection of democracy. The WFD is also accessible online.

We promoted social workers contribution to the decision-making process at the CINGO and to the implementation of CINGO's programmes thus ensuring their relevance to social workers and social services.

Anna Deneher represented IFSW Europe at the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on the Rights and Best Interests of the Child in Parental Separation and in Care Proceedings event on 3rd October held in Dublin.

Birthe Paulsen, our IFSW Europe Representative to the EAPN participated in the 2nd Mutual Learning Event on Preventive measures to combat homelessness in the EU, that took place in Brussels on the 20-21 October 2022.

Graça Maria André, IFSW Europe Representative to the FRA, the Fundamental Rights Agency, participated in a number of FRA events during the year.

5. We continue our activity at the IFSW Global level

IFSW Europe was represented on the IFSW Global Commissions:

- IFSW Global Education Commission
Nicolai PAULSEN (Denmark)
- IFSW Global Ethic Commissions
Jane SHEARS (United Kingdom)
- IFSW Global Human Rights
Marcin BORYCZKO (Poland)

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- IFSW Global Indigenous Committee
Margareta UTTJEK (Sweden)

6. Create diverse learning space and boosting the exchange of knowledge where we, as the social workers network, become stronger

Effective knowledge and expertise sharing between social workers are the IFSW Europe's greatest asset. Only through sharing knowledge we were able to work effectively with people in need and grow at both an individual and professional level in the context of COVID-19.

7. Communications - We promoted the diverse work of our members through events celebrated Work Social Work Day 2022

- WSWD 2022: 15th March 2022: Because of the war in the Ukraine the planned webinar 'Ubuntu: I am Because We are – Strengthening Social Solidarity and Global Connectedness' was cancelled and instead a webinar '*Voices from the Borders: Social Work Responds to the Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine*' was arranged to hear from social workers in Ukraine and at the borders speak about their experiences and tell us what way we can meaningfully help. This webinar had more than 1000 registrations ([Read more](#))
- ONLINE MEETING: 18 March 2022 Eurocarers' webinar on the 'Together Project: A Whole Family Approach for Young Carers'. **John Brennan** partici-

pated on behalf of IFSW Europe. Many young people are burdened by having to offer care to family members despite their young age



Webinar on Humanitarian Crisis Ukraine

- IFSW Europe also participated in an EU Commission webinar on responses to the war in the Ukraine in April 2022
- WEBINAR : 29th March 2022: Ethics research on social work practice during Covid-19. This webinar was coordinated by Jane Shears, IFSW Global Ethic Commissions Representative
- WEBINAR: 24th May 2022: Eco-wisdom for social workers, leaving no one behind. This webinar was coordinated by Josien Hof, IFSW Europe Exec member
- Armenia -IFSW Europe New Social Workers International Exchange Webinar, Friday 25th November 2022
- Georgia IFSW Europe New Social Workers International Exchange Webinar, Friday 30th September 2022

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- Italy IFSW Europe New Social Workers International Exchange Webinar, 31st August 2022
- Spain International Exchange Webinar: IFSW Europe New Social Workers Project Friday 29th July 2022
- Portugal International Exchange Webinar: IFSW Europe New Social Workers Project Friday 17th June
- The Netherlands International Exchange Webinar: IFSW Europe New Social Workers Project Friday 27th May 2022

FOR THESE WEBINARS WE HAD PARTICIPATION FROM ALL REGIONS.

8. Continue our projects at the European level

IFSW Europe is running 3 projects funded by IFSW Global:

- a. IFSW European Project 2018-Ongoing – European Pillar of Social Rights
- b. IFSW European Project – A Social Europe Is Possible! The New Generation of Social Workers
- c. The original project proposal was changed to a project to meet the challenges of the climate change crisis- ECO-WISDOM FOR SOCIAL WORKERS; LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND (2022- 2024)
- d. IFSW Europe is part of a project that has been approved by the European Commission to be financed on the topic: *Increasing*

Responsiveness to Citizen Voice in Social Services Across Europe.

The project will start on March 2023 and new information will be provided soon.

Information is available here:

<https://www.ifsw.org/regions/europe/projects/>

9. Publications

IFSW EUROPE POSITION PAPER ON THE EUROPEAN PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS' ACTION PLAN <https://www.ifsw.org/ifsw-europe-position-paper-on-the-european-pillar-of-social-rights-action-plan/>

Position paper in Pillar of Social Rights

Contribution to the European Commission Consultation
'Have your say on reinforcing Social Europe'

*Position Paper on the European Pillar of
Social Rights' Action Plan*

Planned Activities and Events

1. COMMUNICATION

1.1. Increase Online Visibility - Knowledge sharing – organise webinars and publish about the activities of our member organisation;

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1.2. Increase Internal Communications - Increase the contribution of member organization to the activity of IFSW Europe Representatives;

1.3. Increase communication with IFSW Europe partners - Ensure continuity between IFSW Representatives and our partners;

2. FINANCE

2.1. Prepare applications for external funds and access external resources for specific activities;

2.2. Ensure efficient management of IFSW Europe finances;

2.3. To finalise the process to bring the IFSW Europe as a legal body in compliance with the German authorities.

3. MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

3.1. Support member organizations to develop more active arrangements for mutual support and development, such as monthly webinars for our members to facilitate sharing and learning.

4. IFSW EUROPEAN CONFERENCES

4.1. IFSW Europe will organise the 2023 European Conference in Prague with the support of colleagues in the Czech Association. The event will be in May and the

conference title is: *'Against All Odds, A Social Europe is Possible Where No One is Left Behind'*

More information is available here:

<http://ifsw2023.org/>

4.2. The 2025 European Conference will be held in Oslo.

5. IFSW REPRESENTATIVES

5.1. Engage social workers in the work of IFSW Europe and to represent us in contact with our partners;

5.2. Ensure coordination between the IFSW Europe agenda and the activities of IFSW Europe representatives. To help achieve this aim, set up a facility via the Executive Committee for all Representatives to meet periodically to coordinate activities and plans.



Ana Radulescu representing IFSW at the at Social Platform in Brussels

6. NETWORKING AND LOBBYING

6.1. Engage with EU institutions (including the EU Commission and Parliament), UN,

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Council of Europe and the other networks in Europe to further the voice of social work;

7. THE SOCIAL WORK DAY 2023

7.1. Create and promote all over Europe common key messages within the Global Agenda theme of 2023.

8. RELATIONS WITH IFSW GLOBAL

8.1. Ensure IFSW Europe representation to the IFSW Global Commissions;

8.2. Contribute to the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development process.

9. POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL ACTIONS

9.1. Develop policy statements that reflect the priorities of IFSW Europe member organisations;

9.2. Develop IFSW Europe documentation/ information packs on the implementation of the European projects to support member organisations in any advocacy work at EU level;

9.3. Set up a consultation mechanism to define 'social services' from an IFSW Europe perspective. Definition to be brought to the next Delegates meeting for ratification;

9.4. Participate in the 2023 Poverty Watch Survey coordinated by EAPN.

10. ENSURE AN EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF THE PROJECTS

10.1. IFSW European Project (2018) – Social workers for transformational and sustainable social protection in Europe;

10.2. IFSW European Project (2020) – A Social Europe is possible! The new generation of social workers – FOLLOW-UP;

10.3. IFSW European Project (2022)– Developing eco-wisdom – leave no one behind!

10.4 Increasing responsiveness to citizen voice in the social services across Europe.

11. NEW PRIORITIES TO TAKE FURTHER

11.1. Eco-Social Work & Climate Change;

11.2. International Collaborative Social Work Learning.

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Members

Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Grenada, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, Suriname.

**Contact with Mexico is being attempted*

New Members: none

Executive

- Kenia Batista , Panama, President
- Tania Ramos, Brazil, Vice President

Representatives

- Iván de Jesús Rosas, Puerto Rico, Global Agenda Commissioner
- Marinilda Rivera, Puerto Rico, Education Commission

**Human Rights, Indigenous, Ethics, and UN commissions are vacant.*

Reports from members

Barbados has been operating under three main pillars -peer enhancement, community engagement and outreach, and building capacities- with financial support from the Barbados government and membership fees. Its challenges for the future include working against the underemployment of social workers, encouraging continuing studies, funding and valuing social work for the growth and development of society, and preventing the emigration of social workers to Canada, the United States and England.

Cuba has continued to develop the technical training of social workers and their participation as a vital member of the core group in health units and institutions. The social work professional is reaffirmed as

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an essential and indispensable figure in social institutions and in the application and fulfilment of social policies in all programmes of the National Health System. The challenges for the future include the establishment of a degree in Social Work.

Chile updated the Association's database. A communication system and professional seminars and statements were organised. The Association participated in the modification of the Health Code's fifth title to include social work in the professional team. The challenges for the future include the thematic agenda, the commemoration of the Centenary of Social Work in Latin America and other social work activities. The next Latin American Association for Social Work Teaching and Research (ALAIETS) International Seminar will be held in Chile in 2025.

Grenada defended a child from being raped by his teacher -which led to his suspension and subsequent imprisonment and amendments to the Education Act-and addressed the issue of fatal injuries to mentally ill patients by the police force. Seminars and conferences were held. Challenges for the future include working collaboratively to build a strong professional identity, raising student entry requirements and training, and improving student practice and experiences to build a competent social workforce.

Paraguay. Law 2020/19, which regulates professional practice, was approved by the Executive. The Code of Ethics became part of the law. The Association supports the Social Work Directorate of the Ministry of Health in response to the pandemic. The future challenges are strengthening the profession, achieving compliance with the law, recovering lost spaces, enforcing the 30 hours for social workers and holding the VII Congress of Social Work.

El Salvador held two webinars (Fundamental Rights of children and adolescents and Human Rights), online conferences (CV, self-care during the pandemic, Simic Smallpox prevention; Law on Money Laundering and Fixed Assets); online International Congresses (2021 and 2022). Work was done to improve the Association's administrative and financial support, employing more than 50 colleagues, and socialise the money laundering law. Challenges for the future include defining a strategy for immediate action, improving the number of active members and employment management levels and registration through the Social Work Act, and unifying the transition process for the new governing bodies in 2023.

Uruguay sought to strengthen the professional collective for the development of the profession and improvement of social work training. It represented social workers before national and international orga-

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nisations and promoted the opening of new fields of work and the recognition and hierarchy of the profession. The Association issued statements during 2021 and 2022 and held a discussion on the state of social programmes following the changes in the Ministry of Social Development. For the future, it intends to disseminate and work on the Social Work Law N° 19.778 to guarantee the professionalisation of social work tasks, labour conditions and institutional responses to the population. It aims to improve the internal structure of the Association and the departmental organisation in order to increase the political presence in each locality of the country and to participate in the international organisations of social work, to continue to promote meetings, debates, training spaces, analysis of workspaces and exchanges.

Costa Rica has developed a process of democratisation of professional training through online courses and decentralised conferences, taking into account the regional differences. It has made progress in union participation and the ethical and political orientation of the collective towards the creation of a professional project that unites and mobilises the union for the defence of rights. The future challenges are opening up important workspaces and seeking greater participation of the professional collective in institutional trade

organisations and the commissions and projects developed by the School as a platform for the collective struggle related to the profession.

Suriname highlights its first Code of Ethics. Now they are setting up an institute for professional social work courses. In the future, it intends to bridge the gap between the Association and the government.

Panama is analysing its Professional Law and the Working Conditions and Occupational Risks of Social Workers in Panama. The union advocates for the preservation of workspaces, labour conditions and stability of social workers, to avoid temporary work contracts, participating in demonstrations with other organisations on social security in the area of old age pensions, and supports the exercise of 35 professions in the country. It has promoted, through the Technical Council of Social Work, the obligatory nature of background checks in state institutions for those who have held the position without entering by competition to exercise it. It will host the 2024 IFSW Global Conference.

Puerto Rico highlights the presentation of three bills:

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- Senate Bill 683: to declare social work as a priority service in emergency situations.
- Senate Project 893: to establish the bill of rights for social work professionals in Puerto Rico. This project establishes 13 fundamental rights for the profession, among which are adequate workloads, safe workspaces, clarity in the functions and clear lines of supervision by social work professionals.
- Senate Bill 894: to create the base salary law for social work professionals of \$3,989.00 with a bachelor's degree, \$4,232 with a master's degree and \$4,800 with a doctoral degree. Similarly, it creates hourly wages for professionals who work by contract of 20.77 an hour with a bachelor's degree, 24.41 with a master's degree and 27.69 with a doctorate.

The professional group participated in various demonstrations supporting vulnerable groups. Significant changes are being made in their administrative, communication and guild development structures.

Colombia. Actions (meetings, discussions) have been carried out in different scenarios and academic units. The Colombian Federation of Social Workers (FECTS) is approaching Academic Units and teachers, inviting students close to graduating to the union association.

XVI National Congress of Social Work: most significant academic event of social work in Colombia. Participation of the three organisms. Movement and visibility of the Federation in regional and alumni organisations, increasing the number of linked organisations. Training activities within the framework of the FECTS-Academic Units alliance and the "En Vivos" Day, articulated with the National Council of Social Work and the ministries of Health, Labour and Justice, for the Social Work Day. Communications, Labor-Research and Academic Commissions. National Articulation, as a fundamental objective of the union, understanding the dimension and need for cooperation between the unions to respond to professional interests and concerns. The promotion of partnerships as the central axis of the FECTS. Union activities with the support of the IFSW-LAC President and representatives of other national organisations. Our representative in the National Council of Social Work (Council of Law) has been elected as president of this body.

Argentina highlights as main achievements ensuring the online continuity of the association during the pandemic, consolidating the Gender and Diversities Forum through meetings, activities and pronouncements, obtain a favourable ruling by the federal courts in a lawsuit for Social Work to be recognised as a health profession in the Superintendence of Health Services.

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It plans to: strengthen the space and presence of the federation within the professional collective; have a greater impact on the national agenda; defend the forms and conditions of employment contracts; eliminate job insecurity; strengthen the link with academic units in order to prevent the spread of tertiary degrees which are not recognised by the laws of professional practice, enabling other professions to access the title of Social Work.

Brazil. A destructive government was endured for four years, transferring the burden to the workers and persecuting those who denounced and protested this situation, the public University, scientific research, and culture. Nevertheless, actions in favour of human diversity have been carried out. The Council's struggled for funds for health, education, social assistance, income, for the right to quarantine, for protection and job security, for housing and employment stability. Another government will begin in 2023 with new hope for the Brazilian people.

Commissioners Reports

Global Social Work Agenda. The Global Agenda coordination has not taken place in the context of a formally instituted IFSW commission but as a special working com-

mittee aimed at developing the fourth Global Agenda report. The work was carried out in direct communication with Dr David N. Jones, general coordinator of the Global Agenda. The regional report was published at the invitation of Jenny Linares, dean of the Peruvian School of Social Work, and presented at a regional panel on the Global Agenda advances made by LAC. In the future, it is recommended that we develop our own work plan, including training and regional meetings focused on our Latin American and Caribbean reality and challenges and how we can influence the governmental sphere to develop social policies to address them.

Education Commission



Global Public Health Week

GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK (April 4-8, 2022). The International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), in the spirit of co-building a new eco-social world, joined the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) and global community in

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celebrating global public health. Both partners co-facilitated the Health and social well-being within a conflict environment event. Keynote speakers included: Bettina Borish -WFPHA Executive Director -; Walter Ricciardi -European Advisory Committee for Health Research (EACHR)-; Ana Radulescu -IFSW European Regional President-; Marinilda Rivera Díaz -IFSW IFSW-LAC Education Commissioner- and Malabika Sarker -Professor and Acting Dean, James P. Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, Bangladesh-, among others.

IFSW Education Commission will continue to prioritise the following goals and future plans:

- Transfer of knowledge and good practices on social work education through courses, seminars and conferences.
- Open-access educational material.
- Dialogue and consultation on educational issues with IASSW and other organisations.
- Represent IFSW in forums on social work and higher education issues.
- Monitor the expansion of social work education worldwide and its qualitative and quantitative trends.
- Support social work education when political or technocratic pressures

might threaten the quality of education.

- Explore, document and celebrate the history of IFSW's involvement in education.
- Events, publications and research projects that promote the inclusive, practice-based, holistic and participatory nature of social work education (including the International Journal of Social Work and Federation publications).
- Genuine participation of the users of the services in the training of social work.
- Decolonisation of social work curricula.

Human Rights Commission: links were established with various countries in the Region through joint work with their Presidents and other Commissions. This work was complemented with the elaboration of the requested regional reports.

A Latin American Forum on Human Rights of Social Workers and regional diagnosis regarding human rights are planned.

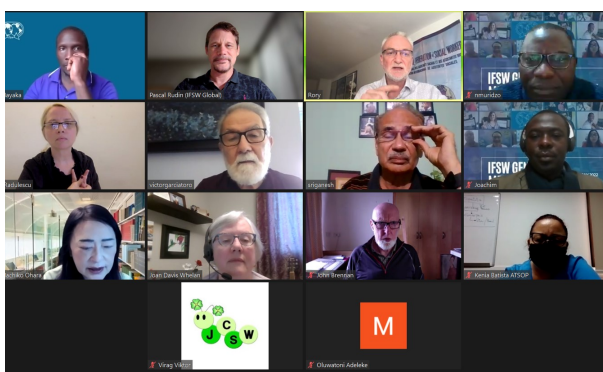
Indigenous Commission: Visits to the communities provided information gathered through experiential events, observations, interviews, and videos. In the future, the

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aim is to strengthen the attention to communities, elaborating Community and Territorial Management Plans for a policy towards the integral development of Indigenous Peoples.

Activities and Achievements



IFSW Executive Meeting

- Participation in the Global Executive meetings;
- Weekly meetings with the Vice president to discuss the political performance of IFSW-LAC within the region;
- Induction meeting with the members of IFSW-LAC (November 18);
- Meeting with the El Salvador Association of Social Workers;
- Meeting with the President of Suriname and the Education Commissioner to discuss contributions to a continuing education agenda (August 12);

- Meeting with members of the Mexican Federation of Social Workers concerning membership and fees;
- Meeting with the Associations of Social Workers of Costa Rica, Portugal and Spain regarding professional training;
- Meeting with the UN Global Commissioner, to better understand the regional representation (October 11);
- The HR and Indigenous commissioners participated in the Latin American and Caribbean Social Service, Indigenous Peoples and Human Rights Seminar (Brazil, July 14).
- Solidarity with the Social Work Program of the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul (PUC/RS), Brazil, before the announcement of its closure.
- 16 days of activism against gender-based violence.



Statement on the elimination of violence against women

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- Statement on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (November 25);



Statement on Human Rights Day

- Statement on Human Rights Day (December 10);
- Letters and videos for national social work days;
- Communications with the Associations regarding the changes that are taking place in social policies, which imply a gradual dismantling of the social protection matrix;
- Support and strengthening of unions in the development of social work laws in countries where they do not exist;

- Support and strengthening of social work against de-professionalisation and precarious labour conditions;
- Articulation between associations and academia.

Planned Activities and Events

The 2023 regional conference: two possibilities are being considered (Costa Rica and Perú), which should inform the consent of their organisations.

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Países Miembros

Argentina, Barbados, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Haití, Grenada, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Perú, Puerto Rico, República Dominicana, Uruguay, Suriname.

