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2020 General Meeting Manual

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Part I:
Introduction to the Procedures
of the General Meeting

Introduction

The 2020 IFSW General Meeting will be held on the 11th, 12th, 13th July 2020. The General meeting will run in three blocks of time over the above days. These blocks are called 'sessions'.

- Pre General Meeting Voting
- Session 1: Discussion
- Session 2: First Round of Voting
- Session 3: Second Round of Voting
- Conclusions and Results.

The timing of the sessions has been organised to maximise convenience for all time zones. The timing is listed below with the agenda items as UTC time

(Coordinated Universal Time).

IFSW President, Silvana Martínez will preside as the Chairperson for all sessions. She will delegate her authority to people that the executive endorses to support her role. Nicolai Paulsen (pending confirma-

tion by the General Meeting) will act as Parliamentarian in all sessions. He will delegate his authority to people that the executive endorses to support his role. Each IFSW member organization is entitled to have 1 Main Representative who cast their votes and 2 Delegates participate in the General Meeting. During session 1 (discussion), the 3 Representatives of each member organization will have the opportunity to discuss, make comments, raise questions and motions, but it is expected they will work together as a team. With regards to coordinating bodies, the number of delegates can be extended by written request to the President and Secretary-General, but only one person in a coordinating body can cast the votes on behalf of the body.

Pre General Meeting Voting

Timeframe: Open until 10 July 7am UTC

Before the 2020 online General Meeting we are asking you to vote on a motion that has been initiated by the IFSW Executive. The motion is formally proposed by Zambia and seconded by Canada.

The motion allows for: the constitutional procedure to be carried out electronically, affirms the General Meeting Chairperson and her ability to appoint 'session moderators' working under her authority; affirms the Parliamentarian and his ability to appoint 'session parliamentarians' working under his authority; affirms that the Elections Officer oversees the legitimacy of the voting procedures, affirms the minute taker, the dates of the General Meeting and that the minutes of the 2018 General meeting are correct as they have been circulated and been on the website for nearly two years.

It is of critical importance that your Main Representative to the General Meeting vote on this motion. You will be able to read the motion and vote on it on the General Meeting voting page here ([link](#)).

Please note, that to access this voting page you must have registered first here ([link](#)).

If you have any questions about the content of the motion, please write to me directly. If you have any challenges logging on to the IFSW General Meeting page please contact Bernard Mayaka bernard.mayaka@ifsw.org.

You must place your vote before 7am UTC on 10 July 2020

Session 1: Discussion of Agenda Items

Timeframe: July 11th (07h00 utc) – July 12th (05h00 utc)

The discussions of all agenda items are open simultaneously and will last 22 hours. There is no voting in this session. Voting will only be possible in sessions 2 and 3 to ensure all the discussion has taken place before votes are cast. Discussion will take place on the General Meeting of the IFSW Website. More information on how this works will be forwarded shortly.

Welcome and Opening

- Opening of the General Meeting (Silvana Martínez – Pre-recorded))
- Roll call of member organizations (Rory Truell. Pre-recorded))
- Voting rights at the General Meeting (David Jones) (Pre-agreed by members)
- Appointment of Secretary(ies) for the meeting (Pre-agreed by members)
- Appointment of Parliamentarian (Pre-agreed by members)
- Work structure and procedures during the meeting (Pre-agreed by members)
- Appointment of teller(s) for the meeting (Pre-agreed by members)
- Approval of agenda and timetable (Pre-agreed by members)

Minutes from the IFSW General Meeting in Dublin, (Pre-agreed by members)

Executive report

- President Report. (Silvana Martínez – Pre-recorded))
- Secretary-General's report. (Rory Truell. Pre-recorded))

IFSW Regional report

- IFSW Africa Region Report (Noel

Muridzo + Joachim Mumba. Pre-recorded

IFSW Asia-Pacific Region Report (Rose Henderson + Irene Leung. Pre-recorded)

IFSW Europe Region Report (Ana Radulescu + John Brennan. Pre-recorded)

IFSW Latin America & Caribe Region Report (Larry Alicea + Tania Ramos. Pre-recorded)

IFSW North America Region Report (Kathryn Wehrmann + Jan Christianson-Wood. Pre-recorded)

IFSW Commissions and Committees

Report from the IFSW Human Rights Commission (Colleen Lundy. Pre-recorded)

Report from the IFSW Ethical Commission (Dawn Hobdy. Pre-recorded)

Report from the IFSW UN Commission (Priska Fleischlin. Pre-recorded)

Report from the Interim Education Commission (Vassilis Iokimidis. Pre-recorded)

