I Am Because We Are

Community Engagement for Social Justice

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
17-18 MARCH 2021

PROGRAMME
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
World Social Work Day 2021
UN Geneva
WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH 2021
Virtual Conference (GMT+1, Geneva time)

10:00-10:15 WELCOME & OPENING STATEMENTS

Tatiana Valovaya  Director General, United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG)
Paul Ladd  Director, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)
Joël Gapany  Director, School of Social Work (HES-SO Fribourg)
Joachim Mumba  Regional Vice-President, International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW)

10:15-11:00 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Prof. Yvonne Riaño
University of Neuchatel, Switzerland

Engaging Migrant Communities for Social Justice: The Potential of the Minga Methodology

11:15-12:15 WORKSHOPS SESSION #1

WORKSHOP 1
Jean Fabre, UN Inter-Agency Task Force on SSE and former UNDP Geneva
Economy and social work in the 21st century: The transformational power of social and solidarity economy

WORKSHOP 2
Cornelia S. Walther, PhD, POZE Network, Deakin University, UNICEF
Social change from the inside out

WORKSHOP 3
Ophelia Nicole-Berva Phd, European University Institute
Anne Lavanchy, School of Social Work Geneva & International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW)
Dispossession/s: Rethinking social work in the light of global social movements

WORKSHOP 4
Priska Fleischlin & Rory Truel, International Federation of Social Workers
From community-level social work to the international level: Lessons learned

WORKSHOP 5
Swetha Rao Dhananka, School of Social Work Fribourg, International Federation of Social Workers
Contaminated communities: Social and environmental perspectives

13:30-14:15 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Ms. Aruna Roy
Socio-political activist and Founder of Workers and Peasants Strength Union (Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan), National Campaign to People’s Right to Information, and the School for Democracy, India

When People Define Democratic Participation and Development

14:30-15:30 WORKSHOPS SESSION #2

Refer to the table above

15:30-15:45 CONCLUSION SPEECH

Teresa Bertotti  President, European Association of Schools of Social Work (EASSW)
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SOCIAL WORK AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS IN TIMES OF COVID-19

10:00-10:20  SPECIAL SESSION

THE PROFESSION’S GLOBAL RESPONSES
Rory Truel  Secretary-General, International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW)

10:20-11:20  ROUND TABLE

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FOR AN INCLUSIVE RECOVERY: LESSONS LEARNED

MODERATOR:
Isolda Agazzi  Journalist

SPEAKERS:
Alexandre Morel  Deputy Director/animation, Fondation pour l’animation socioculturelle Lausanne (FASL)
Ana Rădulescu  European President, International Federation of Social Workers Europe (IFSW Europe)
Abye Tassé  Head of Mission Telema Project, Ministry of Social and Humanitarian Affairs, Expertise France, Republic of Congo (Brazzaville)
Olivier Grobet  Program Officer, Brazil and Colombia, Terre des Hommes (TdH)
Shahra Razavi  Director, Social Protection Department, International Labour Organization (ILO)

11:30-12:00  LOOKING AHEAD

COMMUNITY CHALLENGES & RESPONSES FOR THE FUTURE (AGENDA 2030)
Annamaria Campanini  President, International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW)
Katia Hujo  Senior Research Coordinator, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)
Benjamin Joyeux  Journalist and Coordinator, Jai Jagat Geneva

CLOSING REMARKS
Joëlle Libois  Director, School of Social Work (HES-SO Genève)