Observación: Con México se está estableciendo acercamientos

Nuevos miembros: ninguno

Mesa Directiva

- Kenia Batista – Panamá– Presidente
- Tania Ramos – Brasil – Vicepresidenta

Comisionados/as

- Iván De Jesús Rosas, Puerto Rico, Coordinador Agenda Global
- Marinilda Rivera – Puerto Rico – Comisión Interina Educación

Observación: Las comisiones de Derechos Humanos, Indígena, Ética y de las Naciones Unidas están vacantes.

Informes de los países miembros

Se solicitó a todos los países miembros, logros y buenas prácticas que se han desarrollado en 2022 y retos para el futuro.

Barbados ha estado operando bajo tres pilares principales: pilar de mejora de colegas, compromiso y alcance comunitario y pilar de desarrollo de capacidades. El trabajo bajo estos pilares se ha logrado gracias al apoyo financiero recibido por parte del gobierno de Barbados y las cuotas de membresía. Tiene como retos para el futuro, trabajar contra el subempleo de trabajadores/as sociales, fomentar la continuación de los estudios de trabajadores/as sociales, tener una financiación adecua-

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ada y valorizar el trabajo social para el crecimiento y desarrollo de la sociedad y para evitar la emigración de trabajadores/as sociales a Canadá, Estados Unidos e Inglaterra.

Cuba ha desarrollado la continuidad en la formación técnica del trabajador social y su participación como miembro fundamental en el Grupo Básico de Trabajo en las unidades de salud e instituciones. Se reafirma el profesional de Trabajo Social como figura esencial e imprescindible en las instituciones sociales, en la aplicación y cumplimiento de las políticas sociales en todos los programas del Sistema Nacional de Salud. Tiene como retos para el futuro, la apertura de la licenciatura en Trabajo Social.

Chile hizo la actualización de la base de datos de la Asociación. Se organizó un sistema comunicacional, se realizaron actividades en conversatorios de los cuales se trataron materias de interés profesional y se elaboraron declaraciones de temas importantes para el Colegio. La Asociación participó en la modificación del título quinto del Código Sanitario para incluir el trabajo social y su perfil asociado a los demás miembros del equipo profesional. Tiene como retos para el futuro activar y actualizar la agenda temática, proyectar y organizar conmemoración del Centenario del Trabajo Social en América Latina y revisar gestiones del Trabajo

Social. Es importante decir que el próximo Seminario Internacional de ALAIETS se realizará en Chile, en 2025.

Granada actuó en la defensa de un niño, contra su violación por parte de su maestro, condujo a su suspensión y posterior encarcelamiento y enmiendas a la Ley de Educación; abordó el tema de las heridas fatales de pacientes con enfermedades mentales por parte de la fuerza policial. Se realizaron seminarios y conferencias. Tiene como retos para el futuro trabajar en colaboración para construir una fuerte identidad profesional, elevar los requisitos de ingreso de los estudiantes y la formación, mejorar la práctica y las experiencias de los estudiantes para construir una fuerza laboral social competente.

Paraguay tuvo la Ley 2020/19 y su reglamento, que regula el ejercicio profesional, aprobada por el ejecutivo y el Código de Ética pasó a formar parte de la ley. La Asociación está trabajando en el apoyo permanente a dirección de Trabajo Social del Ministerio de Salud, en todo lo que haga intervenciones ante la pandemia. Tiene como retos para el futuro, fortalecer el gremio, lograr el cumplimiento de la ley, recuperar espacios perdidos, hacer cumplir las 30 horas para los/as trabajadores/as sociales y realizar el VII Congreso de Trabajo Social.

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El Salvador realizó dos cursos virtuales (Derechos Fundamentales de niñez y adolescencia y Derechos Humanos); conferencias virtuales (Actualización sobre Elaboración de Hoja de Vida; Fomento del autocuidado de la salud mental en tiempos de pandemia; Prevención de Viruela Símica; Ley sobre Lavado de Dinero y Activos fijos); Congresos Internacionales virtuales 2021 y 2022. Se trabajó para mejorar el soporte administrativo, contable y financiero de la Asociación. Actuó en la gestión de empleo a más de 50 colegas e hizo avances con la socialización de ley de lavado de dinero. Tiene como retos para el futuro definir estrategia de actuación inmediata, para mejorar la cantidad de membresía activa; mejorar los niveles de gestión de empleo; responder a la necesidad de Colegiación, mediante Ley de Trabajo Social; unificar proceso de transición, para nuevos cuerpos directivos en el Año 2023.

Uruguay buscó fortalecer al colectivo profesional y sentar las bases para el desarrollo de la profesión. Se impulsó el perfeccionamiento de la formación de los/as Trabajadores/as Sociales; se representó a los/as Trabajadores/as Sociales ante organismos nacionales e internacionales; se promovió la apertura de nuevos campos de trabajo y el reconocimiento y jerarquización de la profesión. La Asociación hizo declaraciones durante los años 2021 y 2022 y realizó Conversatorio sobre el estado de los programas sociales a par-

tir de los cambios en el Ministerio de Desarrollo Social. Para el futuro pretende difundir y trabajar la ley de reglamentación del ejercicio profesional del Trabajo Social N° 19.778 para garantizar la profesionalización de las tareas del Trabajo Social, la defensa de las condiciones de trabajo y garantizar las respuestas institucionales a la población. Pretende mejorar la estructura interna de la Asociación, fortalecer la organización departamental para incrementar la presencia política en cada localidad del país y participar en las organizaciones internacionales del Trabajo Social. Y más, seguir promoviendo encuentros, debates, espacios de formación, análisis de los espacios de trabajo y de intercambio.

Costa Rica ha avanzado con un proceso de democratización de la formación profesional por medio de cursos virtuales y congresos desconcentrados, los cuales toman en cuenta las particularidades de las diferentes regiones del país. Ha avanzado cualitativamente en la participación gremial y la orientación ética y política del colectivo, donde actualmente, uno de los ejes fundamentales de la organización es la creación colectiva de un proyecto profesional que cohesione y movilice al gremio para la defensa de los derechos. Tiene como retos para el futuro abrir espacios laborales importantes, buscar una mayor participación del colectivo profesional en organizaciones gremiales institucionales y en las comisiones y proyectos gestados

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desde el Colegio, comprendido como una plataforma para la lucha colectiva relacionados con la profesión y las diversas áreas de abordaje.

Suriname destaca su primer Código de Ética e ahora están montando un instituto de cursos de actualización y formación para profesionales del trabajo social. Para el futuro, pretende cerrar la brecha entre la Asociación y el gobierno.

Panamá Ha estado desarrollando la revisión de su Ley Profesional para nuevos cambios, tiene como meta la realización de la Conferencia Mundial de Trabajo Social para 2024 generando acciones internas colocándolo como una actividad de país. Se está realizando un estudio macro sobre las Condiciones de Trabajo y los Riesgos Profesionales de los trabajadores Sociales de Panamá. Han estado activa en luchas para la estabilidad de los Trabajadores Sociales para evitar los contratos de trabajo temporales. Se ha estado manifestando con otros organismos gremiales sobre la seguridad social en el tema de pensiones de vejez, del apoyo al ejercicio de 35 profesiones del país. Han impulsado a través de Consejo Técnico de Trabajo Social la obligatoriedad de los concursos de antecedentes en las instituciones del estado para aquellas personas que han ejercido el cargo sin entrar por concurso. El gremio mantiene siempre una constante lucha sobre el tema de la preservación

de los espacios laborales y las condiciones para ejercerlo.

Puerto Rico destaca la presentación de tres proyectos de ley: El Proyecto del Senado 683 para declarar el trabajo social como servicio prioritario en situaciones de emergencia. El Proyecto del Senado 893 para establecer la carta de derechos de los y las profesionales del trabajo social de Puerto Rico. Este proyecto establece 13 derechos fundamentales para la profesión entre los que se encuentran cargas de trabajo adecuadas, espacios de trabajo seguros, claridad en las funciones y líneas claras de supervisión por profesionales del trabajo social. El Proyecto del Senado 894 para crear la ley del salario base para los profesionales del trabajo social que crearía salarios base de \$3,989.00 con grado de bachillerato; \$4,232 con grado de maestría y \$4,800 con grado doctoral. De igual forma, crea salarios por hora para las profesionales que laboran por contrato de 20.77 la hora con bachillerato, 24.41 con maestría y 27.69 con doctorado. Se participó y tubo presencia del colectivo profesional en diversas manifestaciones apoyando a grupos vulnerables. Se están realizando cambios importantes desde sus estructuras administrativas, comunicativas y de desarrollo del gremio.

Colombia se han realizado acciones pertinentes (reuniones, conversatorios) en diferentes escenarios y unidades académicas

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cas, Acercamiento de la FECTS a las Unidades Académicas y docentes, motivando a los estudiantes próximos a egresar a la asociatividad gremial. Realización del XVI Congreso Nacional de Trabajo Social 2020. Considera éste, evento académico como el más significativo del trabajo social en Colombia. Participación de los tres organismos. Movimiento y visibilización de la federación en las organizaciones regionales y de egresados aumentando el número de organizaciones vinculadas. Actividades de capacitación en el marco de la alianza FECTS – Unidades académicas y el apoyo en la Jornada de “En Vivos”, articulados con el consejo Nacional de Trabajo Social y los ministerios de Salud, Trabajo y Justicia, como actividad proyectada para el “Día del Trabajador Social”. Comisiones de Trabajo con representación de las regionales vinculadas a la federación: Comunicaciones, Laboral-Investigación y la Académica, Articulación Nacional, como objetivo misional y fundamental del gremio, entendiendo la dimensión y necesidad de unión entre los gremios para representar los intereses y responder a las preocupaciones que atañen a la profesión. La promoción y fomento de la asociatividad, como eje central de la federación “FECTS”. En este periodo, ha sido un propósito, impulsar la presencia y participación en/de las regionales y el fortalecimiento de la organización. Importante y fundamental la articulación de actividades gremiales con el apoyo de la presidenta de la FITS-ALC, y representantes de organizaciones hermanas como Costa Rica,

México, Ecuador, Argentina, entre otras. Entre los logros importantes de este período, ha sido la elección de nuestra representante en el Consejo Nacional de Trabajo Social (Consejo de la Ley), como presidenta de este organismo.

Argentina destaca que los logros principales en este último tiempo se pueden considerar garantizar el funcionamiento de la federación de manera virtual en pandemia. Consolidar el Foro de Géneros y Diversidades como órgano de la federación por medio de reuniones, actividades y pronunciamientos. Obtener una sentencia favorable por la justicia federal ante una demanda que el Trabajo Social sea reconocido como profesión de la salud en la Superintendencia de Servicios de Salud.

Tiene como planes: fortalecer el espacio y presencia de la federación hacia el interior del colectivo profesional; tener mayor incidencia en la agenda nacional; mayor defensa de las formas y condiciones de contratación laboral; eliminar la precarización laboral y remuneraciones acordes a las labores; fortalecer el vínculo con la federación de unidades académicas en pos, de evitar la propagación de títulos terciarios que no son reconocidos por las leyes de ejercicio profesional y que habilitan a otras profesiones a acceder al Título de Trabajo Social.

En **Brasil**, se vivió durante cuatro años, un gobierno que promovió la destrucción,

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transfiriendo la carga a los trabajadores y también la persecución de quienes denuncian y protestan por estas situaciones. Lo mismo ocurrió con la Universidad pública, la investigación científica, la cultura que quedaron bajo acciones para destruir. Pero acciones a favor de la diversidad humana se han llevado a cabo y la lucha del Consejo fue diaria, por fondos para salud, educación, asistencia social, por garantía de ingresos, por el derecho a la cuarentena, por la protección y seguridad laboral, para la vivienda y la estabilidad laboral. Otro gobierno empieza en 2023 con nuevas esperanzas para el pueblo brasileño.

Informes de las/o comisionadas/o

Agenda Global del Trabajo Social: Las labores realizadas como coordinador de la Agenda Global, no se han dado en el contexto de una comisión de trabajo instituida formalmente por la FITS, sino como un comité especial de trabajo dirigido a desarrollar el cuarto reporte de la Agenda Global. El trabajo se realizó en comunicación directa con el Dr. David N. Jones, coordinador general de la Agenda Global. Se hizo la publicación del informe regional bajo la invitación del Colegio de Trabajadores Sociales del Perú Lima III y su decana, Jenny Linares y se presentó en la conferencia global en línea un panel regional de los avances vinculados a la Agenda Global desde la Región de América Latina

y el Caribe. Para el futuro, se recomienda que, desde nuestra región, desarrollemos nuestro propio plan de trabajo en dicha dirección, el cual incluya capacitaciones y encuentros regionales dirigidos a profundizar sobre nuestra realidad latinoamericana y caribeña, los retos fundamentales de la región y cómo podemos incidir en la esfera gubernamental para desarrollo de políticas sociales para su atención.

Comisión de Educación

SEMANA MUNDIAL DE LA SALUD PÚBLICA 2022 (4 al 8 de abril de 2022).



Semana Mundial de la Salud

La Federación Internacional de Trabajadores Sociales (IFSW), con el espíritu de co-construir un nuevo mundo ecosocial, se unió a la Federación Mundial de Asociaciones de Salud Pública (WFPHA) y a la comunidad mundial para celebrar la salud pública mundial. Los dos socios coorganizaron un evento "Salud y bienestar social en un entorno de conflicto". Algunos de los presentadores del evento incluyeron:

Bettina Borish. Director Ejecutivo WFPHA;
Walter Ricciardi. miembro del comité, Co-

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mité Consultivo Europeo de Investigación en Salud (EACHR); Ana Radulescu. Presidente Regional Europeo de IFSW; Marinilda Rivera Díaz. Representante Regional de IFSW para la Región de América Latina y el Caribe de la Comisión de Educación de IFSW y Malabika Sarker. Profesor y decano interino de la Escuela de Salud Pública James P. Grant de la Universidad BRAC, Bangladesh, entre otros.

Acciones Futuros: la Comisión de Educación Global continuará priorizando los siguientes objetivos y planes futuros:

- Transferencia de conocimientos y buenas prácticas sobre la educación en trabajo social (nivel global). Esto podría suceder a través de la facilitación de cursos, seminarios y conferencias de CPD.
- Ayudar a crear un depósito de material educativo de libre acceso.
- Mantener el diálogo y mejorar la consulta sobre asuntos educativos con IASSW y otras organizaciones globales/regionales.
- Representar a IFSW en foros que discutan temas sobre trabajo social y educación superior.
- Monitorear la expansión de la educación en trabajo social a nivel mundial e identificar tendencias cualitativas y cuantitativa.
- Intervenir en apoyo de la educación en trabajo social cuando existan presio-

nes políticas o tecnocráticas para hacer "concesiones" a la calidad de la educación. Explore, documente y celebre la historia de la participación de IFSW en la educación.

- Dirigir la facilitación de eventos, publicaciones y proyectos de investigación que promuevan la naturaleza inclusiva, basada en la práctica, holística y participativa de la educación en trabajo social (incluida la Revista Internacional de Trabajo Social y las publicaciones de la Federación).
- Promover la participación genuina de las personas usuarias de los servicios en la formación del trabajo social.
- Apoyar el proceso de descolonización de los currículos de trabajo social.

Comisión de Derechos Humanos: se hizo vinculación con diversos países de la Región a través del trabajo conjunto con sus Presidentas y Presidentes y con otras Comisiones, para generar una comunicación constante con los representantes de la Región. Se complementó este trabajo con la elaboración de pronunciamiento de la región y los informes solicitados.

Para para el futuro se pretende organizar y realizar en la Región un Foro Latinoamericano de DDHH de las personas profesionales de T.S. Se propuso también la elaboración de un diagnóstico de la Región con respecto a DDHH.

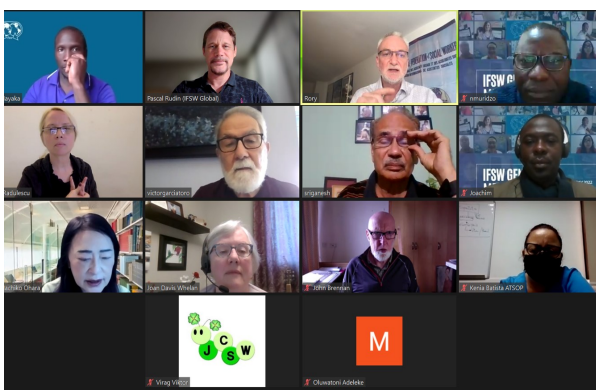
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Comisión Indígena y Pueblos Originarios:

Se desarrolló visitas a las comunidades originarias que permitieron recopilar información, a través de hechos vivenciales, observaciones, entrevistas, videos a los diferentes actores involucrados. Para el futuro, se pretende el fortalecimiento de las capacidades, para la atención a comunidades para la elaboración de Planes de Gestión Comunitarios y Territoriales, para una política hacia el desarrollo integral de los Pueblos Indígenas.

Actividades y logros generales



Reuniones virtuales del Ejecutivo Global

- Participación en las reuniones virtuales del Ejecutivo Global;
- Reuniones semanales con la vicepresidenta para discutir la actuación política de FITS LAC en la región;
- Realización de reunión con los países miembros de FITS ALC, para presentación del equipo, integración de los/as miembros, inducción de FITS y acuerdos y consideraciones (18 de noviembre);
- Realización de reunión con la presidenta y miembros de la Asociación de Trabajadores y Trabajadoras Sociales de El Salvador;
- Realización de reunión con la presidenta de Suriname y la comisionada de Educación para discutir contribuciones a una agenda de educación continua (12 de agosto);
- Realización de reunión con miembros de la Federación de Trabajadores Sociales del México para discutir membresía y cuotas;
- Realización de reunión con las Asociaciones de Trabajadores Sociales de Costa Rica, Portugal y España para discutir la formación profesional;
- Realización de reunión con la Comisionada Global para las Naciones Unidas, para comprender mejor la representación regional (11 de octubre);
- Participación en el Semanario Latinoamericano e Caribeño Servicio Social, Pueblos Indígenas e Derechos Humanos, que ocurrió en Brasil, 14 y 14 de julio. Las comisionadas de Derechos Humanos y Indígena y Pueblos Originarios también participaron;

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- Apoyo y solidaridad con los profesores, estudiantes y técnicos del Programa de Posgrado en Trabajo Social de la Pontificia Universidade Católica del Rio Grande do Sul (PUC/RS), Brasil – maestría y doctorado, así como el curso de pregrado, ante el anuncio de su clausura.
- Apoyo y divulgación para los 16 días de activismo contra la violencia de género.
- Posicionamiento de la región “Noviembre 25”, día internacional para la eliminación de la violencia de género;
- Apoyo y fortalecimiento de los gremios en el desarrollo de leyes del trabajo social en países donde no existen;
- Apoyo y fortalecimiento del trabajo social contra la desprofesionalización y la precarización de las condiciones laborales;
- Apoyo y fortalecimiento de la articulación entre asociaciones y academia.



Día internacional para la eliminación de la violencia de género

- Posicionamiento sobre el día de los Derechos Humanos (10 de diciembre);
- Cartas y videos para los días nacionales del Trabajo Social;
- Apoyo y divulgación de comunicados de las Asociaciones ante los cambios que se vienen gestando en las políticas sociales, los cuales implican un paulatino desmantelamiento de la matriz de protección social;

Actividades y eventos planificados

La conferencia regional 2023: se estudian dos posibilidades (Costa Rica y Peru) en las cuales deben tener la anuencia de sus organizaciones sede para poder mandarlo a la FITS la respuesta del evento.