Motion from (tbc) to formalize an IFSW Education Commission (tbc. Pre-recorded)

Report from Indigenous Committee Representatives (Robyn Corrigan and Shannon Pakura)

Motion from Aotearoa New Zealand Coordinating Body to formalize an IFSW Indigenous Commission (tbc. Pre-recorded)

Global Education Standards

Report from the Interim Education Commission on the Review of the Global Education Standards. (Vassilis Iokimidis. Pre-

Session 1 (Continued)

recorded)

Motion from XXXX to adopt the Revised Global Education Standards. (XXXX. Pre-recorded)

Executive censure of the Israeli Union of Social Workers

Report from the IFSW Israeli Censure Working Group (tbc. Pre-recorded)

Finance 2018 & 2019 report

Budget (Victor García. Pre-recorded)

Motion from tbc to appoint the auditor (XXXX. Pre-recorded)

Motions to change the Constitution

Motion from Aotearoa New Zealand: Article 10. Global Treasurer. (tbc. Pre-recorded)

Motion from Aotearoa New Zealand: Replace the Current Article 14 f. (tbc. Pre-recorded)

Motion from Aotearoa New Zealand: Article 11. (tbc. Pre-recorded)

Report on the Global Agenda

Global Agenda report 2018 – 2020 (Rose Henderson + Rory Truell) (Pre-recorded)

Global Agenda, the first decade Rose Henderson + Rory Truell (Pre-recorded)

Global Agenda 2020 – 2030 (Rose Henderson + Rory Truell) (Pre-recorded)

New policies (if any)

Awards

Award in Memory of Andrew Mouravieff-Apostol - (Silvana Martínez). (Pre-recorded)

Any further motions

Forthcoming Conferences

World Conference 2022. (Rory Truell) (Pre-recorded)

Any other business

CLOSE OF ALL DISCUSSIONS

Session 2: First Round of Voting

Timeframe: July 12th (1pm UTC) – July 13th (1am UTC)

In this session, IFSW member organizations in good standing can participate. This session will include voting on all motions related to above agenda items that do not have a contingent or depended or amendmened motions. The order of the motions will be determined by the Chair and the Parliamentarian.

Only the Main Representative of who casts

the votes will have access to vote.

All votes will be submitted to the committee of tellers who will count the votes. This committee will comprise regional nominated representatives, who are not themselves allowed to vote.

The results of the votes will be placed on the General Meeting website before Session 3 begins.

Session 3 – Second Round of Voting

Timeframe: July 13th (8am UTC) - (6pm UTC)

In this session, IFSW member organizations in good standing can participate. This session will include voting on all remaining motions.

Only the Main Representative of who casts the votes will have access to vote.

All votes will be submitted to the committee of tellers who will count the votes. This committee will comprise regional nominated representatives, who are not themselves allowed to vote.

Instructions on how to cast your votes will be forwarded soon.

Concluding, Remarks and Results

July 13th (21h00)

IFSW President Silvana Martínez and Secretary-General Rory Truell will announce the results of the 2020 General Meeting.

Part II:

Introduction to the Online Platform

Registration

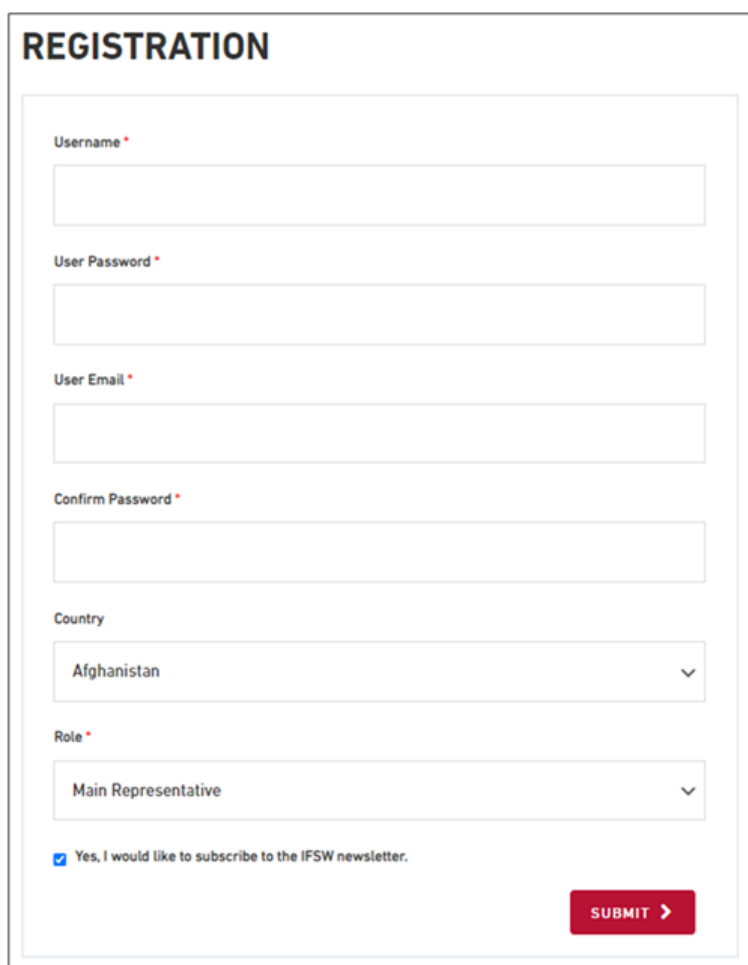
Many members have already registered themselves. For those that haven't yet, please go to <https://www.ifsw.org/general-meeting-2020/register/> to register yourself. It is advisable to use your full name as your username. Under "Role", you can choose whether you are a Delegate (participant in the discussion), or a Main Representative (participant in both the discussion and the voting sessions).

