Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development

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Why the Agenda?
- Increase our visibility
- Increase our influence
- Strengthen and promote social work
- Improve social worker self-confidence
- Challenge established ways of thinking
- Support national associations, networks and regions
- Strengthen global bodies

The process starts
- Process started in 2004 or earlier
- 2006 started planning for 2010 - first joint conference – new format
- Linking conferences and planning long-term strategy for influence
- Hong Kong 2010
- Sustained and developed over 16 years – consistent & evolving

The 4 themes 2010-2020
- Promoting social and economic equalities
- Promoting the dignity and worth of peoples
- Promoting community and environmental sustainability
- Strengthening recognition of the importance of human relationships
  - focus on working environment and education and training

3 International Organisations
- IASSW: International Association of Schools of Social Work [www.iassw.org](http://www.iassw.org)
- IFSW: International Federation of Social Workers [www.ifsw.org](http://www.ifsw.org)

Workshop agenda
  - How can European organisations and social workers contribute?

- 2020-2030 Agenda themes 16.00-17.30
  - How can European organisations and social workers help shape the direction for social work and social development for the next decade?
Workshop agenda 1

2018-2020 global report 14.00-15.30
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14.00 Presentation on context – questions
14.30 Table discussions
15.10 Plenary feedback

Global agenda theme 2018-20

Strengthening recognition of the importance of human relationships

World Social Work Day 2020

Tuesday 17 March 2020

Observatory objectives

- Collect evidence about the positive actions of social workers, educators and social development practitioners
- Support implementation of the Global Agenda
- Give visibility and credibility to practice
- Promote further action and lobbying

1st Global Agenda Report

July 2014 http://isw.sagepub.com/content/57/4_suppl.toc

2nd Global Agenda Report

Promoting the dignity and worth of peoples
July 2016

28/08/2019

2018 Global issues
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Climate crisis
- The challenge to neo-liberal economic approaches (changing balance of world economy)
- Nationalism and populism
- Global Migration Crisis
- The rights of indigenous peoples
- Managerialism and values
- Workforce planning

Timetable
- 13 December 2019 – submit national reports to Regional Coordinators
- 29 February 2019 – submit regional reports to Global Editor
- 30 March – send final photos and WSWD updates to Global Editor
- 31 May – report completed and ready for publication
- July – launch of report in Calgary & Rimini

Table discussions
- Share stories and examples illustrating the role of social work in promoting the importance of human relationships?
- What should be in the European overview report?
- Keep a record which can feed into the report

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Refreshment break
15.30
- 16.00
**Workshop agenda 2**

**2020-2030 Agenda themes**
- How can European organisations and social workers help shape the direction for social work and social development for the next decade?
- 16.00 Presentation and questions
- 16.30 Table discussions
- 17.10 Plenary feedback
- 17.30 End

**Global Agenda 2020-2030?**
- How evaluate Agenda impact?
- What will be the pillars/themes?
- Link to World Social Work Day?
- Should we have more partners?
Timetable

- January 2020 – submit national proposals to Task Force
- March 2020 – Task Force submits draft headlines to global bodies
- April 2020 – global bodies give comments to Task Force
- June 2020 – Task Force submits final proposals to global bodies
- July – discussion of proposals in Calgary & Rimini
- September – global bodies agree final text

Table discussions

- What themes should be reflected in the Global Agenda 2020-2030?
- How can we promote wider engagement in the debate?
- Keep a record which can feed into the report
Thanks

Together we build the agenda
Together we face the challenge
Together we thrive

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