Sometido por:

Kenia Batista, Presidenta FITS ALC

Tania Ramos, Vicepresidenta FITS ALC

Novedades y Declaraciones

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Members

Canada, United States of America.

Executive

- **Joan Davis-Whelan**, President, IFSW-North American Region; President, Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW)
- **Mildred "Mit" Joyner**, DPS, MSW, LCSW; President, IFSW-North American Region; Vice President, National Association of Social Workers, USA (NASW-USA)

Representatives

Education: **Dr. Gary Bailey** (US), Regional Commissioner

Kim Strom (US), Regional Commissioner

Human Rights: **Mark Lusk** (US), Regional Commissioner

Indigenous: **Dr. Hilary Weaver** (US), Inaugural Global Commissioner

United Nations: **Michael Cronin** (US), Regional Commissioner; Representatives (New York) (all US): **Robin Mama**, **Elaine Congress**, **Anne C. Deepak**, **Evelyn P. Tomaszewski**, **Shenae Osborn**, **Kelsey Wills** (intern), **Julianna Larock** (intern)

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Report from Canada



Promoting the Profession Highlights

- Researched and compiled partner organizations responses into a Student Loan Response advocating for social work to be included in the Canada Student Financial Assistance (CSFA) Program expansion (September).
- CASW ED met with the PHAC Stakeholders – Health and Allied Health – Topics covered included the Fall Vaccination Campaign and corresponding public education campaigns. (September)
- CASW's Highest Honour: Glenn Drover Award for Outstanding Service awarded posthumously by the Ontario Association of Social Workers to Professor Marion Bogo.
- CASW ED attended Parliament Hill Day to honour Early Psychosis and Schizophrenia Awareness Day with the Schizophrenia Society of Canada (May)

- CASW ED participated in Child Welfare League of Canada's Equitable Standards for Transitions to Adulthood for Youth in Care Evaluation Model local consultation with Federal stakeholders (June)
- CASW Board member committed to represent CASW on the [National Mental Health and Substance Use Standardization Collaborative](#) (June) CASW Board member committed to represent CASW on Humane Canada's ACT (Awareness, Collaboration, Tools) Project for Women with Animals Experiencing Gender-Based Violence. (June)
- CASW signed an agreement to support the Sleep Research Consortium – Sleep across the lifecycle – research project led by Penny Corkum - Dalhousie University, Department of Psychology & Neuroscience (June)

Strategic Advocacy

- CASW and ABSW collaborated to deliver a webinar on [African Canadians & Reparations in Social Work](#) based on the Reparations project recently completed (October 11, 2022)
- CASW attended the [Anti-Poverty All Party Caucus](#) meeting with focus on uBIG in relation to international and provincial pilot projects currently being implemented. (October 17)

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- [CASW 2022 Pre-Budget Submission](#) submitted to the Standing Committee of Finance.
- CASW signed endorsed Open Letter calling for action on food insecurity in Canada from Dignity for All (October 18).
- CASW accepted an initiation to join a National Collaborative on PTSD and Related Mental Health Conditions and their impact on Military members, Military and RCMP Veterans, Public Safety Personnel, and their Families.
- [SASW and CASW Joint Statement](#) in Support of James Smith Cree Nation and the community of Weldon
- CASW issued a [Statement](#) in Advance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation 2022. (September 27)
- Joined BCASW in publishing a statement regarding the provincial decriminalization of small amounts of illicit substances: [Decriminalization of small amounts of drugs in BC a positive step – but falls short of changes needed to save lives](#) (June 1)
- Published a statement following defeat of Bill C-216, the Health-based Approach to Substance Use Act: [Liberals Align with Conservatives Against a Public Health Approach to Substance Use](#) (June 2)
- Published a statement marking National Indigenous Peoples Day: [CASW](#)

[Statement in Advance of National Indigenous Peoples Day: Time to Celebrate, Time to Act](#) (June 20)

- CASW Celebrated Repealing of Mandatory Minimums for Drug Offences. After a decade of advocating, the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW celebrates the passing of Bill C-5, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act* that repeals mandatory minimum sentencing for certain drug offences (November 18)

Coalitions and Partners

CAMIMH: CAMIMH Hill Day. CASW ED and Director of Policy attended meetings with MP's and Senators along with all CAMIMH members. (October)

- 2022 Pre-Budget Submission to the Government of Canada.
- CAMIMH demanded that the Government of Canada immediately create and fund, as promised last federal budget, a Canada Mental Health Transfer to address barriers to care such as long wait times, cost, geography, culturally inappropriate care, and shortages in the mental healthcare workforce, all of which are well-documented.

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National Associations Active in Criminal Justice (NAACJ)

- NAACJ submitted a Pre-Budget brief that included 8 recommendations to reduce systemic barriers and will facilitate rehabilitation and reintegration

Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada (CDPAC)

- Submitted a Pre-budget brief to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance as part of the 2023 pre-budget consultation with focus [on food insecurity, uBIG and MH parity for all](#).

Strengthening the Profession and Association

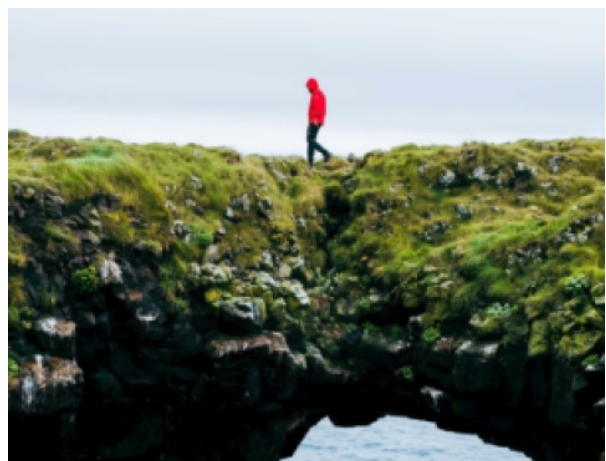
- CASW provided a letter of support to Policy Options for a Pan-Canadian Mental Health and Substance Use Health Workforce Strategy proposal led by Dr. Kathleen Leslie, Dr. Mary Bartram, and Dr. Ivy Bourgeault
- CASW ED met with the Beyond Silence team to review progress to date on this new peer-to-peer support application for health and social care workers
- CASW Partnership and Fee Formula Committee meeting to review potential per capita increases in relation to the cap on fees.

- CASW developed a [Land Acknowledgement](#) for its website
- CASW ED attended – Calls to Action – Conversation on the Truth and Reconciliation organized by the Yellowhead Institute

Intersectoral – CCSWR/CASWE/CASW (on-going)

- commitment to pursue an online continuing education offering for social workers specific to the colonization, social work and reconciliation.
- CASW & CASWE renewed MOU

CASW Webinars



Webinar 'LIVING the Dementia Journey - Reflections on Person-Centred Care'

- LIVING the Dementia Journey - Reflections on Person-Centred Care - with Schlegel-UW Research Institute for Aging (April 5)

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- The Right to Housing for Women & Gender-Diverse Persons in Canada, Part 2 (April 14)
- Insomnia Across the Lifespan and How to Support Clients with Insomnia (April 26)
- Psychological Harassment (Bullying) in the Workplace (April 27)
- Self-Preservation Strategies for Difficult Times (May 3)
- Se laisser porter par le vent de la résilience : rebondir face à l'adversité (May 4)
- Therapeutic Writing for Grief and Trauma: Tools Everyone Can Use (June 1)
- Financial 1st Aid for Service Providers (June 21)
- Social Work with Sight Loss (June 27)
- Advance Care Planning with Dying with Dignity Canada (July 13)
- Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) with Dying with Dignity Canada – September 13, 2022
- Life in Rural Canada: An introduction to the mental health of farmers – September 21, 2022
- Understanding Concurrent Disorders and Exploring Best-Practices – September 26, 2022
- Family Dynamics at The End of Life and in Grief – October 4
- Mind Your Money Series - Session 1: Psychology of Spending – October 11
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- Women in Agriculture: It's our blood, sweat and tears too – October 12
- Private practice essential: How direct billing can benefit both you and your clients – October 14
- Mind Your Money Series - Session 2: Technology & Spending – October 18
- Mind Your Money Series - Session 3: Psychology of Saving – October 25



Webinar 'Women in Agriculture: It's our blood, sweat and tears too'

CASW Strategic Projects

- Code of Ethics and Guidelines for Ethical Practice Revision (ongoing)

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- ABSW/CASW Reparations Project (completion)

CASW Operations

- Executive now complete with election of Treasurer and Vice-President
- Onboarding of Dr. Maria Wallis, Director of Policy and Strategy. (September)
- CASW received the Organizational Review and 360 of CASW ED final reports. The Organizational Review will go to the CASW Board for their consideration and direction.
- The Board established a committee to review the Ends and prioritize the recommendations from the Organizational report for implementation.

Report from the US

General Activities and Achievements

IFSW North America Region 2022 Virtual Conference. The event, "[Ubuntu: Welcome to the Social Work Profession](#)" aired on March 22 on NASW's Facebook page and attracted about 4,700 part or full views. It was also posted on Facebook, where it has been viewed just under 500 times.

"Honoring the Indigenous Journey." President Mit Joyner and VP Joan Davis Whelan hosted the 2022 IFSW North American Region Virtual Conference on March 29 for all social workers around the globe. Sessions included: History of Indigenous Social Work and The Social Work Role Across Borders. Speakers from IFSW global leadership, NASW-USA and CASW leaders, the IFSW U.N.(NY) Team, indigenous social workers, Canadian and US social workers, and students from both countries – including IFSW Secretary-General Rory Truell, CASW Executive Director Fred Phelps, NASW CEO Angelo McClain, and IFSW Global indigenous Commissioner Hilary Weaver. The event was organized by NASW intern and Howard University MSW student Ms. Karessa Proctor. [Link](#).



Webinar "Honoring the Indigenous Journey."

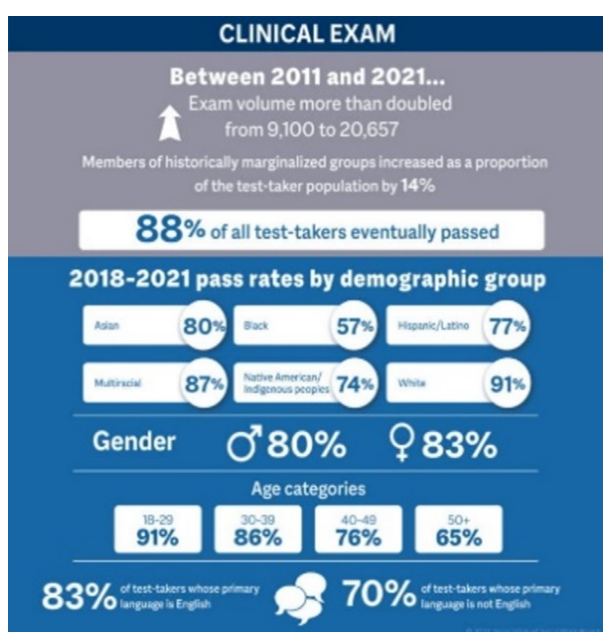
The **Social Work Workforce Coalition** includes a range of U.S. and Canadian social work organizations that represent diverse perspectives. This coalition will provide input on emerging trends in social work practice, help structure new community input sessions, and contribute questions to the ASWB Social Work Census.

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Fred Phelps, Canadian Association of Social Workers and Angelo McClain, National Association of Social Workers both serve on the Coalition. [Link](#).

ASWB exam pass rates by state/province



ASWB exam pass rates by state/province

In Canada, British Columbia consistently had the highest first-time and eventual pass rates across all exams between 2011 and 2021. Women tended to have higher pass rates than men, white test-takers tended to have higher pass rates than test-takers from other race/ethnicity groups.

The data is shocking but not surprising. The data presented shows the disparity in pass rates for people who have been historically oppressed. This report exposes

the inherent bias within the test while showing the harm being done to the profession and marginalized communities.

All aspects of the social work community must now come together and propose meaningful changes on how social work licensure is acquired. We believe the voices of our entire social work community should be heard.

2021 Revisions to the NASW Code of Ethics include Self-Care and Cultural Competence. The NASW Code of Ethics is a living document that responds to the needs of the profession which are influenced by our ever-changing world. NASW hosted a 90-minute webinar which reviewed the recent updates to the NASW Code of Ethics. The 2021 updates include language that addresses the importance of professional self-care, as well as revisions to the Cultural Competence standard.

Understanding the NASW Code of Ethics. In October, the NASW [Code of Ethics](#) turned 62. In celebration of "all things ethics," NASW encouraged social workers to take time to refresh their knowledge of the Code while earning continuing education credit. The program offered a dynamic and interactive opportunity to explore the evolution of social work ethics through the lens of the NASW Code of Ethics, featuring the reflections of prolific leaders in social work including Dr. Frederic G. Reamer; Terricka Hardy, LCSW, ACSW,

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BCD; and Stephanie Asare-Nti, MSW, LCSW-C. Participants examined the content, composition, and application of ethical standards via engaging activities and case scenarios that capture diverse social work settings.



Understanding the Code of Ethics

Interstate Compact for Social Work Licensure. In July, the [interstate compact for social work licensure draft legislation](#) was widely available for stakeholder review and public comment. The public comment period was open approximately two months. During this time, the [Council of State Governments \(CSG\)](#) hosted [weekly stakeholder review sessions](#) to walk attendees through the legislation and answer questions. NASW also hosted two stakeholder review sessions for social workers to review the draft legislation

with CSG representatives and hear analysis and reflections from NASW leaders.

NASW Submits Comments on Draft [Interstate Licensure Compact Legislation for Social Work](#). The [Social Work Compact Development Project](#) is expected to be a multi-year process. We are in the early phase of Compact development. NASW, along with many other stakeholders, submitted comments on the [draft legislation](#). Notably, NASW's comments include a recommendation to remove reference to a required exam, a recommendation that has become even more compelling given the very troubling [ASWB exam pass rate data](#) released midway through the Compact development process. We expect the next iteration of draft Compact legislation to be released soon, and at that time anticipate additional opportunities for input. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the October 20, 2022, Interstate Compact Update and NASW's comments on the draft Interstate Compact Legislation.

Professional development

Integrated Primary Care / Behavioral Healthcare Certificate Program

- Module 1: Introduction to Integrated Primary Care Practice (PCP)
- Module 2: Clinical Social Workers Role in Primary Care: Continuum of Care

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- Module 3: Primary Care Patients: Who are They?
- Module 4: Integrated Primary Care Interventions
- Module 5: Motivational Enhancement Strategies for Integrated Primary Care
- Module 6: Reducing Preventable Disease by Promoting Health
- Module 7: Substance Abuse and Prescription Medication Abuse
- Module 8: Chronic Disease Management
- Module 9: Medical Terminology and Pharmacology

[Link](#)

Social Work Online CE Institute. NASW is committed to helping social workers meet their professional development needs. Social Work Online CE Institute houses hundreds of on-demand titles produced by the NASW Chapters and National Office, and, for member ease of mind, uses the same NASW login to access the Institute and members' training history. NASW members can access both free CEs and CEs at discounted rates through the Institute.

2022 NASW Virtual Forum: Social Work Through The COVID Continuum, gave social workers the opportunity to earn CEs through live-streamed sessions, and access to Forum Session recordings to claim additional CEs. The Forum included a key-

note session, plenaries and 12 breakout sessions covering topics such as resiliency, ethics, self-care, public policy, telehealth, moral injury and much more. [Link](#).

COVID-19 and vaccines



The NASW Foundation and NASW-USA received major funding from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to educate social workers about vaccines and increase vaccine confidence in the U.S. The goal is to engage the more than 700,000 U.S. social workers in boosting COVID-19 vaccine confidence, uptake, and access, particularly among special populations with low vaccination rates and higher vulnerability to severe forms of infection, including: immigrants, refugees, migrants, rural, older adults, special needs (health, mental health), racial and ethnic groups, LGBTQIA+, pregnant people, etc. The initiative is in partnership with the Health Behavior Research and

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Training Institute (HBRT) at The University of Texas at Austin Steve Hicks School of Social Work. The project engages NASW's 55 state/territorial chapters and specialty social work associations. Social work has a "seat at the table" and social work values and experience, especially with vulnerable and underrepresented special populations, are especially valued by the government and partner organizations. [Link.](#)

Legislative and Policy Activities and Victories

2021 Blueprint of Federal Social Policy Priorities. The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) today released its 2021 Blueprint of Federal Social Policy Priorities that articulates meaningful actions the Biden-Harris Administration and Congress should take to address the COVID-19 crisis, promote mental and behavioral health, eliminate systemic racism and ensure civil and human rights for all. [Link.](#)

Sarah Butts, NASW's Director of Public Policy, Talks Advocacy. NASW's advocacy portfolio is huge. There's almost no limit to the issues that affect members of the profession or its clients that need attention. NASW Speaks Podcast sat down with Sarah Butts, to understand how NASW navigates issues on the federal level and supports chapters working with state legislatures. [Link.](#)



Sarah Butts, NASW's Director of Public Policy

2022 PACE Endorsements. In 2022, NASW-PACE endorsed 112 candidates for federal office. As of November 15, 77 of those endorsed won their race, 28 lost, 6 were too close to call, and 1 will be in a runoff in December. NASW-PACE maintains a [list of endorsed candidates](#) that will be updated regularly as final results come in.

NASW joins other organizations in USA Today open letter calling on Congress to address gun violence. The open letter, a paid advertisement published in USA Today on June 7, 2022, says lawmakers show outrage when incidents of mass shootings and other gun violence occur but then do nothing to enact laws to address it. "No more delays. No more excuses. No more senseless deaths. No more," says the letter. The organizations call on Congress to promote safe gun storage, expand background checks, raise the gun ownership age limit, track unlawful attempts to buy firearms, support Extreme Risk Protection Order laws, and ban weapons of mass destruction.

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Political activism and increasing the vote

Increasing Voter Participation. Voter participation is a social work issue! NASW provides resources and online training for social workers on how to get out the vote in their community. It is critical that NASW and our members follow the path of past leaders such as Whitney Young by exerting our national leadership to maximize voter participation through mobilization, voter engagement, and voter registration efforts. NASW has been working in collaboration and partnership with national voter mobilization organizations such as:

- A collaboration between NASW and Voting is Social Work called Social Work Votes!
- Rock the Vote
- Voto Latino
- Non-Profit Vote
- National Voter Registration Day
- The National Voting Rights Taskforce
- The Census Taskforce
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Voting Rights with Emerging Black and Brown Social Workers. Social work students and community leaders from Howard University spoke in June 2022 with NASW President Mit Joyner about voting rights and how social workers can work to ensure that all Americans have access to voting. [Voting Rights with Howard University Social Workers | Essential Chats with Mit | NASW - YouTube](#)



Voting Rights with Emerging Black and Brown Social Workers

NASW Congratulates Social Worker and Congresswoman Karen Bass on her Election as Los Angeles' First Female Mayor! (Photo: NASW visits Bass at her Congressional office) <https://buff.ly/3AljNC8> Social worker Karen Bass elected as Los Angeles first woman mayor. [Link](#).

NASW Specialty Practice Sections CRT Training: [A Real Conversation About Critical Race Theory in Social Work Practice](#) As social workers we can demystify misconceptions about CRT. Utilizing CRT, social workers can develop tools and resources to institute more equitable policies, strategies, and interventions when working with constituents. The training reviews the basic tenets of CRT and how it can be applied in social work practice.