Please note that only one person per member organization can be a Main Representative. This reflects the voting card during face to face general meetings: there is only one voting card per member

allowed (for members with coordinating bodies, the coordinating body will be asked to appoint the role of Main Representative).

Once you have filled out the whole form, please click on "Submit" to finish the registration process. Please note that the secretariat will need to confirm your registration and assign the role you have selected. This may take a few hours. If you have any questions, please contact Bernard Mayaka at

bernard.mayaka@ifsw.org.

A screenshot of a web registration form titled "REGISTRATION" in bold black text. The form is enclosed in a light gray border. It contains several input fields: "Username *" with a red asterisk, "User Password *" with a red asterisk, "User Email *" with a red asterisk, and "Confirm Password *" with a red asterisk. Below these are two dropdown menus: "Country" with "Afghanistan" selected and a downward arrow, and "Role *" with "Main Representative" selected and a downward arrow. At the bottom left, there is a checkbox labeled "Yes, I would like to subscribe to the IFSW newsletter." which is checked. At the bottom right, there is a red button with the text "SUBMIT" and a right-pointing arrow.

Login

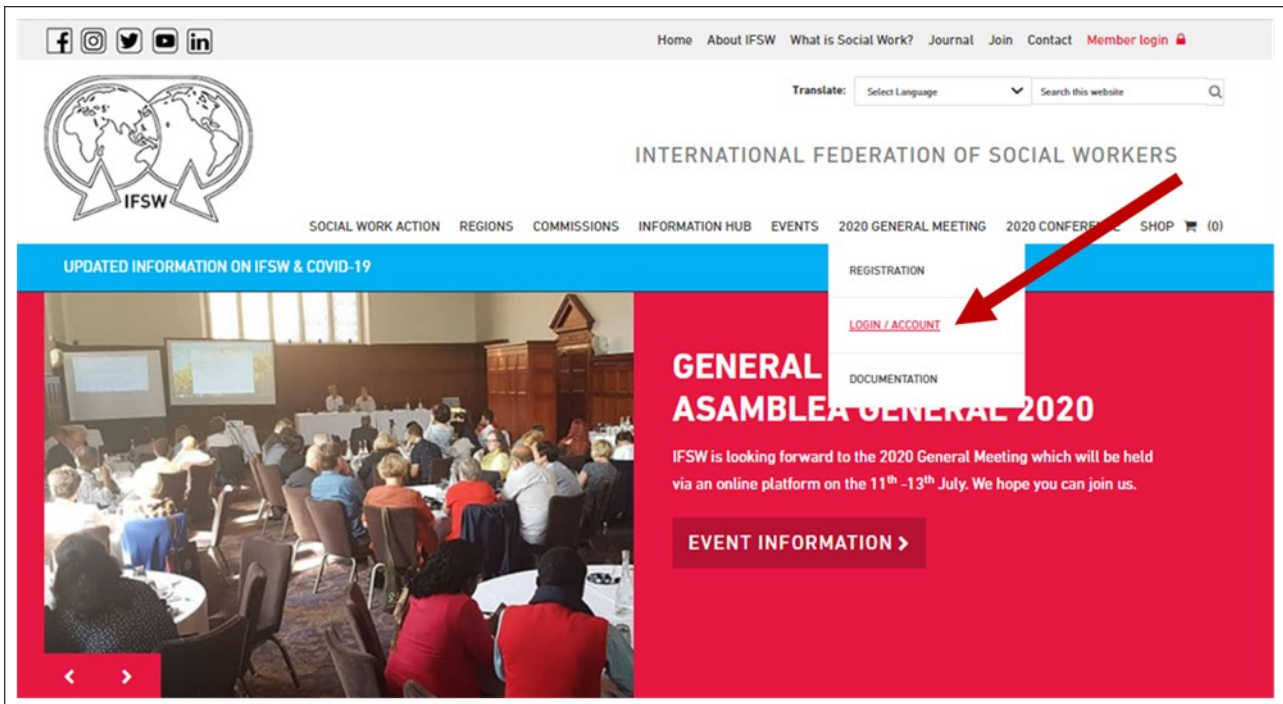
To access the general Meeting platform, please

