

CO-BUILDING Hope & Harmony

A Harambee
Call to Unite a
Divided Society

PROGRAMME

#WSWD2026

World Social Work Day 2026

18 March 2026 | 10:00–15:30 CET | Online (via Zoom)

10:00–10:20 | Opening Remarks

Moderator: **Arnaud Maret** (HETS-FR)

- **Magdalena Sepúlveda**, Director, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)
- **Tatiana Valovaya**, Director, United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) (via video message)
- **Joël Gapany**, Director, School of Social Work (HETS Fribourg)
- **Joachim Mumba**, President (IFSW)

10:20–10:50 | Participatory activity

Facilitator: **Cordula Reimann** (CORE)

10:55–11:40 | Keynote presentation

Social work and global conflict: An integrated framework for practice

Prof. **Heather Boetto**, Charles Sturt University, Australia

Moderator: **Sandrine Haymoz** (HETS-FR)

11:40–13:00 BREAK

13:00–13:05 | Participatory activity

Facilitator: **Karima Cherif** (UNRISD)

13:05–13:50 | Keynote presentation

Social work's role in co building resilient communities: A harambee path

Prof. **Janestic M. Twikirize**, Makerere University, Uganda

Moderator: **Sandrine Haymoz** (HETS-FR)

13:50–13:55 BREAK

13:55–14:00 | Participatory activity

Facilitator: **Karima Cherif** (UNRISD)

14:00–15:00 | Roundtable

Overcoming divisions, re-building trust and strengthen resilience—what can be done?

Moderator: **Katja Hujo** (UNRISD)

- **Talaat Hassan Hamoud**, IFSW, Jemen
- **Burçtu Eke-Schneider**, community peace worker, GRAN-ESC, Berlin
- **Terrel Abeysinghe**, Peace Worker, Fribourg
- **Abigail Erikson**, Director of UN Women, Bonn

15:00–15:10 | Participatory activity

Facilitator: **Karima Cherif** (UNRISD)

15:10–15:30 | Reflections and Closing Remarks

Moderator: **Sandrine Haymoz** (HETS-FR)

- **Swetha Rao Dhananka** (HETS-FR)
- **Katja Hujo** (UNRISD)
- **Christos Panagiotopoulos** (IASSW) tbc

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