Real Talk about LGBTQIA Pronouns | Essential Chats with Mit. [Link](#).

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NASW National Conference



Participants of the NASW National Conference

The 2022 NASW National Conference recently took place both virtually and in-person from June 22 to 25.

The True Power of Social Work. Former NASW President Gary Bailey, MSW, ACSW, talks about why he attends the NASW national conference. [Read a transcript](#) of Gary Bailey's comments.

Key Future Activities and Events

Ongoing (US and Canada):

- World Social Work Day: March 21, 2023 (always the third Tuesday in March)
- Social Work Month: (every March) (US and Canada)
- Social Work Day at the United Nations (NY) – Spring 2023 (US and Canada)
- IFSW North American Leadership Meetings - Spring and Fall (US and Canada)
- Regional Conferences – 2023 and beyond

- “Essential Chats with Mit” - monthly series featuring social work topics. Open to global audience, live or recorded, at <https://www.facebook.com/naswsocialworkers/videos>
- “The Rising Hate Facing AAPI Communities”: May 19 (2:30-4pm US Eastern Time) “Keeping Allies in the Room”: June 1, 2:30-4pm US Eastern Time 15
- NASW Racial Justice Summit 2022 Report: released in October 2022. The ongoing work will continue.
- Juneteenth Holiday: NASW-USA is planning activities about racial justice on and around June 19.
- NASW National Leadership Conference”: Washington, DC (in person +virtual), June 2023
- The People’s Summit “Co-Building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind” June 29- July 2: Canada and the US will fully promote and participate in the conference.
- Voting Rights and 2022 Elections: US primaries and the mid-term Elections - November 2022

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The aim of the Education Commission is to create a structure for the transfer of knowledge between social work education and practice where both are informed and learning from one another. The Commission supports social work programmes and educators who experience pressures to make “concessions” on the quality of education to be able to meet the professions international standards.

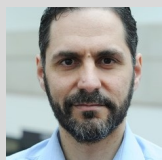
[Read more about the Education Commission.](#)

Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training

IFSW and IASSW have jointly updated the Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training. [Read more.](#)

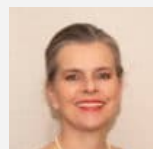
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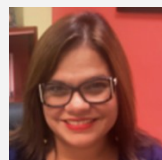
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Main Activities and Public Interventions

1. Implementation Strategy for the updated Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training



In 2021, the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) announced and commenced the roll-out of the Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training.

The social work education and practice landscape, has changed significantly since 2004. The adoption of a new Global Definition of Social work in July 2014 and the publication of the updated Global Social Work Statement of Ethical Principles and the new Global Agenda require that the Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training document also reflects broader changes and recent developments in global social work. These developments also include social work's role in

supporting bottom up development to meet the aspirations of the SDGs, ensuring countries that are new to social work have global peers to support the advancement of social work education free from colonial influences and creating platforms for Indigenous social workers to shape curricula and relevant courses.

IFSW has invited its membership, national associations of social work and social work education providers to work closely towards implementing the new standards. The proposed Implementation and Mobilisation Strategy includes the following stages:

- **Roll-out** of the new documentation through a targeted dissemination strategy co-ordinated by IFSW and IASSW regional organisations. All members of both organisations have received the document in early 2021. Relevant and dedicated sections in the websites of IFSW was also developed as per agreed mobilisation strategy. [Link](#).
- **Translation** of the document into a wide range of languages covering the membership of the two organisations. IFSW already took stapes to translate the document into the official languages. In addition, National and Regional Associations were invited to coordinate the translation process in their respective constituencies. This can be achieved through the mobilisation and recruitment of volunteers and/or professional translators. The final and official translations are ap-

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proved by the National Associations and are sent to the Global Education Commission for archiving and monitoring. So far, the Global Standards have been officially translated in the following languages: Spanish, Japanese, Greek, Lithuanian and French. Unofficial translations in several languages are also available. These translations, despite their importance and usefulness, have not been checked and approved by National Associations yet. We are currently in the process of ensuring that all translations meet the required standards.

2. Global Standards Rollout (Peer Review) Pilots

a) Europe

The endorsement of the HAN Bachelor of International Social Work programme



In February 2022, the [Bachelor of International Social Work](#) offered by HAN University in the Netherlands was endorsed by IFSW in the first-ever pilot peer review.

The peer assessment conducted by the IFSW Education Commission, included the Dutch National Association of Social Work-

ers (BPSW), IFSW-Europe Education Commissioner Nicolai Paulsen as well as HAN social work staff, students and representatives of their international practice networks. Professor Vasilios Ioakimidis, IFSW Global Education Commission was the Chair of the peer review process.

Arjen Nieuwenhuis, head of the HAN Social Work Department thanked the IFSW Education Commission for participating in the peer-review. He commented,

"HAN has worked hard over many years to ensure that our courses are built collaboratively with staff, students and people that use services. Our aim is to provide stimulating and creative approaches to education that prepare students to confidently and successfully engage with people and communities seeking positive change. It was through this process that the BISW emerged. We are delighted that this programme is recognised by the international profession and the growing enrolment numbers, as students from throughout the world seek an international classroom setting and exposure to a wide of range practice approaches."

The peer assessment utilised the recently agreed [Global Social Work Educational Standards](#) developed by the IFSW and The International Association of Schools of Social Work. These standards were created through mass consultation in response to calls from social work departments that wanted to demonstrate that they meet international guidelines or to provide evi-

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dence to their management structures that improvements need to be made.

The HAN Bachelor of International Social Work was the first programme globally to be endorsed by IFSW. Other programmes in South Africa are currently going through a peer assessment process. Social work schools in any part of the world wishing to work towards or demonstrate IFSW endorsement of their programme can contact the [IFSW Education Commission](#).

Social Work Education and Research has also been on the agenda in Europe around the following activities - beside the endorsement of the HAN Bachelor of International Social Work programme.

An IFSW project addressing the New Social Workers' experiences. In 2020 IFSW Europe established a project to support and involve social workers who are new to the profession. This focused on students in their final year of studies and social workers in the first five years of their employment, and their requests to education and how to onboard practise.

The project has identified significant concerns around professional training not preparing students for the social work role; poor quality placements / internships; difficulties with securing employment and a lack of support from employers in the early stages of a social workers' career. There were also concerns that the social work role can be very fluid which makes

moving into the profession potentially difficult.

The project has also highlighted what new social workers see as helping them through the transition period. Intervision was seen as particularly helpful in supporting new workers to reflect on their practice, their learning and the emotions arising from their work. Peer support; supervision; ongoing training; caseload or workload reduction; formal induction processes; shadowing; mentoring and coaching were also seen as very valuable.

Eco Social Work in practice and in education. Climate change will affect us all, more than anything else. Especially people in vulnerable circumstances will suffer the most from the consequences of global warming, while their carbon footprint is the smallest. Human rights are at stake. The importance of the role of social workers is still underestimated in lots of countries. IFSW Europe wants to investigate and develop the term 'eco social work' to establish an IFSW Europe policy on the subject in order to inspire and learn from each other.

One answer is that education focusing on Eco Social Work is needed in the universities, and for professionals as well. From an ecological point of view, you could say that eco-wisdom requires a paradigm shift in ethics / professional ethics as well as a critique of the central values as self-reliance and the individualistic approach of problems in social policy, based on neoliberal and anthropocentric thinking. The

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neo-liberal way of thinking is deeply anchored in most social work institutions in Europe. There is a need to make students and professionals aware of the fact that our wealth is accumulated at the expense of the global south, and the destruction of vast areas on the planet, and that the climate crisis is related to issues of poverty, precarity and health.

Social Work Students recruitment is challenged across Europe. The IFSW Europe delegates meeting in October 2022 revealed that several countries are experiencing a decrease in the number of applicants for the social work education programmes. The reason seems to be manifold, and is explained by a demographic development (declining youth cohorts and high employment in unskilled jobs), that the education programs are financially starved (the social work lecturers have poor conditions and the number of hours for students are reduced), that the social work profession's reputation is weakened (poor working conditions, poor salary, weakened power of professional action in practice), etc. It is decided to take up this discussion again when meeting in May 2023.

A EU financed research and development project on RESPONSIVENESS TO CITIZEN VOICE IN SOCIAL SERVICES. IFSW Europe is partner in a Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Action aiming to three types of social service: Community-based disability and mental health services, Child protection services, and Services for young people at risk of social exclusion.

The project is framed around the concept of 'responsiveness' within social services as a new way of thinking about democracy and co-creation in the context of citizen-government interaction. This concept focuses on changes and concrete actions within social services prompted by learning from citizen perspectives and voices. The project will start March 2023, and more news will follow in 2023.

b) Africa

Introduction

The African Region IFSW task group drafted an action plan with short and long-term goals for the rolling out of the Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training in the Africa region. For 2021, we focused on exploring the alignment of schools of social work with the Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training. It was deliberately not called an evaluation or audit so that participation was a non-threatening, self-reflection exercise.

Curriculum alignment with Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training

The Task Force developed a five-point scale (1 Strongly Disagree, 2 Disagree, 3 Neutral, 4 Agree, 5 Strongly Agree) to explore the curriculum alignment with the global standards. Four universities volunteered to do the alignment (Zimbabwe, Uganda and two universities from South

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Africa; one urban- and one rural-based). Universities had to score each standard and provide comments to explain the scores. Submissions were due in August 2021.

The findings were presented at an international online conference (1-3 September 2021), hosted by the Association for South African Social Work Education Institutions (ASASWEI) in collaboration with various stakeholders, including the national Department of Social Development.

IFSW and IASSW shared a two-hour workshop on the Global Standards which was scheduled for Wednesday, 1 September 2021. The programme entailed a brief overview of the Global Standards; an introduction of the work of the IFSW Africa Region on the Global Standards, and an introduction of the curriculum alignment instrument.

Representatives of the respective universities shared their experiences on the analysis in a panel discussion.

- University of Venda (South Africa):
Lobelo Mogorosi
- University of Pretoria (South Africa):
Ntembie Bila
- Makerere University (Uganda):
Hadijah Mwenyango
- Midland States University (Zimbabwe):
Itai Mafa

In brief, they were all in agreement that it was a valuable exercise to learn how their curriculums are aligned with the Global

Standards and to clearly see where the gaps were. It also gave them the opportunity to explore their universities' collaboration with practitioners which emphasised the co-responsibility of social work educators and practitioners for implementing the Global Standards.

Three respondents commented on the panel's discussions which further enriched the debate. The workshop ended with a reflection on how social work practitioners and educators should collaborate in rolling out the Global Standards.

We have consolidated the four universities' analysis into one document; indicating both the scoring and comments of the respective universities on each global standard.

⇒ In 2022 the Task Force will do an in-depth analysis of the consolidated alignment document as well as from the contributions and comments from the workshop to identify the progress and challenges on the Global Standards which will inform the further steps of the action plan for the Africa region.

The Task group had two online workshop sessions in 2022 (4 March and 12 April) to do the in-depth analysis of the consolidated alignment documents, identifying the trends across the of the four pilot universities. The next step was to individually and collectively look at (1) similarities between universities on areas of alignment with the Global Standards, and (2) the challenges that featured with align-

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ment and why that might have been the case. We met on 18 October for an update on the progress made which has to be completed by February 2023. We will have an online meeting to consolidate the findings and then schedule a few online webinars in the region to present the findings. At the planned regional webinars in 2023, we will (1) create further awareness on the Global Standards, (2) encourage universities to use the 5-point scale to voluntarily benchmark their social work curricula with the Global Standards, and (3) invite them to submit their findings to the Task group if they so which so that we can keep track of progress in rolling out the Global Standards and further analyse the region's standing on the Global Standards. Based on the information gathered from the pilot's analysis, we conclude that the 5-point scale is a valuable tool to benchmark the social work curriculum's alignment with the Global Standards and to identify possible gaps for improvement.

The IASSW reached out to us to use the 5-point scale in developing modules on the respective standard categories which will be available for enrollment online and to be completed on own time for continuous professional development (CPD) purposes. The aim of developing modules on the standards is to develop capacity in mastering and implementing the Global Standards. Members of the Africa Task group are involved in developing these modules and hence social work educators (ASSWA) and practitioners (IFSW) remain with their

commitment to collectively promote the Global Standards in the region.

The IFSW African Region Task Group consists of

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c) Asia- Pacific

(by Mariko Kimura, Asia Pacific Rep)
Since the publication of the Global Standards Document, the IFAP region, like other regions, has been searching for specific methods of promoting how to reflect the several issues contained in this document in the training of social workers.

Based on the idea that this matter should be advanced jointly with an educational organization, APASWE, Asia Pacific Association of Social Work Educators, a

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joint workshop was held in February, 2022. Attached is the poster. Representatives of IFAP and APASWE made presentations, respectively, and the content was to disseminate information on the state of education in their respective countries.

Besides these attempts, other countries in the region, such as Iran in collaboration of Association of Social Workers and Japan, in collaboration with the Japanese Society for the Study of Social Work, also held symposiums on global standards to raise awareness of the document among domestic professionals and educators.

Looking at the movements in Europe, the direction of global standards indicates a broader framework that goes beyond the framework of educational curricula and practical training so far, and attempts to make use of these in social work practice sites are required. In other words, it includes the content of fostering social workers for young social workers who have left educational institutions.

In the future, we would like to actively communicate the contents of the global standards to social workers professional bodies, who are working in the field, and to make them understand the meaning of this document for people working in the field and users of social work. More specifically, it is required to link with the efforts of professional organizations themselves. Professional organizations are urged to disseminate and raise awareness of this document.

Other Activities and Public Interventions

Workshop on social work education. IFSW in cooperation with APASWE, organised a workshop on social work education (see poster below). The event was scheduled for February 19, 2022 and having Vasilios Ioakimidis will deliver a presentation on current updates and future directions.

Presentation on Implementation Plan. Vasilios Ioakimidis presented the Implementation Plan in an event organized by the Iranian Association of Social Workers

The poster features a globe in the background with the title "Examining the Updated Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training" in yellow and white text. Below the title, it specifies the time and date as February 19th (Sat) 2022, 7:00-9:50 am (UTC), and the venue as Online (Zoom). The participation fee is listed as Free. The poster also includes a brief introduction to the updated standards, the workshop's purpose, and a detailed program of activities. The program includes opening remarks by Ms. Rose Henderson, a keynote speech by Dr. Vasilios Ioakimidis, national reports from Australia, Iran, Malaysia, and the Philippines, a presentation by the European Student Group, and Q & A and discussion. The poster is signed by the moderator, Dr. Mariko Kimura, and lists the host organizations: IFAP and APASWE.

Asia-Pacific Joint Regional Workshop
Examining the Updated Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training

Time & Date: **February 19th (Sat) 2022, 7:00-9:50 am (UTC)**
Venue: **Online (Zoom)** Participation Fee : **Free**

The *Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training* were updated in 2020. However, the new document's content is yet to fully reach the professional social work community in the Asia Pacific Region, and we face several challenges as we engage in educational reform.

We organize this joint workshop with regional speakers, to study the new *Global Standards* and discuss challenges and opportunities. Also, to provide a global perspective, we welcome IFSW Education Commissioner Dr. Vasilios Ioakimidis who co-chaired the revision of the document. Additionally, to learn from other regions, we invite a European group of social work students who have already utilized the updated *Global Standards* in their studies and practice.

Moderator: Dr. Mariko Kimura (IFSW-AP Regional Education Commissioner)

>PROGRAM

- > Opening remarks by Ms. Rose Henderson, IFSW-AP Regional President
- > Keynote speech by Dr. Vasilios Ioakimidis, IFSW Education Commissioner
- > *The Updated Global Standards: the Global Revision Process and Expectations towards Schools*
- > National reports from the Region
 - Challenges and Opportunities in Implementing the Updated Global Standards on the National Level
 - Australia: Dr. David Rose, APASWE President
 - Iran: Dr. Hassan Mousavi Chelak, IFSW-AP Regional Ethics Commissioner
 - Malaysia: Mr. Teoh Ai Hua, IFSW-AP Honorary Secretary
 - Philippines: Dr. Jowima Reyes, APASWE Board Member
- > Presentation by European Student Group
- > Q & A and Discussion
- > Concluding comments by the moderator
- > Closing remarks by Dr. David Rose, APASWE President

Host: International Federation of Social Workers Asia Pacific Region (IFSW-AP) <https://www.ifsw.org/regions/asia-pacific/>
Asian and Pacific Association for Social Work Education (APASWE) <http://www.apaswe.com/>

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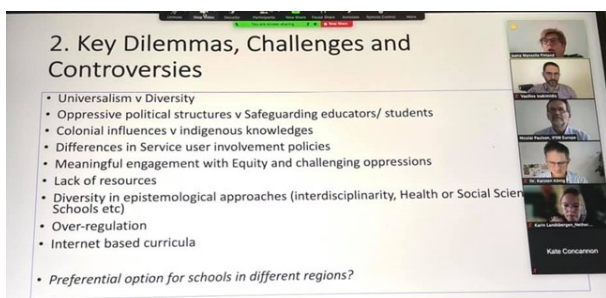
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Workshop on integrating International Social Work into the curriculum.



Antoinette Lombard and Mariko Kimura took part in a [workshop](#) inviting social work academics, students and practitioners across Europe to explore the significance of International Social Work and how it can be integrated in the social work education, training and practice. The Workshop was facilitated by the [European Association of Schools of Social Work \(EASSW\)](#) (24th May, 2022)

Global Public Health Week 2022



(4th to 8th April 2022). The International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) in the spirit of co-building a new eco-social world, joined the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) and global community in celebrating the Global public health. The two partners co-organised an event "Health and Social

Wellbeing in a Conflict Environment" some of the presenters of the event included: Bettina Borisch. Executive Director WFPHA; Ricciardi Walter. Committee member, European Advisory Committee on Health Research (EACHR); Ana Radulescu. IFSW European Regional President; **Marinilda Rivera Díaz**. IFSW Regional Representative for the Latin America and the Caribbean Region of the **IFSW Education Commission** and Malabika Sarker. Professor and Acting Dean at the James P. Grant School of Public Health at BRAC University, Bangladesh among others.

Continuous Professional Development course. The Global Education Commission with the support of academics from 8 Universities facilitated the first ever Continuous Professional Development course on the timely topic of "Educating for Peace-Social Work in the Context of Conflict". The course consisted of 6 weekly lessons attended by well over 300 participants each week. Universities that supported the design and delivery of the course included:

- University of Sussex (UK)
- University of Essex (UK)
- University of West Attica (Greece)
- Queens University Belfast (UK)
- University College Dublin (Ireland)
- University of Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- University of Nicosia (Cyprus)

The full programme of the CPD course can be found [here](#).

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Objectives and future plans

The Global Education Commission will continue to prioritise the following objectives and future plans

- • Transfer of knowledge and good practice about social work education (global level). This could happen through the facilitation of CPD courses, seminars and conferences
- • Help create a repository of freely accessible educational material.
- • Sustain the dialogue and enhance the consultation on educational matters with IASSW and other global/ regional organisations
- • Represent IFSW in fora discussing issues about social work and Higher Education.
- • Monitor the expansion of social work education globally and identify qualitative and quantitative trends
- • Intervene in support of social work education when there are political or

technocratic pressures to make “concessions” to the quality of education.