Go to www.ifsw.org/

Go to the main Menu and point your mouse above the menu item 2020 GENERAL MEETING (please, do not click)

You will see a drop-down menu

Click on the sub menu item LOGIN / ACCOUNT

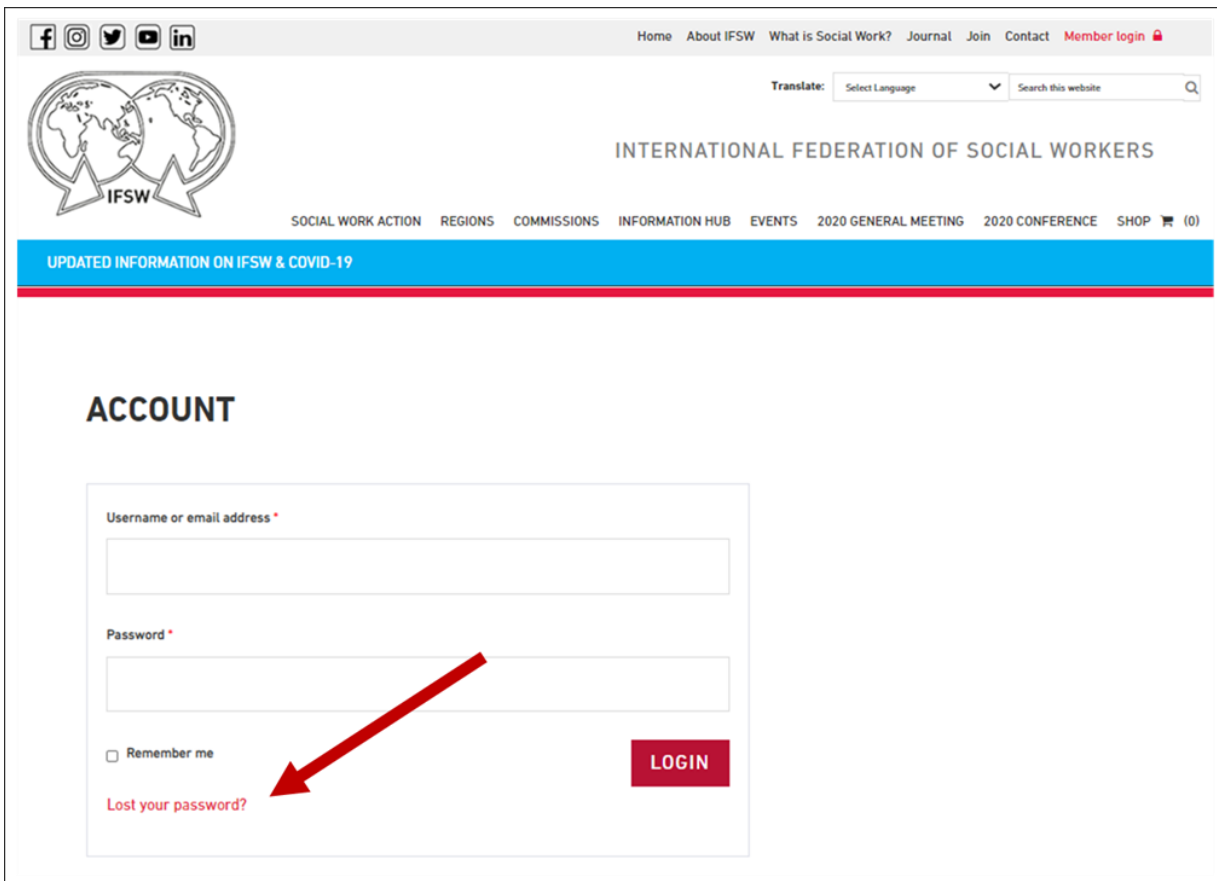


Please use your login credentials that you have used during registration:

A screenshot of the IFSW login form titled 'ACCOUNT'. It contains two input fields: 'Username or email address *' and 'Password *'. Below the password field is a checkbox for 'Remember me' and a link for 'Lost your password?'. A red arrow points to the 'Lost your password?' link. A red 'LOGIN' button is located to the right of the form fields.

