Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development

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3 International Organizations

- IASSW
  International Association of Schools of Social Work [www.iassw.org](http://www.iassw.org)
- ICSW
  International Council on Social Welfare [www.icsw.org](http://www.icsw.org)
- IFSW
  International Federation of Social Workers [www.ifsw.org](http://www.ifsw.org)

Global co-ordinators

- David N Jones (Co-ordinator -2020)
- Abye Tassé (Co-ordinator 2020+)
- Annamaria Campanini, Barbara Shank (IASSW)
- Eva Holmberg Herrström, Tom Johannesen (ICSW)
- Silvana Martinez, Rory Truell (IFSW)

Why the Agenda?

- Increase our visibility
- Increase our influence
- Strengthen and promote social work
- Increase social worker self-confidence
- Challenge established ways of thinking
- Support national associations, networks and regions
- Strengthen global bodies & partnership

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 – launch - 3000
- Sustained and developed over 16 years – consistent & evolving
2014-2020 4 themes
- 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

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

World Social Work Day 2011
1st Global Agenda Report

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

2nd Global Agenda Report


World Social Work Day 21st March 2017

Promoting the Importance of Human Relationships

Regional co-ordinators

- Africa – Antoinette Lombard & Janestic Twikirize
- Asia Pacific – Irene Leung & Viktor Virág
- Europe – Hakan Acar, Wendy Coxshall, Alla-Leena Mathies & Bodil Erikson
- Latin America and Caribbean - Iván de Jesús Rosa, José Rafael de la Torre, Verónica C. Ortiz Candelaria, Krystal L. Pérez Martínez
- North America – Katherine Lord, Karene Nathaniel-DeCaires, Jan Christianson-Wood, Susan Rubin, Kathryn Wehrmann

2020 Global issues

- Worsening inequality = conflict
- Sustainability & wellbeing for all
- Involving people in decision making
- Support for respectful relationships
- Respecting practice experience
- Positive work environment & management
- Resourcing education, training & research

Global Agenda Evaluation 2010-2020

- Consistent global visibility and influence across 3 organisations
- Informed many UN submissions
- Global & regional conferences
- World Social Work Days
- 100+ academic publications
- Promoted common identity
- Strengthened partnerships
- Challenged creative thinking
- Boosted self-confidence

Global Agenda Evaluation 2010-2020

- Relies heavily on voluntary commitment
- Has not generated new resources as hoped
- Need to explore sustainability given the core function of the process

What comes next?

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Global Agenda 2020-2030
- Task Force
- Evaluation
- 2020-2022 solidarity
- 2022-2030 consultation continues

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