- Explore, document and celebrate the history of IFSW’s involvement in education.
- • Lead on the facilitation of events, publications and research projects that advance the inclusive, practice-based, holistic and participatory nature of social work education (including the International Social Work Journal and the Federation’s publications).
- • Promote genuine participation of people who use services in social work education.
- • Support the process of decolonisation of social work curricula.

Professor Vasilios Ioakimidis

On behalf of the

Global Education Commission

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Ethics Commission

The Ethics Commission is responsible for the review of the Statement of Ethical Principles, that every member of IFSW is required to adhere to, in addition to their own Code of Ethics. The Statement presents the basic ethical principles of the social work profession, offers guidance and recommends action when the work presents ethical dilemmas not only for members but for individual social workers in relation to the people with whom they work, colleagues and others in the field. [Read more about the Ethics Commission.](#)

Latest Publications

[Beyond the pandemic: Exploring social work ethics and values as a contribution to a new eco-social world](#)

[Pandemic ethics: A resource for social work students, educators and practitioners](#)

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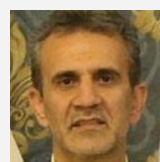
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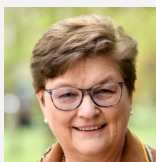
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Activities and Events

Please note: This list is composed of dates, Activities (A) and Outcomes (O):

- December 31st 2021—A: **Dawn Hobdy** steps down as Global Commissioner. O: Jane Shears and Hassan Chelak are appointed as temporary joint Global Commissioners.
- January 25th 2022—A: IFSW Global Commissioners meeting. O: Reporting back on workplans and planning for 2022. Commissioners joined the Editorial Board for the International Journal of Values and Ethics in Social Work.
- February 23rd 2022—A: Discussions with Kazakhstan Association re: membership of IFSW. O: Review of Code of Ethics.
- February 23rd 2022—A: IFSW Ethics Commission meeting. O: Feedback by regional commissioner representatives. Planning for IFSW and SWERG global webinars. Planning for Global Summit.
- March 2022—A: Planning meetings for regional Ethics and eco-social work Webinars. O: Webinars organised in Africa; Asia Pacific; Europe; Farsi speaking countries; Middle East (Arab speaking countries); North America; in March and April 2022.
- March 23rd 2022 (and ongoing) —A: Attending Ukraine Solidarity Meetings – weekly meetings with Ukrainian Schools of Social Work programme leads and other representatives of European Schools of Social Work. O: Learning from Ukrainian colleagues about the impact of the military invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Initial focus on supporting Internally and Internationally Displaced Persons.
- April 6th – 8th 2022—A: European Social Work Research Association conference. O: Workshop and presentation on the Ethics research.
- April 21st 2022—A: With colleagues, delivered training to Ukrainian Social Workers on Trauma Informed Practice.



Commissioners joined the editorial board of the International Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics

- February 23rd 2022 and May 5th 2022—A: Attended the Japanese International Study Group meetings. O: Presentations from social workers across Asia Pacific Region on challenges during and post Covid.

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O: Offered some practical guidance for social workers' own wellbeing and shared evidence-based trauma informed practice techniques.

- May 14th - 16th 2022—A: IFSW Global Delegates Meeting. O: Paper prepared for the meetings of activities of the Ethics Commission 2020/2021. Key activities clustered around Governance and new members; research; publications and presentations. IFSW Executive appoint **Jane Shears** to Global Ethics Commissioner.
- June 1st 2022—A: Transnational Project: webinar with social workers in / from Hong Kong Informing the development of a 4-stage programme of pre-placement Continuing Professional Development with an Ethics and Values Module.



Globa Summit Live Panel

- June 30th - July 2nd 2022—A: IFSW Global Summit. O: Keynote live panel

on early findings of the analysis of the Global webinars on Beyond the pandemic: Exploring social work ethics and values as a contribution to a new eco-social world

- August 2022—A: Publication of the report of Beyond the pandemic: Exploring social work ethics and values as a contribution to a new eco-social world. O: Published on IFSW website.
- August 2022—A: Initial discussions with Cape Verde re: developing the Code of Ethics. O: Drafting in progress
- September 2022—A: Guinea Bissau in the process of applying for IFSW membership. O: Review of Code of Ethics
- September 16th 2022 Attended IFSW Commissioners meeting Feedback on the work of the Commissions. Key headlines from Ethics Commission: Process of approving Codes of Ethics from prospective new IFSW members; research; publications and presentations.
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- October 2022—A: Attended the IFSW Europe Delegates Meeting. O: Gabriela Stark-Angermeier appointed as IFSWE regional Ethics Commissioner.

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- October 2022—A: Ukraine in the process of applying for IFSW membership. O: Review of Code of Ethics
- December 2022—A: Final drafting for research article based on the global webinars. O: In preparation.

Achievements

Research: In partnership with the Social Work Ethics Research Group (SWERG) and members of IFSW central office, members of the Ethics Commission carried out webinars focusing on the challenges facing social workers in the post-acute pandemic era in contributing to a new eco-social world. All but one region of IFSW contributed.

Publications: have been produced as a result of the research activity. The latest is [Beyond the pandemic: Exploring social work ethics and values as a contribution to a new eco-social world.](#)



Presentations: Arranged and participated in a range of presentations including webinars, seminars, the global summit and regional conferences.

Challenges

- Continuing impact of COVID-19
- Arranging regular Commission meetings to develop the workplan for the 2022 period where all Commissioners can be in attendance.

Opportunities

New collaborations and partnerships developed.

Commission now has full membership although some changes are expected over the next 3 – 6 months.

Planning for the future

- Research article in preparation
- Developing abstracts for submission for conferences in 2023
- Developing Commission workplan for 2023
- Developing Continuing Professional Development materials on ethics and values
- Arranging Commission meetings
- Developing a Terms of Reference for the Ethics Commission

Jane Shears

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Respect for human rights is fundamental to social work and the key motivation behind setting up the Human Rights Commission. The Commission, with its regional representatives, monitors and protects as far as it can the rights of social workers who may be endangered for supporting vulnerable populations or individuals.

[Read more about the Human Rights Commission.](#)

Latest Statements

[Human Rights State in African Region](#)

[Equality: Reducing Inequalities, Promoting Human Rights](#)

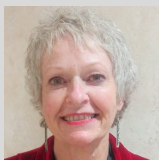
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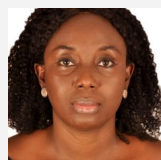


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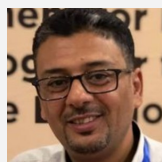
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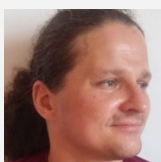


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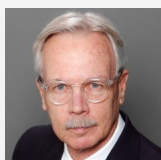
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Global Context and 2020 Actions



In 2022, the IFSW Human Rights Commission carried out its work in a complex context of multiple socio-political violent conflicts across different regions, like the war against Ukraine -which began on February 24, as indicated in our report presented at the IFSW General Meeting (May 2022). As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, human rights violations and the emergence of new rights demand the attention of those who define and execute social protection policies, especially for the most vulnerable. Meanwhile, the war unleashed against Ukraine involves hundreds of social workers, as victims of the conflict as well as professionals taking care of the survivors. Another concern of this Commission has been the events between Israel and Palestine, which affect social workers and/or their relatives in their human rights. One social worker has even been registered deceased (documentation still pending). Likewise, the serious situation of forced and irregular migration and sociopolitical crises -accentuated in Latin America and the Caribbean- is a major issue. The case

of a Nicaraguan migrant social worker who drowned in the Rio Grande (USA) is documented, as well as two Salvadoran social workers exiled in the United States. We also follow migrations from the African continent and Asia-Pacific, whose main destination is North America and Europe, in addition to observing the growing interregional migration within Europe.

A marked focus on the attention to the COVID-19 consequences, with a significant life loss of social workers, continued in 2022 in actions to find answers regarding issues of vulnerability in terms of biosecurity, unequal access to vaccines, ethical dilemmas and defence of the professional status.

In addition to migration and forced displacement, the effects of natural disasters, violence against women, children and other sectors such as Indigenous peoples, Afro-descendants and LGBTQ+ population, along with the consequences of sexual and commercial exploitation, gender discrimination, the problems posed by historical territorial disputes and geopolitical reasons, nationalism, democratic fragility, corruption and the effects of organised crime in all its manifestations, to a greater or lesser extent and depending on the regions and countries, were also addressed. Furthermore, this Commission learned of multiple forms of action led by social workers and the communities, such as demonstrations against human rights violations, the World Social Work Day celebrations, Labour Day and gender-based demands, like the 16 Days of Activism

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against Gender Violence, the International Women's Day, the International Day of Disabled Persons and the International Human Rights Day. The global and regional commissioners participated in online and face-to-face activities, organised by their national and local associations and/or in regional events, as well as in the People's Global Summit 'Co-building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind' (June 2022), with different levels of participation.

In 2022, we followed up on situations presented in 2021, such as Islamophobia and other issues, in the field of political, civil, economic, social, cultural and environmental rights, in African and Asia-Pacific countries where there are IFSW member organisations and in which little or no progress has been made.

In May 2021, the Commission returned to IFSW's public position regarding the Palestine-Israel conflict, with one of the regional commissioners and his family directly affected. In the last months of 2022, the IFSW Executive has decided to take over this issue, given its complexity. However, the Global Commissioner followed up on this situation.

The refugee crisis caused by the war in Ukraine, especially on the borders of Belarus and Poland, was also the reason for a special statement by the Human Rights Commission's Europe Region (November 16, 2021), drawing attention to the violation of human rights and conventions signed by the Polish government, such as the European Convention on Human

Rights, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. Amid this crisis, the Regional Commissioner for Human Rights in Europe took a leading role in seeking solidarity with Ukrainian social workers with the full support of the IFSW, drawing attention to irregular cases of child adoption -which demands follow-up by professional Social Work organisations.

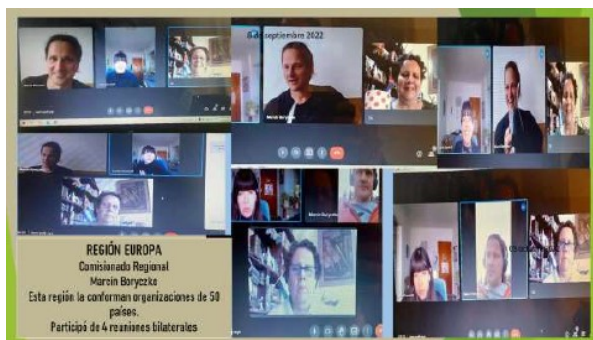
In a statement issued on February 22, 2021, the IFSW Human Rights Commission highlighted its concerns for LGBTQ+ rights, calling on civil society and leaders of all nations to adhere to these principles, publicly condemn these injustices and move forward in a more inclusive way. Follow-up is advised with Diversity as the World Social Work Day's theme.



As stated before the IFSW General Meeting in May 2022, following up on previous pronouncements on human rights violations in Colombia despite the Peace Accords signed 30 years ago, the Global Commissioner was invited to participate as a closing speaker at the XVI Colombian Social Work Congress: Contributions from

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social intervention in a complex scenario, held in Riohacha, La Guajira, Colombia, from 18th to 21st October 2022, presenting as a requested topic: Human Rights understood as global responses to global problems. In the same way, we followed up on other important events that involve social workers, such as those that take place in Nicaragua, on which there are conclusive reports from the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and other international Human Rights organisations not accepted by the Nicaraguan government. On April 19th, the Global Commissioner participated in the International Course on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights and non-discrimination in the Inter-American System of Human Rights, Right to Health and Climate Emergency, convened by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) attached to the Organisation of American States (OAS), through its Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights.

Similarly, we have participated in online events for the International Seminar Cycle

Social Policies in the Face of Global Transitions organised by EUROsociAL Social Cohesion Program of the European Union (April 20, 2022) and in the Euro-Latin American Dialogue on The Innovation Challenges of Active Employment Policies (April 26, 2022) promoted by the Transformations in the work field and innovation challenges of employment policies Forum, in the People's Summit (June 29 - July 2, 2022) co-organised by IFSW, and in the World Breastfeeding Week (August 2022).

Members affiliated with the IFSW in Latin America and the Caribbean continue to emphasise the "ethical, political exercise of the profession before dictatorships and undemocratic, colonialist and patriarchal governments in Latin America that show little respect for cultural, ethnic and sexual diversities" (LAC statement, December 2021). For its part, 2022 did not escape social outbursts due to the lack of basic guarantees aggravated by the pandemic and democratic fragility and forced migration -including social workers- from Central American, Caribbean and South American countries.

The Regional Commissioner for North America has focused on the immigration issue, including visits to one of the main border posts (El Paso, Texas). Multiple forms of human rights violations were observed, especially in the cases of unaccompanied migrant children at the US-Mexico borders. He also contributed with a book that is in press. A webinar on migrant children is still pending too.

In January 2022, Africa issued a state-

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ment on the recurring cases of xenophobia in South Africa, the Anglophone crisis in Cameroon, the civil war, reduction of civic space, banditry and extrajudicial executions in Ethiopia, Boko Haram's terrorism and the coup in Burkina Faso. In five rounds of bilateral meetings between the Global Commissioner and the Regional Commissioners, we identified the need to strengthen the legal protection of the profession and the documentation of the violations of social workers' human rights.

Up to November 1, 2022, the IFSW Human Rights Commission, in its complex and arduous mission, maintained the need to continue the review process of the actions taken over the last three years. More than forty statements and documents concerning human rights have been issued at different levels. Other IFSW commissions and bodies require revision and updating in line with the resolutions and recommendations of the 2020 and 2022 General Meetings, taking into account the necessary adjustments required by COVID-19, socio-political and war contexts, food insecurity and environmental crises.

2022 Activities and Events

In 2022, the Human Rights Commission held five (5) online meetings and an online training workshop (February 2, March 3, April 5, May 5 -workshop-, August 16, September 13 and October 18 -did not take place due to the suspension of the Commission-); four (4) meetings with the Secretary-General and Global Commis-

sioners (January 25, April 12, May 4, October 6). Three (3) bilateral rounds were held, which meant seventeen (17) online bilateral meetings. For both global and bilateral meetings, a common agenda was defined. During the reporting period, the duties and responsibilities of the Commission, dates related to human rights and IFSW's global messages were discussed. In the first training workshop, it was proposed to focus on the Commission's organisational aspects and work plan.



As a general result, bilateral meetings revealed an uneven development in the understanding of the role that regional commissioners are responsible for in the exercise of their functions, without clarity on the scope of their work in regards to the IFSW Global Executive Committee or regional presidencies. Likewise, bilateral meetings showed the concerns of the Regional Commissioners and their regions, such as the Russian war against Ukraine and its multiple consequences, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and other diseases, fragile democracies and their consequences in Latin America and the Caribbean. Migration and violence against women and girls are cross-cutting issues, as well as socio-political violence, traffick-

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ing, violence against children, de-professionalisation for lack of adequate legal frameworks, femicides, forced disappearances, modern slavery, violence against Indigenous peoples, prison systems and violations of social workers' human rights.

The importance of fine-tuning the work processes of the Commission, having timely pronouncements on the violations of the human rights of social work professionals, requires joint work among the Commission, the Secretariat and the Executive to define areas of action with clear procedures and, above all, a systemic, strategic vision towards human rights. Mandates must be complementary as well as voluntary, in effective solidarity and impactful actions. We must grow in training, research and dissemination opportunities. As social workers, we will always demand action, concreteness and better results for the community.

For 2023

Follow-up and intervention methods to turn human rights into the axis and backbone of social work will be achieved in 2023 by defining a set of principles and guidelines for timely and accurate action, especially in conflict situations that transcend the Commission's attributions. It is important to establish the limits of action between the Executive, this Commission and the others for which it is necessary to advance in the definition of guidelines to take into account when developing actions when deemed necessary by the regions or

by the Global Commissioner or authorities. Of great importance is to establish a clear route for the documentation and monitoring of the cases of human rights violations, creating strategic alliances regarding pronouncements and local, regional and international actions to maintain the strength of collective work.



During 2023, the articulation of strategic action between the global Commissions on Human Rights, Education, Ethics and Indigenous Peoples, and especially with the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, as well as with the regional commissions of the existing integration bodies. The Commission should continue to carefully analyse the work and reports of specialised Human Rights agencies at the United Nations, at the International and Inter-American levels, and participate in some of their informative or training activities.

After having completed the diagnosis process initiated in 2022 for more effective action -for which we did not achieve the necessary response-, in 2023 the HRC should continue to hold at least four regular global meetings for organisation, training and advocacy on issues within their

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competence, and also bi-monthly bilateral meetings to improve knowledge and participation in global and regional IFSW events, transitioning from online to the face-to-face encounters, seeking the necessary economic resources.

The Commission must maintain its focus on the role of social work in situations of war, conflict, post-war and peacebuilding, in regard to climate change, pollution and environmental losses in human rights - especially in the rights to adequate food, water, education, housing, health and development-, against discrimination, systemic racism, xenophobia, misogyny, hatred, white supremacists, neo-Nazi ideologies, modern slavery and other human rights violations.

The Commission should promote at least one online global human rights event and the organisation of human rights awareness' programmes and actions, bi-regional and inter-institutional collaboration between IFSW members and other governmental organisations and non-governmental organisations, to effectively address cases or complaints on human rights violations. This will require building and strengthening the capacities of the human rights commissioners through online and face-to-face or hybrid training. We continue to insist on our proposal for the designation of support teams and/or the appointment of one to two more commissioners per region -according to the number of countries to be served-. For this, a support guideline has been proposed.

The 2023-2024 period should produce new statements and training actions on

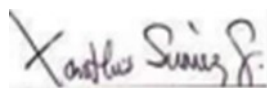
different and urgent issues, such as migration and forced displacement and others that may arise from our preliminary diagnosis. Documenting violations of the human rights of social workers, as well as the condition and situation of professionals already retired for reasons of age or health or disability, will require preparation. A guideline is also available for this.

The Commission must pay attention to socio-labour conditions and de-professionalisation in some countries and sectors. For the fulfilment of these purposes, we should seek exchanges with the Schools of Social Work and other related entities and analyse the results of studies carried out by other IFSW initiatives and the observations and recommendations made to our 2022 Report (which is attached, as well as a list of other 2022 documents).

My thanks go to the Executive Committee and global Secretariat -to whom I ask to take into consideration the observations submitted in November 16, 2022 letter-, to the IFSW Regional Human Rights Commissioners, for their contributions to the partial fulfilment of the powers of the Human Rights Commission, and Lucía Gandolfi -interpreter and translator.

I wish you all the best for 2023.