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If you have lost your password, please use the "Lost your password" functionality:



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SOCIAL WORK ACTION REGIONS COMMISSIONS INFORMATION HUB EVENTS 2020 GENERAL MEETING 2020 CONFERENCE SHOP (0)

UPDATED INFORMATION ON IFSW & COVID-19

ACCOUNT

Username or email address *

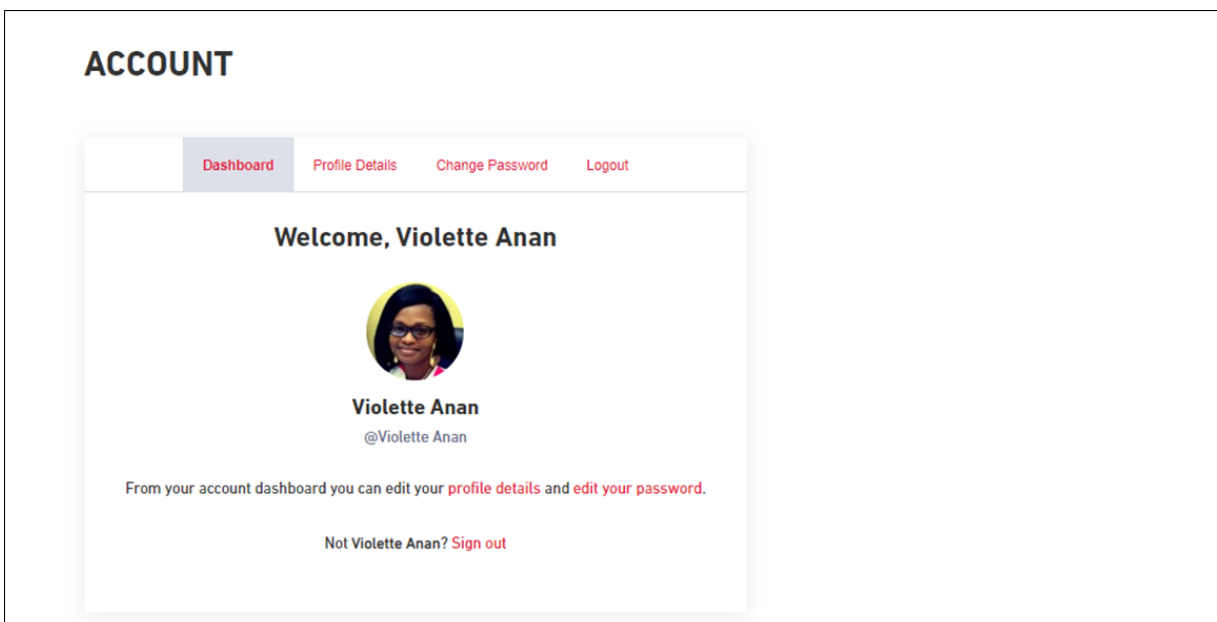
Password *

☐ Remember me

[Lost your password?](#)

LOGIN


Once you are logged in, you are going to see your account information page:



ACCOUNT

Dashboard Profile Details Change Password Logout

Welcome, Violette Anan



Violette Anan
@Violette Anan

From your account dashboard you can edit your [profile details](#) and [edit your password](#).

Not Violette Anan? [Sign out](#)

Login (Continued)

Now point your mouse again above the menu item 2020 GENERAL MEETING (please, do not click) and you will see that you have more entries in the menu now. You will see the link to Session 1 (Discussion) and, if you are a Main Representative, also the links to Pre General Meeting Voting, Session 2 and Session 3.

Discussion

In the discussion session members can make comments, ask questions and move motions. You can also respond to any questions and comments in the discussion box. The discussion board contains all the agenda items:

SESSION 1: DISCUSSION

Please note that this Session is open from 11 July 7am UTC – 12 July 5am UTC.

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4.1 Regional Reports – Africa Started by: IFSW Admin	13	35	1 week, 4 days ago Noel Muridzo
4.2 Regional Reports – Asia and Pacific Started by: IFSW Admin	15	30	1 week, 4 days ago Lola Casal
4.3 Regional Reports – Europe Started by: IFSW Admin	17	37	1 week, 4 days ago Frank Tourette
4.4 Regional Reports – Latin America and Caribbean Started by: IFSW Admin	11	15	1 week, 4 days ago Lola Casal

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Discussion (Continued)

To open an agenda item, please click on the relevant link. For example, to open the Regional Report Africa, please click on 4.1 Regional Reports – Africa:

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Then the agenda item will be displayed on full screen. On the top, you can subscribe to this topic. If you click on “**Subscribe**”, you will be receiving an email whenever someone makes a contribution to this agenda item. This is particularly useful if you want to leave your screen for some moments, but want to stay updated. If you no longer want to receive alerts via email, simply click on “Unsubscribe” in the same corner. You can subscribe to as many agenda items as you like.

