



28th Asia Pacific Social Work Conference (APSWC)
Social Work Responses to Climate Change and other Environmental Issues
18th – 21st November 2025
Bandaranayke Memorial International Conference Hall, Colombo, Sri Lanka
&
Taj Samudhra Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Venus- Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) & Hotel Taj Samudra

Time	Programme
DAY- 01 18th NOVEMBER 2025 INAUGURAL CEREMONY Venue: Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH), Colombo -07	
1.00 PM – 4.30 PM	Inaugural Ceremony
2.50 PM- 3.20 PM	Keynote Address by Professor Manohara Pawar - BA, MASW and PhD, Prof. of Social Work, School of Social Work and Arts, Charles Sturt University, Australia. "The Role of Social Work in Environmental Justice and Resilience"
DAY - 02 19th NOVEMBER 2025 VENUE: HOTEL TAJ SAMUDRA, NO. 25 GALLE FACE CENTER RD, COLOMBO 03	
8:00AM-9:00 AM	Conference Registration
9.00 AM-12.30 PM	Parallel Scientific Session
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Venue: Crystal Ballroom: Social Work Ethics in Community Resilience Building ➤ Venue: Samudra Ballroom: Climate Change & Environmental Justice-Impact of Climate-Related Extreme Weather Events on Vulnerable Communities and their Livelihoods ➤ Venue: Grand Crystal Ballroom: Rights in the Climate Crisis: Social Work's Role in Environmental Justice

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Morning Tea/Coffee Break Annual General Meeting of IFSW - AP & APSWE
12.30 PM-1.30 PM	Lunch Break
1.30 PM- 4.00 PM	Parallel Scientific Session
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Venue: Crystal Ballroom: Policy Advocacy and Legislative Action ➤ Venue: Samudra Ballroom: Strengthening Cross-Sector Collaboration for Sustainable Solutions Guided by the SDGs ➤ Venue: Grand Crystal Ballroom: Education and Awareness Campaigns
4.00 PM-4.15 PM	Evening Tea/Coffee Break
7.00 PM-10.00 PM	Gala Dinner Samudra Ballroom, Taj Samudra, Colombo 03 (Only for foreign participants)
DAY 03 20th NOVEMBER 2025 VENUE: HOTEL TAJ SAMUDRA, NO. 25 GALLE FACE CENTER RD, COLOMBO 03	
8.00 AM - 8.30 AM	Attendance
8.30 AM - 12.30 PM	Parallel Scientific Session
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Venue: Grand Crystal Ballroom: Cultural Competence and Indigenous Perspectives in Climate Actions ➤ Venue: Crystal Ballroom: Youth Engagement and Intergenerational Equity ➤ Venue: Samudra Ballroom: Empowering Hope: Psychosocial Interventions for Climate-Anxious Communities
10.15 AM - 10.30 AM	Morning Tea/Coffee Break
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Venue: Samudra Ballroom: Wellness in Crisis: Integrating Health and Psychosocial Support for Climate affected communities ➤ Venue: Grand Crystal Ballroom: Disaster Response and Recovery ➤ Venue: Crystal Ballroom: Social Work in Economic Crisis
12.30 PM - 1.30 PM	Lunch Break
Venue : Evening Sessions for all the participants at The Grand Marquee Hall	
1.30 PM- 1.50 PM	Presentation by the invited speaker

1.50 PM- 2.35 PM	Panel Discussion- The Role of the Social Work Workforce in Tackling Climate Change and Environmental Issues.
2.35 PM-2.45 PM	Cultural Dance
2.45 PM- 3.00 PM	Jane Honey Sales & Auction 2025
3.00 PM- 3.15 PM	Group Cultural performance
3.15 PM- 3.25 PM	Announcement of Next Host Country
3.25 PM- 3.45 PM	Official Closing Ceremony
3.45 PM- 3.50 PM	Vote of Thanks
3.50 PM- 4.30 PM	Refreshments& Networking
DAY 04 21st November 2025 6.30 AM-3.00 PM - Study Tour to Kandy	

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