Sincerely,



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IFSW Human Rights Commissioner
(June 2021- October 2022)

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Contexto Global y Acciones 2022



La Comisión Global de Derechos Humanos de la IFSW/FITS, durante el año 2022, desarrolló su labor en el contexto de un complejo panorama de múltiples crisis socio-políticas y bélicas en distintas regiones del mundo, agravadas por el impacto de la pandemia del Covid-19 y las consecuencias de la guerra contra Ucrania, que inició el 24 de febrero de este año. Tal como se indica en el informe presentado a la Asamblea General de la IFSW, del mes de mayo 2022, producto de la pandemia del Covid-19, quedaron develadas inequidades y más violaciones a los derechos humanos junto a la aparición de nuevos derechos, creando una demanda de la atención tanto de quienes definen como de quienes ejecutan, las políticas sociales y de protección a las poblaciones y, sobre todo, a los sectores con mayores grados de inseguridad y pobreza, colocando presentes a los Trabajadores Sociales, en ambos lados. Por su parte, la guerra desatada contra Ucrania, envuelve a cientos de trabajadores sociales en condición de víctimas del conflicto como igual, en su

condición de profesionales en ejercicio y atención a las víctimas de la guerra. Otro tanto de preocupación y atención de esta Comisión, han sido los acontecimientos entre Israel y Palestina, que entre sus víctimas se encuentran Trabajadores Sociales y/o sus familiares, quienes estuvieron y están afectados en sus derechos humanos, he inclusive se registra un trabajador social fallecido, caso que continúa documentándose. Asimismo, grave situación de las migraciones forzadas e irregulares y sus consecuencias, acentuadas en América Latina y Caribe, aunado a las crisis sociopolíticas, que resultan en migraciones forzadas o exilio. Se documenta el caso de un trabajador social nicaragüense migrante forzado y ahogado en el Río Bravo (EEUU), así como dos trabajadoras sociales salvadoreñas, exiliadas en Estados Unidos. Igual, seguimos con atención las migraciones desde el continente africano y regiones de Asia-Pacífico y Europa, cuyo destino principal es Norteamérica y Europa, además de observar la creciente migración interregional en Europa.

Si bien, en el período 2020-2021, hay un marcado acento por parte de las asociaciones y organizaciones de Trabajadores Sociales como desde el ejercicio profesional a la atención de las situaciones generadas por el impacto de la pandemia del Covid-19, que muestra distintos niveles de desarrollo, y de lo cual, también quedó un saldo de significativas pérdidas de vidas de trabajadores sociales, según las regiones, siguió evidenciando marcada atenci-

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ón e interés de las asociaciones y organizaciones afiliadas a la IFSW, en el 2022 al igual que lo fue en los dos años anteriores, por el desarrollo de actividades que respondieran y respondan, a la realización de acciones para encontrar respuestas en cuanto a temas de vulnerabilidad ante la pandemia, a nivel de bioseguridad, acceso desigual a las vacunas, dilemas éticos y defensa del estatus profesional y salarial.

Aunado a las migraciones y desplazamientos forzados, los efectos de desastres naturales, la violencia contra la mujer, la niñez y otros sectores como las poblaciones indígenas, afrodescendientes y la diversidad sexual, se suman las consecuencias de las explotaciones sexuales y comerciales, discriminaciones por razones de género; los problemas que representan las disputas territoriales históricas y los nuevos problemas generados por razones geopolíticas, nacionalismos, fragilidades democráticas, corrupción y efectos del crimen organizado con todas sus manifestaciones, en mayor o menor medida y según las regiones y países. Esta Comisión, conoció de actividades impulsadas y múltiples formas de acción de trabajadoras y trabajadores sociales, junto a las poblaciones en movilizaciones y manifestaciones de protesta y/o rechazo por considerar que hubo y hay, lesiones a los consagrados derechos humanos, siendo oportunos momentos de manifestación, las celebraciones del Día Mundial del Trabajo Social y otras fechas importantes como el Día del Trabajo, las celebraciones propias de las organizaciones gremiales y

otras vinculadas a las demandas de las mujeres y de género.

Ejemplo de acciones son las que desarrollaron asociaciones miembros y otros a nivel de regiones, en el marco de los 16 días de activismo contra la Violencia de Género, en la conmemoración del Día Mundial del Trabajo Social, Día Internacional de la Mujer, Día de las Personas con Discapacidad y participación en las actividades vinculadas al Día Internacional de los Derechos Humanos. Tanto la Comisionada Global como los Comisionados y Comisionadas Regionales, participaron en actividades virtuales y en otros casos, presenciales, organizadas por sus asociaciones nacionales y locales y/o en eventos regionales, así como en la Cumbre Mundial de los Pueblos, «Co-construyendo un nuevo mundo ecosocial: no dejar a nadie atrás», celebrado del 29 al 2 de junio 2022 y en la cual tanto la Comisionada Global como Comisionados Regionales, tuvieron distintos niveles de participación.

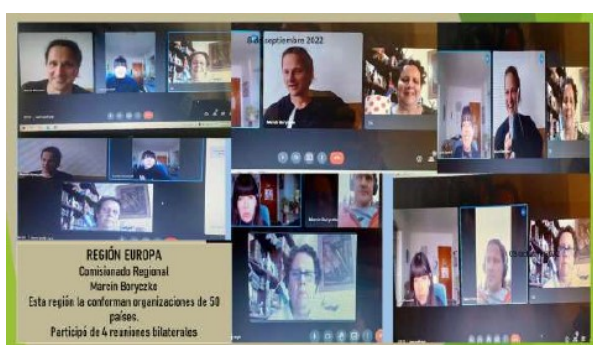


En el 2022, se dio seguimiento mediático a situaciones presentadas en el 2021, que constituyen preocupación y atención, como lo son la islamofobia y la preocupa-

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ción especial por los acontecimientos en países de África y Asia-Pacífico, en donde existen organizaciones miembros de la IFSW y en los que poco o nada, se ha avanzado con relación a problemas reportados en el año 2021, tanto en el campo de los derechos políticos, civiles, como económicos, sociales, culturales y ambientales.



El conflicto Palestina-Israel, sobre el que la IFSW/FITS tiene una posición pública, y qué en mayo 2021, la Comisión retomó ante los acontecimientos ocurridos y que siguen ocurriendo en la zona, teniendo a uno de los Comisionados Regionales de Derechos Humanos de la federación, que resultó afectado directamente junto a su familia, así como otros colegas y sus familiares. En este caso, el Ejecutivo de la IFSW, ha decidido en los últimos meses del 2022, de hacerse cargo directamente del tema, dada la complejidad del mismo, no obstante, la Comisionada Global, dio especial seguimiento a esta situación.

La guerra en Ucrania, ha generado una crisis de refugiados de dimensiones más allá de lo tangible, especialmente en las fronteras de Bielorusia y Polonia, lo que

en el 2021, generó una declaración especial de la Comisión de Derechos Humanos, Región Europa, emitida el 16 de noviembre 2021, la que llama la atención sobre la violación a los derechos humanos y convenciones firmadas por el gobierno polaco, como lo son la Convención Europea de Derechos Humanos, la Convención de Naciones Unidas sobre los Derechos del Niño y la Convención contra la Tortura y Otros Tratos o Penas Crueles, Inhumanos o Degradantes. En medio de esta crisis, el Comisionado Regional de Derechos Humanos para Europa, que adoptó un papel relevante en la búsqueda de solidaridad con los trabajadores sociales de Ucrania con pleno apoyo de la IFSW, también llama la atención por los casos irregulares de adopción de niños y niñas, en medio de este contexto y que amerita seguimiento por parte de las organizaciones profesionales del Trabajo Social.

La Comisión de Derechos de la IFSW, en declaración emitida el 22 de febrero 2021, destacó sus preocupaciones por las personas LGBTQI, haciendo un llamado tanto a la sociedad civil como a los líderes representativos de todas las naciones, para que se adhieran a estos principios, condenen públicamente estas injusticias y se avance de forma más inclusiva, por lo que como parte del seguimiento, será oportuno tener en cuenta en las acciones y actividades que se desarrollen en el año 2023, en el contexto de las celebraciones con motivo del Día Internacional del Trabajo Social, vinculado a la Diversidad.

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Tal como se expresó ante la Asamblea General de la IFSW en el mes de mayo 2022, en seguimiento a pronunciamientos anteriores sobre la situación de violaciones a los Derechos Humanos en Colombia, que pese a 30 años de la firma de los Acuerdos de Paz continúan, la Comisionada Global de DDHH, fue invitada a participar como conferencista de cierre en el XVI Congreso colombiano de Trabajo Social: Aportes desde la intervención social en escenarios de complejidad”, celebrado en Riohacha, La Guajira, Colombia, los días del 18 al 21 de octubre 2022, presentando como tema solicitado: “Derechos Humanos entendidos como respuestas globales a problemas globales”. De igual forma, dimos seguimientos a otros acontecimientos de relieve y que involucran a Trabajadores Sociales, son los que se dan en Nicaragua, sobre lo cual hay informes contundentes de la Alta Comisionada de Derechos Humanos de las Naciones Unidas, de la Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos y otros organismos internacionales de Derechos Humanos, los que cabe mencionar, no son aceptados por el gobierno de Nicaragua. El 19 de abril 2022, la Comisionada Global de DDHH, participó en modalidad virtual, en el Curso Internacional sobre “Derechos Económicos, Sociales, Culturales y Ambientales y no discriminación en el Sistema interamericano de Derechos Humanos, Derecho a la Salud y Emergencia Climática”, convocado por la Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos –CIDH- adscrita a la Organización de Estados Americanos

(OEA), a través de su Relatoría Especial sobre Derechos Económicos, Sociales, Culturales y Ambientales (REDESCA).



De igual forma, participación en eventos virtuales del 20 de abril 2022, Ciclo de Seminarios Internacionales “Las Políticas Sociales ante Transiciones Globales”, organizado por EUROSOCIAL, Programa de Cohesión Social de la Unión Europea y el 26 de abril 2022, participó del Diálogo Eurolatinoamericano sobre “Los desafíos de Innovación de las Políticas activas de Empleo”, promovida en el marco del Foro “Transformaciones del mundo del trabajo y desafíos de innovación de las políticas de empleo”. Participación además en la Cumbre virtual de los Pueblos, co-organizada por IFSW del 29 de junio-2 de julio 2022 y en el mes de agosto, en eventos virtuales con motivo de la Semana Mundial de la Lactancia Materna, derecho humano de la niñez y la madre.

Miembros afiliados a la IFSW/FITS en América Latina y Caribe, continuaron poniendo énfasis en aquellos derechos humanos más vulnerados como parte del “ejercicio ético político de la profesión, ante la existencia de dictaduras y gobiernos

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no democráticos, colonialistas y patriarcales poco respetuosos de las diversidades culturales, étnicas y sexualidades y países de la región latinoamericana”, como señala un pronunciamiento de la región de América Latina y Caribe del diciembre 2021, año al igual que en el 2022, no escapó a estallidos sociales ante la falta de garantías básicas de derechos, insatisfacción de necesidades elementales de convivencia y vida humana, situación agravada por la pandemia o bien, por condiciones resultados de la fragilidad democrática. Un reflejo de ello, lo constituye la creciente migración forzada de países centroamericanos, caribeños y suramericanos, en la que los mismos trabajadores sociales, se encuentran en condición de migrantes.



El Comisionado Regional para América del Norte, ha puesto el énfasis de su atención y labor en el tema migratorio, inclusive con visitas a uno de los principales puestos fronterizos de entrada de población migrante (El Paso, Texas), especialmente al considerar la gravedad de esta realidad migratoria, en la que son visibles múltiples formas de violaciones a los derechos

humanos, sobre todo, en los casos de la niñez migrante no acompañada en las fronteras México-EEUU. Desde la Región del Norte de América, contribuyendo, el Comisionado Regional, a la co-autoría de un libro que está en proceso de elaboración. Queda pendiente la realización de un webinar sobre la niñez migrante.

Siguió siendo norte para la Región África, la declaración emitida en enero 2022, sobre el Estado de los derechos humanos en África, emitido por iniciativa en la que expresan su preocupación sobre los recurrentes casos de xenofobia en Sudáfrica; la crisis anglófona de Camerún, la reducción del espacio cívico en Etiopía que aumenta los casos de bandidaje y las ejecuciones extrajudiciales; el terrorismo nigeriano de Boko Haram; las consecuencias del golpe de estado en Burkina Faso y la continuación de la guerra civil en Etiopía, región de Tigray. Como parte del proceso de coordinación bilateral, a lo largo de cinco rondas, entre Comisionada Global-Comisionada Regional, fue posible identificar algunas áreas de apoyo para poder avanzar en la documentación de casos específicos de violaciones a los derechos humanos de los trabajadores sociales, incluida la necesidad de impulsar acciones a favor de la protección legal de la profesión.

La Comisión de Derechos Humanos de la IFSW/FITS en su compleja y ardua misión, mantuvo en el 2022, hasta primeros días de noviembre, la necesidad de continuar el proceso de revisión de lo actuado en los últimos tres años en que alrededor de un-

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as 40 o más, declaraciones, pronunciamientos, documentos con temas de derechos humanos, han sido emitidos desde distintos niveles, así como temas desarrollados por otras comisiones y estamentos de la IFSW, que deben ser repasados y actualizados acorde con las resoluciones y recomendaciones de la última asamblea general, celebrada en el 2020 y 2022 y, tomando en cuenta, los ajustes necesarios que obligan el impacto de la pandemia del Covid-19, los contextos sociopolíticos y bélicos en las distintas regiones, aunado a las catástrofes anunciadas podrían darse por causa de la inseguridad alimentaria y las crisis medioambientales.

Actividades y Eventos 2022

En lo que el 2022, la Comisión Global de DDHH realizó cinco (5) reuniones virtuales y taller virtual de capacitación (2 febrero, 3 de marzo, 5 de abril, 5 de mayo –taller-, 16 agosto, 13 de septiembre y 18 de octubre (no se realizó debido a la suspensión de la Comisión); cuatro reuniones con la Secretaría General y Comisionados Globales (25 de enero, 12 abril, 4 de mayo, 6 octubre). Se desarrollaron tres (3) rondas bilaterales, que significaron diecisiete (17) reuniones virtuales bilaterales. Tanto para las reuniones globales como para las bilaterales, se definió agenda común. A lo largo del periodo de informe, se analizaron normativas de funcionamiento global de la IFSW y revisado deberes y responsabilidades de la Comisión, así como también se tuvieron presentes, importantes fechas

relacionadas a los derechos humanos tanto mundiales como internacionales y considerado los mensajes globales emitidos por los niveles directivos y otras comisiones de la IFSW/FITS. En el primer taller de capacitación se propuso profundizar en aspectos organizativos para el fortalecimiento de la Comisión y la elaboración colectiva de su plan de trabajo.

Como resultado general de las rondas bilaterales realizadas, estas revelan como se informó anteriormente, que hay un desarrollo desigual en el ejercicio de la comprensión del rol que compete a los comisionados regionales para el ejercicio de sus funciones y en algunos casos, sin claridad sobre los alcances de su labor con relación al Ejecutivo de la IFSW o presidencias regionales. Asimismo, las reuniones bilaterales, muestran las preocupaciones de los Comisionados Regionales y en algunos casos de sus regiones, tales son la guerra de Rusia contra Ucrania y sus múltiples consecuencias, el impacto de la pandemia del Covid-19 y otras enfermedades, los casos puntuales en América Latina y Caribe, a consecuencia de frágiles democracias y sus consecuencias; el tema migratorio en sus distintas modalidades y orígenes, la violencia contra las mujeres y niñas, en especial, lo que se sitúan como temas transversales al quehacer de la IFSW, así como la violencia socio-política, la trata, la violencia contra la niñez, la desprofesionalización por falta de marcos jurídicos adecuados, femicidios o feminicidios, desapariciones forzadas, esclavitud moderna, violencia contra pueblos indígenas, situación de sistemas penitencia-

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rios y otros. Las afectaciones y violaciones a los derechos humanos de trabajadores sociales, -incluido cuando se habla de desprofesionalización.



La importancia de afinar los procesos del trabajo de la Comisión, contar con pronunciamientos o comunicados oportunos en el tiempo, así como en el seguimiento e identificación sobre las violaciones a los derechos humanos de profesionales del Trabajo Social, requiere de un análisis imperativo que trasciende la propia voluntad de la Comisión, por lo que es necesario un mayor trabajo conjunto de la Comisión-Secretaría General- Ejecutivo, para definir ámbitos de actuación con procedimientos e indicadores claro y sobre todo, la visión estratégica y comprensión sobre lo que se quiere trabajar y alcanzar en un ámbito tan delicado como son los universales, indivisibles e interdependientes derechos humanos.

Establecer el trabajo conjunto, con visión sistémica, considerando que los mandatos además de voluntarios, deben ser complementarios, en solidaridad efectiva, con simultaneidad de acciones que permitieran aumentar el impacto que corresponde tener y crecer en las oportunidades de

capacitación y actualización, en la investigación social y la difusión de su quehacer y tal como expresamos en informe anterior, convencida de que “lo intangible se vuelve adversario del buen propósito frente a la mayoría de trabajadores y trabajadoras sociales, que siempre reclamarán más acción, más concreción y mejores resultados para sí y para la colectividad”.

Para el 2023

El propósito para el período 2022-2023, de identificar, formas y métodos, con que se debe dar seguimiento e intervención dada la amplitud que representan los Derechos Humanos y convertirle en eje transversal y columna vertebral de nuestro quehacer como profesionales del Trabajo Social, será posible si se avanza en definir el conjunto de principios, lineamientos y elementos, indicadores claves de gestión, proceso y resultado qué, como Comisión, sobre la base de sus atribuciones y mandatos, se tomen en cuenta para la actuación oportuna y certera, sobre todo, en aquellas situaciones de conflictos que trascienden las atribuciones de la Comisión. Es importante, reiteramos, profundizar en este particular para establecer y demarcar los límites de actuación entre Ejecutivo y Comisión -y Comisiones- para lo que es necesario avanzar en la definición y precisión sobre las pautas de actuación para tener en cuenta al desarrollar acciones en caso se consideren necesario en cada una de las regiones y/o recomienden intervención por parte de la Comisionada

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Global o autoridades principales. Muy importante es el establecimiento de una hoja de ruta para la documentación y seguimiento a los casos de violaciones a los DDHH de nuestras organizaciones miembros y sus afiliados, según sea necesario.

Ante las realidades vistas, es imperativo generar alianzas estratégicas con respecto a la denuncia, los pronunciamientos y las acciones locales, regionales e internacionales para mantener la fortaleza del trabajo colectivo creado a través de ejes que permitan promover acciones que incidan efectivamente de acuerdo lo que motiva la actuación e intervención.

Deberá en el 2023, insistirse en tener en cuenta como vital, la articulación de la acción estratégica entre las Comisiones globales de Derechos Humanos, Educación, Ética e Indígena, y con especial interés, con la Comisión de Derechos Humanos de Naciones Unidas e igual que con las comisiones regionales de los órganos de integración existentes. La Comisión debe continuar analizando con atención los trabajos e informes de los organismos especializados de Derechos Humanos a nivel de Naciones Unidas, Internacionales e Interamericanos y participar de algunas de sus actividades informativas o formativas.

Se propone para el 2023, continúen realizando al menos cuatro reuniones ordinarias de la Comisión Global, con carácter informativo organizativo, formativo y de posicionamientos e incidencia sobre temas de su competencia, previa realización de un diagnóstico que a nivel de aproximación, se propuso para el 2022, sin al-

canzar la respuesta necesaria y a los efectos de que la agenda y posicionamiento temático y organizativo permita una acción más efectiva; mantener las reuniones bilaterales bimensuales que contribuyan a mejorar el conocimiento de lo regional a lo global e incluir la participación en eventos globales y regionales de la IFSW/FITS y además, trascender de lo virtual a lo presencial, buscando y gestionando los recursos económicos que sean necesarios para alcanzar el propósito.

