

RESERVE THE DATE - 22nd OCTOBER 2022 06.00 - 07.30 or 16.00 - 17.30 (UTC) Join the first COSW Policy Forum online



Calling all social workers and students in the Commonwealth, national associations, universities and anybody else who wishes to support COSW activities to join an open meeting on Saturday 22 October. There are two open meetings so people from all time zones can choose the best time for them to participate – 06.00 and 16.00 (UTC).

The Policy Forum is the first time that COSW is opening a wider consultation among the supporters of social work across the Commonwealth. The participants will hear about the COSW activities and achievements in detail, discuss plans for the future and ask questions and make comments. The new constitutional structure of COSW, enabling full participation of Commonwealth countries, will also be unveiled. The Policy Forum provides advice and guidance to the COSW Board and the new COSW Council.



COSW sees the people's Commonwealth as a space for global co-operation and individual interaction, working closely with IFSW, IASSW and other global partners. COSW aims to reshape its activities and strategies so that it better reflects real world needs. COSW invites interested persons to join hands to make the Commonwealth a better place to live with nobody left behind.

The meet becomes a platform to network with other national/international social work associations/ organisations, universities/schools, sub-specialty interest groups and individual practitioners/educators/students.

All can participate in this online meeting at 06.00 or 16.00 (UTC). There are no pre-registration requirements. To join use this Zoom link and see <u>www.cosw.info/news</u> and social media for joining details.

With thanks to IFSW for support and assistance.

Sylvia Daisy Romanus COSW Chair

The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of 56 independent and equal countries. It is home to 2.5 billion people, and includes both advanced economies and developing countries. 32 of the members are small states, including many island nations. The member governments have agreed to shared goals like development, democracy and peace. The values and principles are expressed in the Commonwealth Charter. The Commonwealth's roots go back to the British Empire. But today any country can join the modern Commonwealth. The last two countries to join the Commonwealth were Gabon and Togo in 2022.

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