

**COSW JOINS COALITION OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK
INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONS TO ADVOCATE FOR
GLOBAL EQUITABLE ACCESS FOR VACCINE AND TO
INCREASE HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROTECTION WORKFORCE**

COSW has joined IFSW and more than 20 international organisations representing the global health and social work workforces in a coalition to advocate for the worldwide equitable access to vaccines, to increase the health care, public health, social protection workforces and to engage civil societies, patient organizations, and the broader public in the decision-making processes.

COSW President, Sylvia Daisy Romanus, said: 'I welcome this new coalition and COSW thanks IFSW for its key role in advocating for social protection. The Commonwealth is an informal association of 54 equal countries and equity in the distribution of the vaccine is therefore true to the values of The Commonwealth and respect for people everywhere.'

IFSW Secretary-General, Rory Truell, commented: 'This is the first time that the worldwide workforces of health and social work have bound together to take a stand on equality of health and social protection. This action will have significant implications for the World Health Assembly, the G20, and every government. IFSW and the coalition of partners are committed to continuing its advocacy until these goals are met.'