La Comisión, debe mantener su foco de atención y ahondar en su análisis y comprensión sobre la participación del trabajo social en situaciones de guerra y conflictos, así como en tiempos de post guerra y construcción de paz, sobre el impacto del cambio climático, la contaminación y las pérdidas ambientales en los derechos humanos, especialmente en los derechos a la alimentación adecuada, al agua, la educación, la vivienda, a la salud y el desarrollo, la discriminación, el racismo sistémico, la xenofobia, misoginia, conspiraciones de odio, supremacía blanca, ideologías neonazis, la esclavitud moderna y otras manifestaciones que violentan los derechos humanos de las poblaciones, situaciones en las que los profesionales del Trabajo Social, tienen participación como tal y también como población.

La Comisión debe impulsar al menos, un evento global virtual de derechos humanos y respaldar la organización de programas y acciones para promover la sensibilización sobre los derechos humanos; promover la colaboración birregional e inter-

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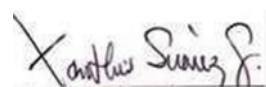
institucional entre los miembros de la IFSW/FITS y otras organizaciones gubernamentales y organismos no gubernamentales, con el objetivo de tramitar eficazmente casos y/o encontrar eco en las denuncias por violaciones a los derechos humanos. Para esto, es necesario crear y fortalecer las capacidades de los Comisionados, Comisionadas y encargados de Derechos Humanos en cada una de las seis zonas geopolíticas, promoviendo y desarrollando actividades de capacitación presencial, entrenamiento virtual y presencial o modalidad combinada. Además, insistimos en que se revise la conveniencia de proponer la designación de equipos de apoyo y/o el nombramiento de uno a dos comisionados más por región de acuerdo al número de países a atender y para ello, se ha propuesto una pauta de apoyo.

En el período año 2023-2024, se deben trabajar nuevas declaraciones sobre los temas que nos ocupan; profundizar mediante acciones de capacitación sobre distintos y urgentes temas, como las situaciones de Migración y desplazamientos forzados y otros que se deriven de una aproximación diagnóstica que debe efectuarse. Documentar las violaciones a los derechos humanos de trabajadoras y trabajadores sociales, en lo individual como a sus organizaciones, ameritará seguimiento y preparación para lograrlo, así como también debe seguirse la condición y situación de profesionales ya en retiro por razones de edad, salud o algún grado de discapacidad. Hay también a disposición una pauta de recomendación para esto.

La Comisión debe poner atención a las condiciones socio-laborales de una significativa muestra del gremio, tomando en cuenta que hay manifestaciones de desprofesionalización en algunos países y sectores; debe considerarse importante para el cumplimiento de estos propósitos sostener intercambios con Escuelas de Trabajo Social y otras entidades afines, así como analizar los resultados de estudios realizados por otras instancias e iniciativas de la IFSW así como las observaciones y recomendaciones presentadas por miembros de la Asamblea General 2022 al informe de la Comisión, el cual se adjunta al igual que un listado de documentos elaborados en el período.

Agradecimiento al Comité Ejecutivo, Secretaría General, a quienes pido tengan en consideración las apreciaciones enviadas en carta del 16 de noviembre 2022; a Comisionados y Comisionadas Regionales de Derechos Humanos de la IFSW, por sus contribuciones al cumplimiento parcial de las atribuciones de la Comisión Global de Derechos Humanos y especial gratitud a señora Lucía Gandolfi, intérprete y traductora.

Para el 2023, les deseo todo lo mejor, Atentamente,



Xanthis Suárez García

Comisionada Global de Derechos Humanos IFSW (junio 2021- octubre 2022)

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The aim of the Indigenous Commission is to create a structure for utilization of the indigenous knowledge and skills in service delivery locally and globally...

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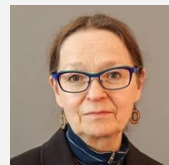
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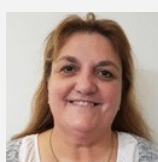


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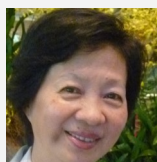
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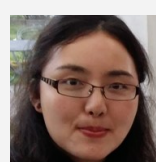
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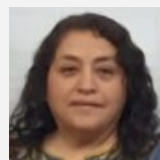


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Yang Jian (Yvonne)
Representative

Latin America and the Caribbean Region



Jenny Linares
Regional Commissioner

North American Region



Hazel Berg
Regional Commissioner

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General Activities and Achievements during 2022

The Indigenous Commission met six times during 2022. The year began with the Commission identifying our priorities and how we would work together across regions. As Global Indigenous Commissioner, Hilary Weaver has participated in quarterly meetings with other Global Commissioners. This provides an opportunity to facilitate collaboration across commissions. It enables us to learn from and replicate their models, as we see fit. We also recognize that the Indigenous Commission may develop distinct ways of operation based on our values, accountabilities, priorities, and protocols as Indigenous people, as we identify how all peoples may benefit from integration of Indigenous Knowledges, norms, practices, values, and skills in service delivery, locally and globally.

Members of the Indigenous Commission participated in the North American Regional IFSW Conference held March 29, 2022. This conference had the theme, Honoring the Indigenous Journey. Global Commissioner Hilary Weaver provided the opening Keynote address, Deg'énya: 'Social workers honoring Indigenous journeys through respectful helping and Hazel Berg, the North American Regional Representative, participated in a panel discussion.

Two members of the Indigenous Commission, Hilary Weaver and Margaretha Karl-

berg Uttjek, delivered a presentation at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) that took place in New York City April 25-May 6, 2022. With support from the IFSW UN Commission, they delivered an on-line presentation



on May 4 entitled Challenging government intrusion into the lives of Indigenous women: Rectifying violations of free, prior, and informed consent. Hilary Weaver attended the final portion of the UNPFII in person. 2022 was a transitional year where the primary responsibility for planning a side event at the Forum was transferred from the IFSW UN Commission to the IFSW Indigenous Commission. It is anticipated that on-going collaborations between the IFSW UN and Indigenous Commissions around the UNPFII can serve as a model for how Commissions can work together on areas of shared interest. We have reached out to other IFSW Commissions seeking opportunities for partnering. At this time, we continue to explore collaborative projects with the Education Commission.

The Indigenous Commission recorded a panel presentation, Implementing Traditional Indigenous Knowledge in Social Work: Challenges and Possibilities for the People's Summit on Co-building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind.

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United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The panel consisted of commission members Margaretha Karlberg Uttjek, Carole Tana-Tepania, and Jenny Linares, with an introduction and conclusion offered by Hilary Weaver. The presentation was available in both Spanish and English thanks to translations provided by Lucía Gandolfi.

At the time of this report the Indigenous Commission is engaged in developing a statement to be issued by IFSW for Human Rights Day 2022. As we move forward, we continue to solidify our vision and processes as a united Commission integrating the voices of Indigenous people and Indigenous Knowledge in the social work profession. The Indigenous Commission looks forward to our continued contribution in advancing Indigenous perspectives and ways of being within IFSW and throughout the regions.

Key Planned Activities and Events for Next Year

We have developed a draft workplan for 2023. We anticipate that our efforts will be guided by the theme Integrating Indigenous Knowledge in social work practice and education but may also address other topics as the need arises. Our major projects for the year include participating in the 2023 United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (April 17-28 in New York City). The theme for the 2023 Forum is Indigenous Peoples, human health, planetary and territorial health and climate change: a rights-based approach. We also anticipate involvement in World Social Work Day that may include outreach to national associations that are affiliated with IFSW, encouraging them to include Indigenous content in planned activities.

The Indigenous Commission also anticipates developing statements for key days. These may include Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Day, World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, World Indigenous Peoples Day, Orange Shirt Day (acknowledgement of the residential schools and children who never came home), and Human Rights Day.

Hilary Weaver

Global Indigenous Commissioner

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IFSW has been granted Special Consultative Status by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). In addition, IFSW is working with the World Health Organization (WHO), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The commission supports IFSW representatives and IFSW members to act as facilitators and bridging the gaps between community's aspirations and UN agendas. At the same time, the knowledge of the UN's work shall flow back to the IFSW board and the IFSW members with the goal to create a partnership and realising a social change.

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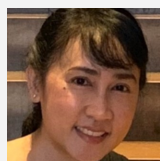
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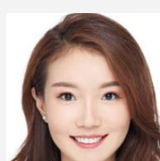


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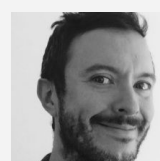
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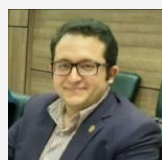
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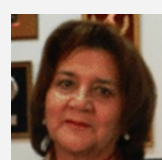
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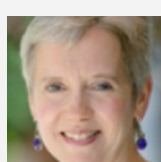


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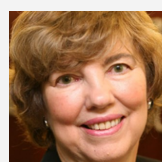
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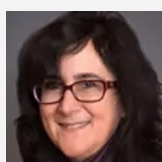
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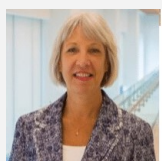
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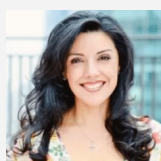
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Representative



Shena Osborn
Representative

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Representatives

The IFSW UN Commission has one UN Commissioner, four regional commissioners, and 16 representatives (including two interns), hence a total of 21 professional Social Workers. In 2022, four people left the Commission; two of them have not been active in the past years and were not achievable.

World Social Work Day events have taken place in Bangkok, Geneva, and New York, and always in cooperation with UN offices.

For the General Meeting in 2022, the policy paper “The Role of Social Workers in Advancing a New Eco-Social World ” has been submitted and adopted by the General Meeting. The UN Commission is taking this, and the Policy Paper on SDGs forward and using it for the statements towards the UN.

For the Global Conference ‘New Eco-Social World’, three videos have been submitted and one key-note-speech was moderated by the UN Commissioner.

The UN Commissioner has worked with all teams on their issues such as policy papers, statements, and recruitment of new representatives. Three meetings with the whole UN Commission have taken place. In those meetings, we strengthen our understanding of a global perspective by inviting guests. We have had: IFSW President Joachim Mumba and Noel Muridzo (IFSW Africa President), Rory Truell (IFSW GS), and Meredith Powers (IFSW Climate Justice Programm). Frequent interactions have taken place with the other Commis-

oners (organized by the GS), the General Secretary, and the Secretariat.

Additionally, the UN Commissioner represents IFSW at the CoNGO (Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations), the umbrella NGO organization at the UN. The UN Commissioner visited the NGO Committee on Women’s Rights and co-organized a side event on ‘rural women social protection’ and visited the NGO Committee on Human Rights, where IFSW is a member, in order to increase the network and collaboration.

Activities and Achievements



Statements

Here are some of the statements that have been submitted to the UN:

- several statements and speeches at events in the Asia Pacific on the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals

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- Statement on the situation in Afghanistan
- Statement on the convention on the right to development
- Statements on the annual meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women
- Statements on the sessions of the Commission for Social Development
- Statement on the High-Level Political Forum on the SDGs
- Statements have been submitted or signed (f.i. the CONGO Statement on CoVid-19).



Asia Pacific

In 2022 the UN Asia Pacific Team continued to advocate for social and environmental issues while building relationships within the UN system and with key stakeholders. In the past 12 months, representatives attended key events including the 78th Session of the Economic and Social Commission, Committee on Social Development, and Committee on Environment and Development. This included providing

written statements and having the opportunity to formally address the UN. Representatives during these events advocated for greater action on key issues such as social protection systems, women's rights, disability, and older persons' rights, refugee policies, and climate action. This also included highlighting to the UN and Member States the need to better utilize social workers as through applying the profession's principles and approaches we can collectively work towards climate action and social justice. For 2023, the team plans to continue this work and build greater relationships with other NGOs to build stronger partnerships for advocacy.

Sebastian Cordoba, Australia

Europe

Geneva

By end of this year, the team has two new representatives. We warmly welcome Sybille Mani and Brigitte Leroy. While Bruno Keel has left the team to continue other projects, Klaus Kühne remains an advisor for the team. The organization of the WSWD and the work in the various themes have continued as in previous years. The relation with NGO Committees, groups of interest (Rights of Children), UN-RISD and their presentation of the flagship report, and participation of the UNHCHR Civil Society consultation weeks have taken place.

Priska Fleischlin

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Vienna

Through our cross-border activities between Austria, Romania, and Ukraine, a generator could be organized and transported to an Ukrainian drug counseling NGO.

Report of the representative of the IFSW in the Vienna NGO Committee on Narcotic Drugs (2022): The main focus of activities consisted in participating in the VNGOC's Annual General Meeting and the board elections in 2022. Additionally advocating during events at the annual sessions of the 65th Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), as well as commenting on official VNGOC papers and submitting suggestions for request experts.

During the CND in March 2022, IFSW was present at various side events on drug prevention, harm reduction, cannabis regulation, and the role of NGOs during covid 19 pandemic. IFSW submitted questions for the informal dialogues at the CND about the position of INCB, CND, UNODC, and WHO on cannabis regulation politics and evidence-based measures. On the board's request, IFSW recommended civil society experts to contribute to a UNODC informal technical consultation meeting on prenatal exposure to opioids and supported VNGOCs' search for NGO participants in the UNODC project on drug treatment in humanitarian settings. IFSW will also take part in the civil society consultation on engagement with the UNODC Synthetic Drug Strategy in December 2022.

Silvia Franke, Vienna

Africa



The pandemic and recent conflicts in many parts of the world have in a big way reversed years of progress made in the fight against poverty, resulting in the emergence of new poor people—those who would have exited the poverty bracket in the absence of the pandemic, but remain poor and those who have fallen into poverty on the account of the triple “C” Crises Covid –19, Climate and Conflicts. UN-Habitat in Nairobi within its mandate and mission of promoting socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements and developments did put various collaboration actions in place to cushion and mitigate against the effects of the triple “c” challenges. I attended three virtual meetings of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on SDG and related reviews on urban issues. This is the UN platform on suitable development and has a central role in the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for SDGs review. I had the privilege of attending World Habitat Day event whose aim was to reflect on the state of towns, cities and the basic rights to

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adequate shelter for all. The day is set to inspire all levels of governments and other stakeholders to share experiences, actions, and best practices to improve the quality of life for those living in cities and towns. The day is also intended to remind the world that everyone has the power and responsibility to shape the future of towns and cities.

Charles Mbugua, Nairobi

Latin America and Caribbean

The regional President and Vice President informed the UN Commissioner, that Alicia Yanez Merino is no longer active in Santiago de Chile. A successor with a possible extension to five people will be coordinated in the month ahead.

Priska Fleischlin

North America

The NY team attends the monthly briefings for DGC & ECOSOC affiliated NGOs. The following committees are represented by IFSW in New York: The Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Mental Health, Status of Women, Family, Ageing, Social Development, Financing for Development, and Migration.

Commission on Social Development (CSocD). In February 2022, the team organized a parallel event during the 60th Session of the CSocD. This event highlighted

local and global strategies used by IFSW and its member organizations to promote inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 for sustainable livelihoods, well-being, and dignity for all to achieve the 2030 Agenda. A statement on behalf of IFSW was submitted and officially accepted by the CSocD.



In March 2022, the team organized a parallel event entitled "Social Workers Collaborate with Women to Meet Challenges of Climate Changes", which highlighted local & global strategies to mitigate climate change and disaster risk reduction to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.

The UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII). The team participated and facilitated a parallel event on 'Challenging Government Intrusion into the Lives of Indigenous Women: Rectifying Violations of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent'. The IFSW Global Indigenous Commissioner served as the speaker.

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UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. In July 2022 the team hosted the event, "Social Workers as Stakeholders in Co-Building, Promoting and Sustaining an Eco-Social World", which included the IFSW Global President, Secretary General, Global Commissioner for the IFSW Indigenous Commission, and IFSW Corona Virus Information Officer. The event is available on the IFSW YouTube station.

Michael Cronin, USA

Key Planned Activities and Events for Next Year

Steps ahead

a) Concerning the proposed program for the UN Commission (General Meeting 2018), we continue to work on phase two 'building capacity within the UN', but also phase three 'Future phases: Towards Fulfilling the Vision Statement'. Back then, it was the aim to further elaborate on the previous phases. For reaching this goal, the Commission is planning a three-day-long meeting in Geneva, Switzerland. There are many purposes to meet; the UN Commission is the only one that has a representative function. To seriously fulfill this role, every representative has to have a good understanding of global Social Work, IFSW, and its position in global political work. With the Global Conference on 'a new eco-social world', it is also time to do visionary work to figure out, how we

can best contribute to a global transformation. It is also time to honor the committee member's tremendous work and further elaborate on our work for the years ahead.

b) Since all of us are traveling to the UN, and have to pay the UN for holding events and paying membership fees for the NGO Committees, it is also part of our work ahead to have those costs covered.

c) Increasing the collaboration with UN Agencies.

d) As a further step ahead, we will continue to represent Social Work to the United Nations professionally, passionately, and always with the aim to increase the visibility of professional Social Work in every country.

I look forward to working with this professional team, with IFSW global board and IFSW Secretariat and I hope that IFSW members will profit from our work.



Priska Fleischlin
Switzerland/ December 2022
IFSW UN Commissioner

Global

Ambassador's Report

Once again, I would like to thank the General Meeting and all Member Associations for providing me with the continued opportunity to serve IFSW. During this global pandemic, the Ambassador and the Secretary General have continued to communicate, as needed. As you may know the Ambassador works on behalf of IFSW's mission and goals. She always serves at the request of the General Meeting and within the policies and priorities set by it. The Ambassador is accountable to the General Meeting, IFSW's highest policy making body.

The ambassadorial appointment was established to officially make use of existing networks, expertise and in depth understanding and experience with IFSW for IFSW's benefit. Upon request, the Ambassador carries out special global assignments and representation for IFSW. To that end, some of the Ambassador's activities for IFSW have included: representation at meetings, seminars, conferences and events by facilitating important IFSW issues, relationships, and providing organizational presence; promoting the IFSW Friend's Program (founded during my Presidency) to position IFSW to effectively engage in outreach and recruitment of persons and organizations as supporters of IFSW in the areas of education, promotion and fund development. In addition, the Friend's Program provides a portal to provide information, marketing, and public relations via media, workshops, meetings and public speaking with social workers, organizations, governmental agencies, and the public about IFSW. The Ambassador has also performed specific tasks of pro-

gram and policy significance for IFSW through participation in the evaluation of the Officers' Meeting, the Steering Committee, and the Secretary General. Other service has included work with the Structure and Operations Committee, Elections Committee, Non-Dues Revenue/Income Development Task Force, Friend's Advisory Committee, IFSW Archives, and other areas/programs.

The General Meeting first appointed me to the role of Ambassador in 1994. This followed a period of 8 years on the Executive Committee as Member, President for North America, and as global President of IFSW. A description for the Ambassador role was approved by the 1996 General Meeting. The Ambassador is committed to performing a meaningful and important role for IFSW at no expense to IFSW.

I appreciated joining you all virtually for the General Meeting in May, 2022 and for the People's Summit in July, 2022 where IFSW demonstrated global leadership, a deep commitment to capacity building and cultivated many fields of possibilities for the profession and our global community.

In closing, I extend my very best wishes to our Leadership, Staff, Executive Committee and Member Associations for a very happy holiday and healthy 2023 and beyond.

It is a great pleasure to work with you all on behalf of IFSW!

Los Angeles, November, 2022
Suzanne Dworak-Peck

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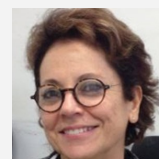


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Internship Program at the IFSW Global Secretariat



The IFSW is pleased to announce the introduction of a new internship program.

