

Call For Contributions

The Global Social Work Agenda: The Next Ten Years

Calgary, Canada 15th to 18th July 2020



This conference will finalise a global consultation process that will set the strategic priorities for the social work profession from 2020 to 2030.

Social work is the fastest growing profession in the world as more governments and employers recognise the powerful impact that social workers have in communities. Lower crime rates, better health outcomes, more people accessing work and education are outcomes of social work professionals supporting people to take charge of their own futures and realise their aspirations.

As a human rights-based profession, social work has an essential role in all societies facilitating communities and populations to raise their voices and stand for their equality alongside all others. The strength of the social work profession lies in capacity to build participatory democracy, engage communities in their sustainable futures, and defend human rights. Through this conference the profession and its partners will launch the social work contributions to make social justice a reality.

To increase cooperation and outcomes at the international level the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development was launched in 2010 with strategic themes that last until 2020. These themes have resulted in actions in every country with wide-spread advocacy and gains for people's social rights and environmental justice. Now, the themes must be set for the next ten years 2020 to 2030.

The three-day conference will run as a participatory conversation that will conclude with a set of interrelated themes and strategies for moving the Agenda forward. The conference programme will use dialogue spaces punctuated with motivational addresses, the latest research, and perspectives from frontline practitioners, educators and community leaders sharing their real solutions to increasingly complex challenges. All participants will be able to contribute to conference decisions and play their part in setting the 'The Global Social Work Agenda: The Next Ten Years'.

The Global Social Work Agenda: The Next Ten Years finalizes a global consultation process that will set the strategic priorities for the social work profession from 2020 to 2030. The conference will be fully participatory with input from: social workers, Indigenous representatives, educators, people who use social services, representatives of marginalized communities, politicians and world leaders who want to contribute to identifying the priorities of the social work profession and the best possible social solutions.

Join the conversation and shape the future of the social work profession and its impact in creating national and global social solutions.

The programme will be convened as an interactive discussion where all contributions will be recorded and contribute to the final draft of the Global Agenda themes for 2020 to 2030.

Below are the listed subthemes.

- The Sustainable Development Goals
- Indigenous Communities - Knowledge and rights
- Strengthening Communities
- Economic Development – Distribution of wealth, wealth inequality
- Environmental Justice
- Social and Human Rights
- Sexual and Gender Diversity: Community, Practice and Rights
- Social Movements and Democracy
- Gender Rights: Different Identities
- Responses to Migration and Displaced Persons
- Social Protection Systems
- Peace Building
- Integration Between Education, Research and Practice
- Children and adolescent rights

You will be required to indicate your Presentation Type

- Workshop
- 30-minute presentation
- 60-minute presentation
- Panel Discussion
- 10-minute inspirational talk
- Indigenous-led exchange
- Poster
- Other

Brief Description of presentation: *no more than 150 words*

Please provide 3 learner objectives/outcomes

Additional Presenters (contact details)

Bio for each presenter- *no more than 100 words*

Has this paper been presented before yes or no

If yes, when and where

I understand that I will be responsible for all costs related to preparing and presenting at the conference, this includes travel, accommodations, visa applications and registration fees.

I understand that I may need a travel visa to attend the 2020 SWSD Conference, I understand this is my responsibility in order to attend and present.

Must UPLOAD a photo at time of submission: this will be used in the printed & electronic program

- Registration for the SWSD 2020 social work conference will be open soon.
- Submit your abstract/contribution proposal by **June 30**, and you'll receive notification of acceptance of by **July 31, 2019**.
- **November 1, 2019** 23:59 MDT: Final abstract or contribution submission deadline.
- **January 31, 2020**: Final notification of abstract/contribution acceptance