4.1 REGIONAL REPORTS – AFRICA

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This topic has 37 replies (+1 hidden), 14 voices, and was last updated 15 hours, 5 minutes ago by [Pascal Rudin](#).

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Author	Posts
April 29, 2020 at 11:27 am	EDIT MERGE CLOSE STICK (TO FRONT) TRASH SPAM UNAPPROVE REPLY #35500

The next page shows an overview of the discussion area of an agenda item:



MODERATOR'S SUMMARY

07h00 UTC. Welcome to the moderator's box. This is Rory Truill and I will be moderating this session for the next two hours. We have a report from The IF SW African Region. Thank you IF SW Africa! Are there any questions or comments that IF SW Members want to make? Also, I am looking for a Member to move a motion to accept the report. Any proposers?

10h00 UTC. This is Lola Casal-Sanchez. I will moderate this session for the next two hours. John Brennan and Ruth Stark are acting as Parliamentarian in case any issue arises.

12h00 UTC. This is Nicolas Paulsen. I will moderate this session for the next three hours.

15h42 UTC. We do have a motion presented by Yaelita Arvan from Ethiopia, that the meeting approves the African Regional Report, as presented under agenda item 6.1. Regional Reports - Africa. The motion is clear. Is there another member-country who wish to second this motion from Ethiopia?

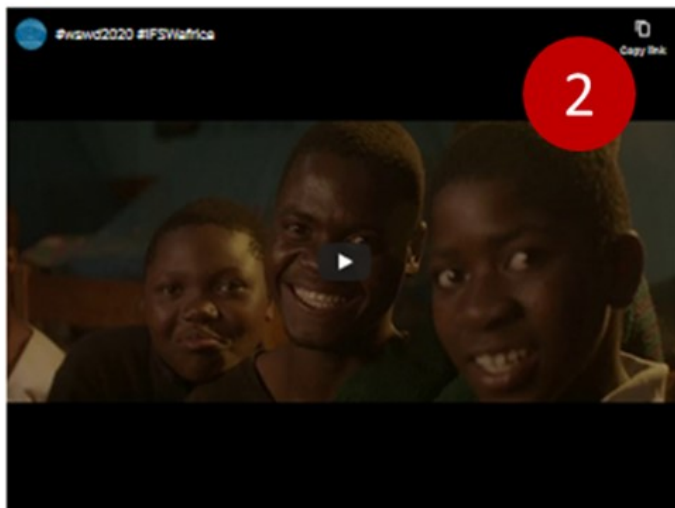
Thank you, Monaca, for seconding. This is great. There is open for more debate, and if no other motions came up, the report will be voted on in Session 2. And now over to Kathryn.

This is Kathryn Conlay Wehrmann and I will be picking up the moderator role for the next two hours.

There is a seconder for the motion to approve the report from Monaca, thank you.

This is Rory Truill and I will be moderating for the next hour.

18h00 UTC. This is Lola Casal-Sanchez. I will moderate this session for the next two hours. Ruth Stark is acting as Parliamentarian in case any issue arises.



IF SW Africa Regional Report Video

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO READ THE REPORT](#)

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Hello and welcome to the trial of the online platform. Great you are here. This is the discussion area of the Moderator's box (below) you will see who is moderating and any motions that have been proposed. Meeting, there will be a video report as well as the text-based report that will be at the top of the page. This is just a sample to show you how the video will be presented. For this trial, we have the 2018 report presented in Dublin. Please write some comments and ask some questions to the report author.

Moderator's Summary

Video

Report

Discussion Area

Discussion (Continued)