IFSW is continuously growing and pursues to advance social work development locally and internationally. In the same spirit, for the first time, the IFSW Secretariat was delighted to carry out an intern program with four students of HAN University - The Netherlands, with the aim of incorporating students' contribution to professional development.

The four interns **Patience Jumbo**, **Anett Kis**, **Johanna Koppers**, and Maria Pessoa are visionary, determined, and responsible students, who have shown specific interest in professional social work, with curiosity to its local, regional and international development.

The Secretariat was delighted to welcome them in learning and sharing their knowledge and skills as they contributed to tasks like World Social Work Day activities, The People's Global Summit which IFSW was co-facilitating with other partners, and working with IFSW global commissions and regional offices.

Read more

Read the full news item [here](#).

For enquiries regarding the internship program, please reach out at global@ifsw.org.

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The Community Social Work Centre and Social Work Hub



The Community Social Work Centre and Social Work Hub Kamianets-Podilskyi Province are a joint initiation between IFSW, the administration and the communities of the district of Kamianets-Podilskyi, Ukraine. The project will establish a Community Social Work Centre and Social Work Hub (forerunner to a National Association of Social Workers).

The Kamianets-Podilskyi district's population has nearly grown 50% this year as internally displaced people have escaped the front line of the war, which is 500 kilometres away. The additional 30'000 refugees, combined with the near collapse of the economy, trauma and the closure of many public systems have resulted in multiple and critical social challenges. IFSW has been invited by the district president and communities to provide assistance and guidance in managing social

challenges under war conditions and to develop plans for better than before social protection systems as the county rebuilds when peace is established.

The partnership identifies that the work carried out in the description is a pilot for the rest of Ukraine. It is anticipated that this work will be monitored by the country's other regions and upon success will be replicated nationally. The concepts developed here are based on other transformational social work activities based in other war countries such as Yemen, Northern Ireland, Bosnia and El Salvador and as it is developed in the Kamianets-Podilskyi district it will make significant contributions to global knowledge on advancing social protection in war and post-war conditions.

Within this partnership, the Community Social Work Centre rooms have already

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been secured. The Centre will occupy parts of the ground floor and the entire 3rd floor of the centrally located district council building.

The founding values of the Community Social Work Centre include recognizing the strengths of all people in the community to solve problems; that by communities actively working together the effects of trauma are significantly reduced, and for sustainable and effective social development to take place, communities need to experience ownership of their Community Centre and its activities.

The founding values of the Social Work Hub include working with and co-learning within the networks and structures of IFSW. We aim professionalism in accordance with the IFSW Global Statement of Ethical Principles. To be a model of cutting-edge social work development in the context of practice under war and post-war conditions.



First Aid Training at the Centre



Concrete actions of the Community Social Work Centre will include:

- To provide local management of the Centre as described above;
- To develop a skills/resources stock takes (audits) in the community that highlight the potential for business development, social protection and community cohesion;
- Facilitating community social and economic projects;
- Supporting the Integration of social protection services, medical, educational, financial and social;
- Helping adults and children recovering from trauma through developing children's programmes, adult groups, social education and respite care;
- Empowering women to acquire the necessary skills to fill the vacancies left by men that were drafted in the

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- army and facilitate community daycare services for woman that want to work;
- Providing support of widows;
- Supporting the reconnection of families when soldiers return to their families;
- To provide monthly reports to the district authorities and IFSW that include a social diagnostic assessment.
- To liaise with investors and monitor projects in accordance with the social investor's agreed on terms.
- To facilitate community social and economic capacity building, eg social enterprises;
- To develop policies and proposals to the district authorities on strengthening social protections systems;
- To develop contacts with social workers across the country with the view to co-building a National Association of Social Workers



Community Social Work Centre team

The aims of the Social Work Hub are:

- Establish a place of training for social work practitioners;
- Grow the profession in Ukraine;
- Be an actor in the reconstruction of Ukraine society;
- To provide outreach social services such as supporting vulnerable populations, eg, the elderly; refugees, and people differently-abled, across the wider district;



Setting up the family and children's counselling rooms

Read more

Please visit our [Community Social Work Centre and Social Work Hub page](#) to read more about this project.

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Climate Justice Program

The IFSW Climate Justice Program (CJP) is for anyone and everyone – social workers, friends, family, colleagues, companies, universities, etc. Please help us share it widely!

Aims of the CJP

Educate — ourselves and others

Advocate — for changes in policies and practices

Be the Change We Wish to See in the World — by reducing our harmful impacts that lead to climate injustices and supporting projects that create local solutions in communities most impacted by climate injustice.

[Read more on the CJP Website](#)

What is climate justice?

The climate crisis is directly connected to human activities and not merely due to normal patterns of nature. For example, people and ecosystems have endured water, land, and air contamination from industrial pollution and toxic agricultural practices, soil erosion, desertification, and species and habitat loss due to extensive deforestation, and an increase in frequency and intensity of disastrous weather patterns, such as typhoons.

IFSW Climate Justice Program



While the climate crisis impacts all of us, those who are marginalized or oppressed are experiencing it to an even greater extent, creating climate injustice for people and our planet. Much of the burden of unsustainable consumption patterns has fallen disproportionately on the most vulnerable people in the world, who typically have the smallest consumption patterns. In addition, these vulnerable people receive fewer of the benefits of the environmental resources. These collective patterns of unsustainable consumption contribute to the climate crisis, making it a global justice issue for people and the planet, this is known as climate injustice.

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Global Survey of Working Conditions of Social Workers



Research highlights negative working environment for most social workers

'Social workers have among the most difficult working conditions of all equivalent professions', is the key finding of [new research](#) published in [International Social Work](#) journal. 'This has detrimental effects on services for individuals and communities due to staff burnout, poor retention of key staff and high staff turnover in many places.'

The research is a long-term partnership between the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), Bath Spa University and Ulster University. It explores the working conditions of social workers around the globe, using a mixed-methods approach.

Suggested solutions include legal recognition of the social work profession, improved management support and better pay and conditions.

'Social workers provide absolutely essential services in all countries around the world and are crucial to building functional societies and economies as well as re-

sponding to national or global emergencies', said Dr Rory Truell, IFSW Secretary-General. 'Yet they are expected to work in some of the most difficult working environments and frequently lack effective understanding and support from employing bodies. This is an exploitation of the goodwill of committed social workers and a failure of support for families and communities.'

[Professor Jermaine Ravalier](#), academic leader of the research, commented: 'This research uses well known international comparative methodologies to evaluate the working environment of social workers. The survey tools examine not only the physical environment but also levels of managerial activity and the psychological impact of working in stressful environments.'

'The outcomes from the data are stark', concluded [Dr David N Jones](#), Chair of the research steering group. 'Whilst there are of course variations in the quality of working environments, overall social workers have some of the most difficult working environments of any comparable profession. We look forward to developing this research over the coming years and sincerely hope to see improvements from the rock bottom situation found in so many social work offices today.'

Read the full news article [here](#).

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International Social Work Programme in the Netherlands Endorsed by IFSW



Photo: HAN BISW students arriving for field-work placement in Nepal at the Maya Foundation

In February 2022, the [Bachelor of International Social Work](#) offered by HAN University in the Netherlands was endorsed by IFSW in the first-ever pilot peer review.

The peer assessment conducted by the IFSW Education Commission, included the Dutch National Association of Social Workers (BPSW) as well as HAN social work staff, students and representatives of their international practice networks. Chair of the peer review process, IFSW Global Education Commissioner, Professor Vasilios Ioakimidis said,

'HAN's BISW is a unique programme offered in English to students throughout the world. It is fully focused on collaborative learning between local agencies in a range of countries. The students are integrated into multiple approaches to social work organised through Social Impact Hubs that are designed to meet the social and development aspirations of local com-

munities. I am also very impressed that HAN includes working with the local national associations of social work. These approaches bring together people that use social work services, the national profession, social work departments of local universities and international students to co-create outcomes. The BISW demonstrates a model that will be of significant interest to other teaching environments'.

The peer assessment utilised the recently agreed [Global Social Work Educational Standards](#) developed by the IFSW and The International Association of Schools of Social Work. These standards were created through mass consultation in response to calls from social work departments that wanted to demonstrate that they meet international guidelines or to provide evidence to their management structures that improvements need to be made.

The HAN Bachelor of International Social Work was the first programme globally to be endorsed by IFSW. Other programmes in South Africa are currently going through a peer assessment process. Social work schools in any part of the world wishing to work towards or demonstrate IFSW endorsement of their programme can contact the IFSW [Education Commission](#).

Read the full news item [here](#).

New Policies

The Role of Social Workers in Advancing a New Eco-Social World



The world is facing unparalleled levels of social and environmental crises; climate change, pandemics, persistent inequality, lack of consensus internationally at the geo-political level, and increased conflict. These crises are intertwined and have profound effects on people and their communities through the dramatic increase in the economic, social, emotional, and ecological challenges.

The environment has been threatened through the exploitation and degradation of the planet, peoples, and cultures that were foundational to colonialism[i], compounded by neoliberal economic policies embedded in state practices and the conditionalities attached to loans of international financial institutions. These policies have contributed to environmental degradation, increased social and economic inequality, reduced rights for workers, mini-

mal formal social protection systems, increased migration, human trafficking, and the violation of human rights. We are in dire need of a transformation of the political and economic systems from extractive and exploitative to inclusive and sustainable policies and practices at global and local levels that can halt environmental destruction and create wellbeing for all people.

This policy affirms to:

1. Expand on the 1996 IFSW Human Rights Policy and the 2014 Globalization and the Environment Policy
2. Articulates and supports the development of the IFSW's position on co-building a new eco-social world grounded in a holistic human rights framework
3. Call to action for governments and key stakeholders to assure a more sustainable and just World.

More Information

[Read the full policy here](#), including background information, implications and sources for further reading.

Publications

Beyond the Pandemic: Exploring Social Work Ethics and Values as a Contribution to a New Eco-social World



IFSW published the findings of the international research project, 'Beyond the Pandemic: Exploring Social Work Ethics and Values as a Contribution to a New Eco-social World'.

This project, undertaken between March and July 2022, is a follow-on from an earlier online survey on ethical challenges for social workers during Covid-19 conducted in May 2020. That survey showed social workers rethinking their values and ethics in a time of crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The rationale of this second phase of research was to review the learnings from two years of practice during the pandemic and consider its relevance to other global crises, particularly climate

change, political conflict as well as various types of natural disasters.

IFSW Secretary-General, Rory Truell commented, "*This is very timely and important research which reveals how the profession is effectively responding to the multiple, growing, complex challenges we face.*"

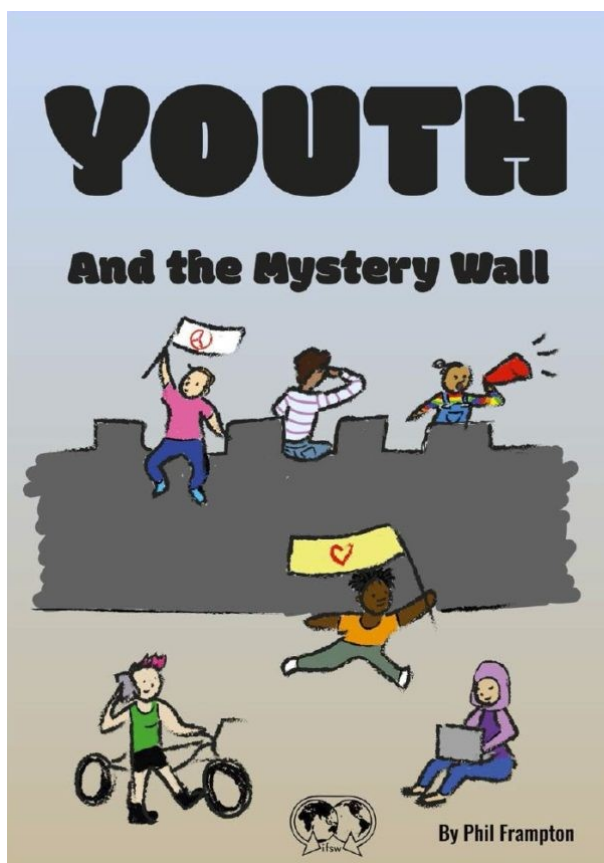
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Publications

Phil Frampton: Youth and the Mystery Wall



Phil Frampton was a founder of the Care Leavers Association in England. He writes about the crucial importance of teenagers' collective empowerment from the perspective of his experiences in England but he sets them against wider international cultures and policies. Ruth Stark, who wrote the foreword to this book, commented: "The unique perspective that Phil offers us is to 'read, mark, learn and inwardly digest' is from reflecting on his lived experience, knowledge and learning

and helping us to journey together to change our world for sus-tainable shared futures".

"Informed by a lifetime of engagement with sociological theory and political engagement, Phil Frampton's book is a real antidote to lazy orthodoxies in the fields of youth and social work. It's a must-read for activists, campaigners, practitioners and anyone interested in fresh thinking about care, class and socialisation." Andy Bevan, UWTSD Centre of Humanities and Social Sciences (Lecturer in International Development and Global Politics)

"Phil invites us to question some of the assumptions that we all make at different times and in different places. The unique perspective that Phil offers us is to 'read, mark, learn and inwardly digest' from reflecting on his lived experience, knowledge and learning and helping us to journey together to change our world for sustainable shared futures." Ruth Stark, Social Worker, President IFSW 2014-2018

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Rory Truell: Six Actions We Can Do Together to Co-Build a Sustainable And Fair World



The world is full of change. The interlinked triple global crises of climate change, rapidly growing inequality and a global pandemic are robbing people of their dignity and futures. This requires us all to work differently. We need to co-develop a new cooperation, beyond national borders that brings security, peace and confidence for all people and the sustainability for the eco-systems on which we depend. Such cooperation, linking local and global aspiration, is within our collective grasp. Already, significant developments have been made and can be further built upon.

This short document presents six actions we can take, created to inspire other ideas

for a balanced eco-social world. These points do not address all issues, and the author, **Dr Rory Truell**, is sure that in the process of discussion these approaches will be further shaped, added to and refined as collectively we work together.

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International Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics: Some Notes on the Journal's New Features



IFSW is pleased to announce that the International Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics now comes with a number of new features that have been implemented with issue 1 this year. These include an all new, modern and sleek design, full HTML text, Google Translate integration, DOI numbering, and full citation meta data.

Dr Pascal Rudin, PhD, who is a member of the Journal's Policy Advisory Board, and who oversees the Journal's operations, said: "*The implementation of these exciting new features are an important milestone for the Journal. IFSW now assigns a digital object identifier (DOI) to all articles. This increases the authenticity of the Journal and reflects the growing impetus for an international culture of citation using the DOI system to highlight research data as legitimate and citable contributions to the scholarly record.*"

While this may be the most important feature for the Journal's reputation, there are other exciting ones. For example, the all-new design of PDF articles alongside full HTML texts maximises readability and accessibility, allowing to read articles on devices of any size, including tablets and even smartphones. And, accounting for our increasingly international readership, Google Translate integration now allows automatic translation of these full HTML texts into a large number of languages.

However, as Pascal emphasises, his favourite new feature is the provision of full meta citation data for all content. "*This allows our readership to download citation data, including PDF full text files, into their Citation Management Software (such as EndNote, Mendeley and Zotero) at the ease of a click. During my own research journey, this has been an indispensable functionality. I am delighted that we can now offer that to our global readership.*"

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International Journal of Social Work

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IASW, ICSW and IFSW jointly own the journal published by Sage: International Social Work. In 2019 the number of submissions increased for the fifth years running, from 159 in 2015 to more than 200 new original submissions. In 2019, the number of original submissions was 211 and the revised submissions was 165.

The rate of acceptance in 2019 was 36% (in 2018 it was 41%).

In 2019, there were 6 issues and there were 10,932 total circulation. 268,907 full-text downloads in 2019 and in 2018 there were 22,739 full-text downloads.

Geographical spread of papers is wide showing the journal has international reach. In 2019 we saw an increase in papers from Canada, China, Estonia, Hong Kong, Nigeria, Turkey, the UK and the US, but fewer submission from Korea, Norway, and Spain.

In 2019, the number of original choices from practice papers was 40% more than in 2018.

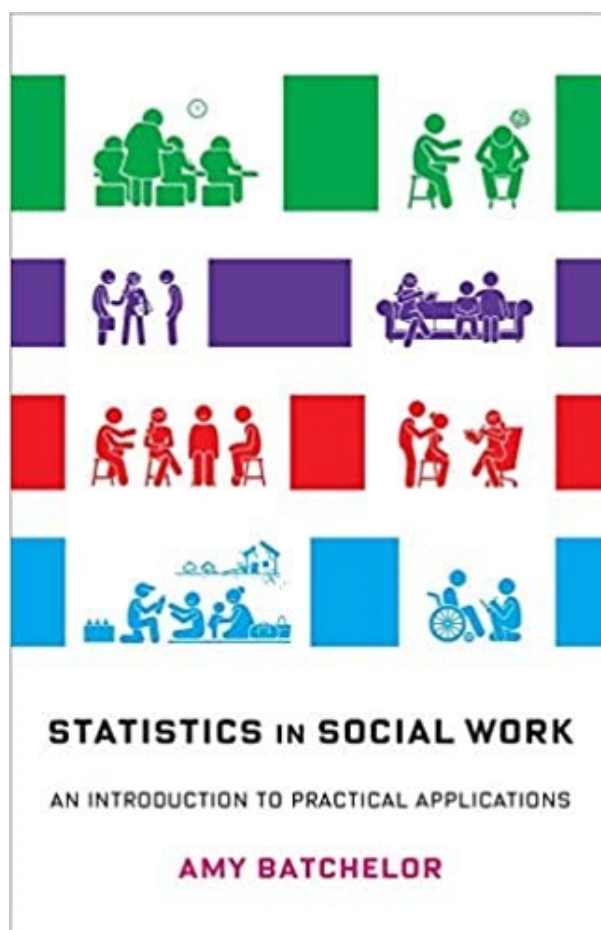
The International Social Work Prize Winner 2019 was "[Social work in East Africa: A mzungu perspective by Helmut Spitzer](#)".

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ISW Book Reviews

A new look book reviews page was launched on our website, people can also do peer reviews. You can find more information on how submit contributions to ISW book reviews [here](#).

Latest book review: [Statistics in Social Work: An Introduction to Practical Application](#)



Events

Upcoming Events

World Social Work Day



The next World Social Work Day takes place on **21 March 2023**. The theme is 'Respecting Diversity Through Joint Social Action'.

All networks, movements, and organisations that share the values of this poster are welcome to co-brand it by adding their logo alongside the IFSW logo. We also invite you to share with us your initiatives and plans for your **#WSWD2023** event.

We will publish the translation of the World Work Day Poster into your language: [Read more](#)

2024 General Meeting

The IFSW 2024 General Meeting will be held on **1 and 2 April 2024** in Panama as a hybrid event, offering both face to face and online participation.

Critical Deadlines

- Submission of Motions regarding proposed Constitutional Changes: **23 December 2023**
- Submission of Executive Nominations and Commission Appointments: **11 February 2024**
- Submission of Membership applications, proposed Policies and other Motions: **2 March 2024**

Information will be published [here](#).

2024 SWSD Conference



The 2024 SWSD Conference takes place from **4 to 7 April 2024** in Panama as a hybrid event, offering both face to face and online participation.

Read more on <https://swsd2024.org.pa/>



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