



## Global Agenda Workshop

2019 Asia-Pacific Regional Social  
Work Conference, Bengaluru, India,  
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**15 July 2019**

**Dear Colleague**

Very warm greetings to you all! We are sending you this reminder in relation to your participation at the Global Agenda (GA) Workshop to be held during our Regional Conference in India in September. As you will be aware, during the past two regional events in Bangkok (2015) and Shenzhen (2017) these workshops have been very successful in bringing the membership together to share with each other how member countries have brought the agenda pillar to life in social work practice, education, policy and service delivery. The presentations at these workshops have formed the basis of the Asia Pacific Chapter of the Global Publication on the topics providing a very rich and diverse summary of the contributions of member countries to the global agenda topics.

By way of background, based on the decisions reached at the Hong Kong conference (June 2010), the leadership of the three international organizations (International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) and the International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW) representing the entire spectre of Social Work Practice, Social Work Education and Social Development Work globally, have agreed on a set of objectives to meet the joint aspirations for social justice and social development.

The three global partner organisations affirm the vision of the **Global Agenda (GA)**, which makes explicit the contribution of social work and social development in building a 'society for all' in which every individual has an active role to play within a fair and just world. The following are the topics/ pillars/ themes of GA:

1. Promoting social and economic equalities
2. Promoting the dignity and worth of people
3. Working toward environmental sustainability
4. Promoting the importance of human relationships



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During 2019 – 2020, the theme is ***“Promoting the importance of human relationships.”*** Of course at one level, social work is totally reliant on effective and professional human relationships. This pillar of the Global Agenda offers us the opportunity to reflect more on this and how we may evidence this in our communities. This could include the importance of elements of the social work process such as engagement, therapy, strengthening the persons support networks, building sustainable change, social wellbeing and peace. It could also consider elements of interdependent relationships related to human rights, professional ethics, sustainability and tensions in human relationships and / or competing rights as well as the benefits and challenges of developing mutually empowering relationships. This is not an exclusive list of ideas and your own interpretation of the theme would also be welcome.

Asia Pacific is a vast and diverse region with many religions, cultures, languages, political structures and governance practices. Social work practitioners, educators and social service agencies are all active separately and collaboratively in providing social work within our communities. We envisage the workshop will be a great opportunity for us to share our work, learn from others and network.

To ensure we are able to capture the essence and reflect the aspirations from all of us from the Asia Pacific region related to this theme, we ask that the report you all bring to our regional meeting in India includes how the profession in your country is promoting and showcasing the theme of ***“Promoting the importance of human relationships.”***

**NB: as we will only have time for one presentation per country, if both IFSW Asia Pacific and APASWE are active in your country, please link together locally to agree on a single presentation.**



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The following is the suggested format for your presentation at our workshop:

1. Background / context : a few statements on the status of social work in your Country (2 minutes)
2. Fourth Pillar of Global Agenda: ***"Promoting the importance of human relationships."*** – a brief summary of activities / action being showcased regarding this pillar of the Global Agenda (what has been done in the past year or two years, how it was done, what are the outcomes of this work) (5 minutes)
3. Implications for ongoing Social Work, Social Work Education and / or Social Development professional practice / service delivery: (3 minutes)

We would also like to receive in advance of the meeting, your Power Point and a transcript of your presentation as well as any photos, poems, reports or any other materials contributing to this theme of the GA. Please email them to us at the below email addresses. Please ask us if you have any questions and or suggestions.

Irene Leung (IFSW Asia Pacific GA Co-ordinator) and Viktor Virag (APASWE GA Co-ordinator) have been given the responsibility to put together the AP regional chapter on the Global Agenda for Social Work which will then form a part of the global report.

***Please confirm your planned involvement in our workshop with Sonja Nissen at [asia.pacific@ifsw.org](mailto:asia.pacific@ifsw.org) as soon as possible and before 16 August 2019. We thank you in advance for sharing your work with all of us.***

Sincerely,

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On behalf of IFSW AP and APASWE.