Moderator's Summary

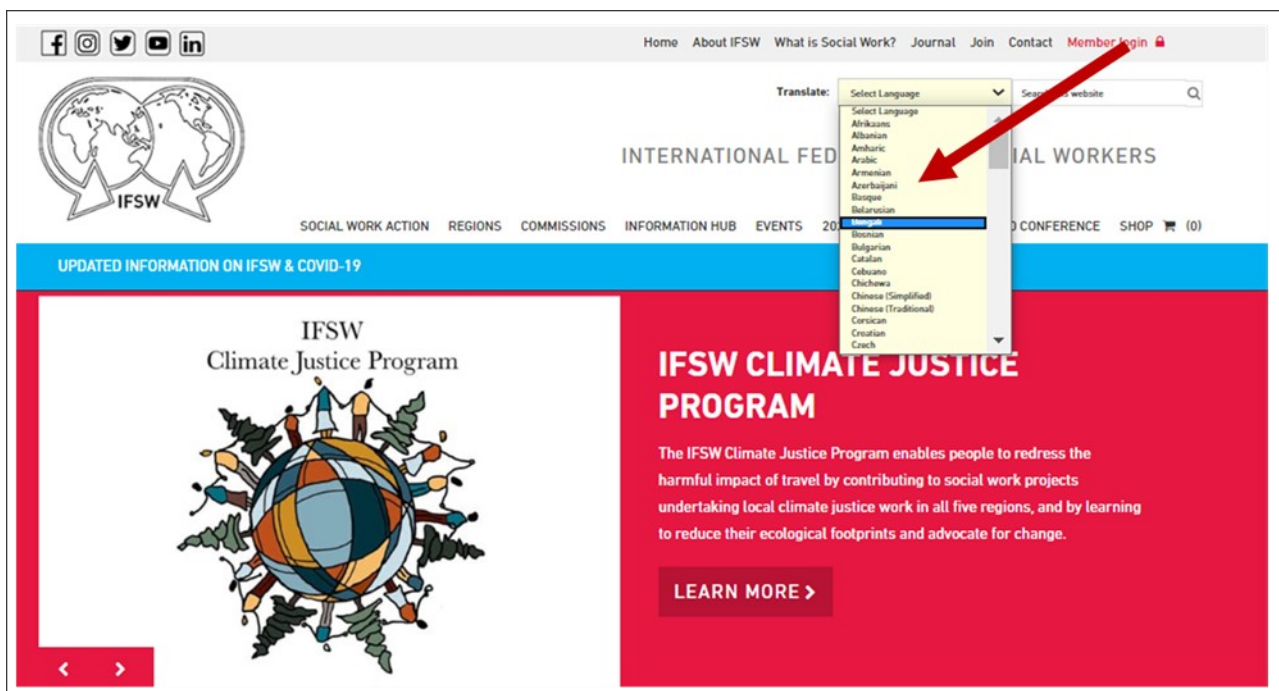
Here the moderator will update members on the latest developments. Only Moderators have access to this area. If you open an agenda item, this area should give you a quick overview.

Video

If available, a pre-recorded video will be shown here.

Report

Here the report is being published as plain text – just click on “PLEASE CLICK HERE TO READ THE REPORT”. You can get it automatically translated by using the website functionality. Just click on “Select Language” at the top of the website and then select your preferred language:



Please note that this is an automatic translation provided by Google Translate. Here you can also download the report as a PDF.

Discussion (Continued)

Reply To: 4.1 Regional Reports – Africa

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By ticking “Notify me of follow-up replies via email” you can opt in to get notified of any further discussions.

You can also reply to a question, comment or motion of another delegate or main representative. In order to do so, simply click on “Reply” next to the comment:

June 13, 2020 at 9:38 am

EDIT MOVE SPLIT TRASH SPAM UNAPPROVE **REPLY** #36494




Trinidad Lopez
Main Representative
(91.101.224.93)

Trinidad and Tobago

I would add,
In the report, the vicinity was seen to be one of the concerns, what is your strategy on improving the vicinity of the profession in the region?

Discussion (Continued)

Roles

Like in face-to face meetings some people will have different roles and will indicate this when they are speaking e.g. from the role of moderator, session parliamentarian or commenting from their national association. They will start their comment with: 'I am commenting as the moderator of the agenda item' or 'I am commenting as the African Regional Representative' or 'I am commenting from the National Association of (their association)'. This way it will be clear from which role they are commenting from.

	1	Photo
Trinidad Lopez	2	Name
Main Representative	3	Role
(91.101.224.93)		
	4	Member Country Flag
Trinidad and Tobago	5	Member Country Name

Each participant in the General Meeting is being represented in the discussion board with a number of information:

The role can be either Delegate, Main Representative or IFSW Global. All board members, commissioners, moderators, the parliamentarian and the members of the secretariat are displayed as "IFSW Global".

Session Moderators

Session moderators act under the mandate of the Chairperson of the General Meeting (The IFSW President). The President Silvana Martinez will support a team of people to act as session moderators.

Parliamentarians

The parliamentarians support the Chairperson and session moderator with regard to constitutional procedure that arise during the session. The parliamentarian works in the background unless she or he is asked to make a ruling in procedure.

The IFSW Parliamentarian Nicolai Paulson will support a team of people to act as session parliamentarians. We are going to ask many of you to volunteer for the role as session parliamentarian and we will discuss this more on Monday.

Elections Officer

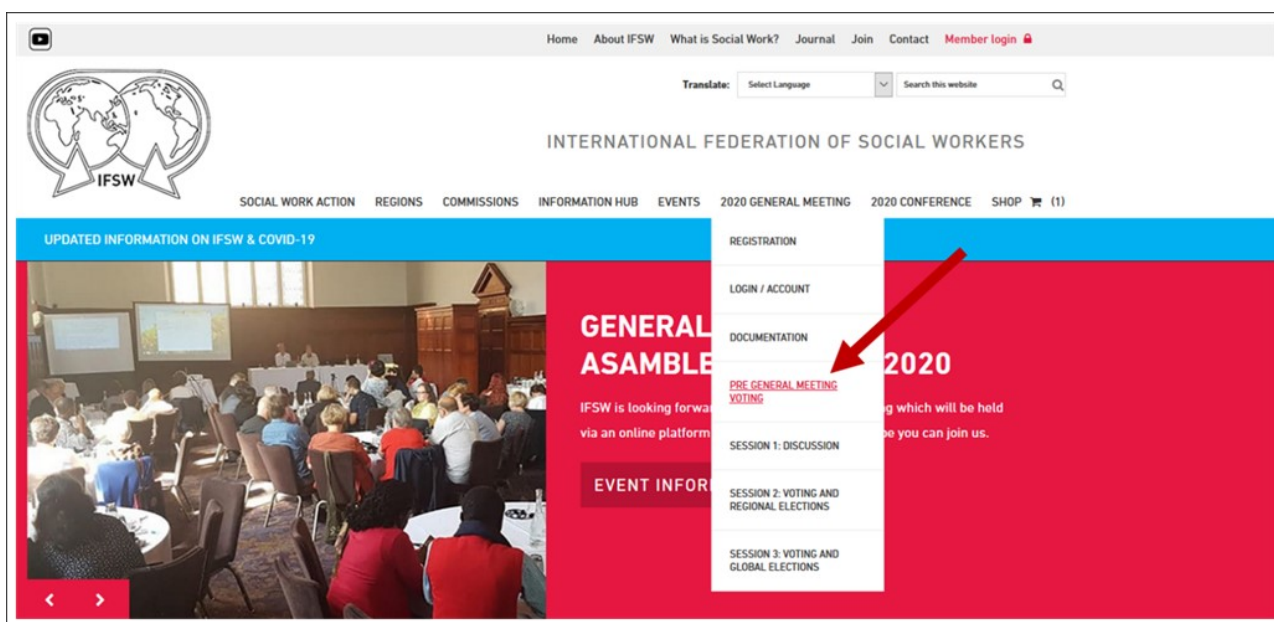
David Jones will be the Elections Officer in the General Meeting. David will lead a committee comprising a representative from each region who will be able to access and count the votes. David will then report the outcomes of the votes which will be shown in the General Meeting.

Voting

There are three sessions that Main Representatives are entitled to vote in:

- Pre General Meeting Voting
- Session 1: Voting and Regional Elections
- Session 2: Voting and Global Election

To open any of the voting pages, please refer back to the main menu. The following image takes the Pre General Meeting Voting as an example:



To cast your vote, please select the answer (yes, no, abstain) and then click on "VOTE":

A screenshot of the voting interface. At the top, it says "Motion". Below that, the text reads: "Approve the motion allowing for the constitutional procedures to be carried out electronically. Proposed by Zambia and seconded by Canada." There are three radio button options: "Yes", "No", and "Abstain". A red arrow points to the "Yes" option. At the bottom right, there is a button labeled "VOTE", with another red arrow pointing to it.

Voting (Continued)

Once the vote was successfully processed, the following message will appear:

Motion

Thank you, your vote has been registered.

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Anyone can join as a Friend of IFSW. Friends join to show their support for international social work and to become of a world-wide community. As a Friend of IFSW you receive:

- Free online access to the journal: International Social Work (ISW) published by Sage publications. You will be able to access all the articles in the journals dating back to January 1959.
- Advance access to all IFSW publications at reduced cost.
- Discounted conference registration fees (whenever possible).
- The opportunity to create and/or participate in international, regional or local social work or social justice campaigns.
- The certificate of 'IFSW Friends Status' membership



Individual Friend membership

\$50 for 1 year

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Student Friend membership

\$25 for 1 year

SIGN UP NOW



Life Friend membership

\$600

SIGN UP NOW



Organisational Friend membership

\$1000 for 1 year

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