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Co-building our shared futures starts now - 29 June – 2 July 2022

The People's Global Summit, 'Co-building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind' is already underway. The Summit will run 24 hours for four days.

COSW is pleased to be a partner in the Global Summit and to highlight the key role of social workers in co-building a new eco-social world. The COSW plenary session focuses on the importance of partnerships between different professionals and communities and the live panel discussion explores lessons learned from the experience of the Covid-19 pandemic for the practice of social work around the world.

Sylvia Romanus, COSW Chair, commented: *'this remarkable partnership of global organisations and local communities is voicing the experience of millions around the world calling for new approaches, peace and social justice. COSW is proud to be a part of this landmark event and calls on political leaders to respond with generosity and determination. Social workers all over the world are ready to respond, supporting people and communities to realise their human potential.'*

During the Summit people will be able to share their experiences and stories in different ways. These will include presentations from people in communities, live panels, open mic rooms, indigenous-led sessions, story telling, interviews, cultural expression along with workshops, academic presentations, and keynote addresses from political and civil society leaders. All live and video-presentations will have a chat section for your contributions and to interact with the presenters. This process will provide opportunities for co-building a new eco-social world, and generate security, safety and sustainability for this and future generations.



The summit effectively acts as a people's assembly that uniquely and proudly comprises differing world cultures and values, with a holistic vision that combines sustainability, social justice and 'we the people' working together for an eco-social world. It was initiated by 26 global diverse organizations and represents 100s of millions of people with roots in communities throughout the world.

We share the perspective that the lofty pledges made by governments after the second world war – on peace, development and human rights – have not been realized. Inequalities and fractures have grown. Poverty sits alongside extreme wealth. Nature has been stripped, leading to climate warming and environmental destruction. Millions of people have been displaced as a result, adding to the millions more displaced by conflict and violence. The governments that made these commitments have prioritized competition over collaboration, sovereignty over solidarity. They have not yet served the people they represent.

In the Summit all participants will contribute to The People's Charter for an Eco-Social World. The process has already started by people and communities submitting their contributions on what values, policies and practices needed to be developed to give everyone and the planet safety and security. During the Summit, the Charter will be developed and drafted from everyone's contributions. The partners have agreed that the Charter needs to be a living document and will be initially submitted to the world's leaders as they gather at the 2022 United Nations High-Level Political Forum and General Assembly as an invitation to join us and call to action to work with us for our shared futures.

This is one step on the journey of a continuing process for sustainability, justice and equality for all. Join [here](#).

NOTE TO EDITORS

COSW is an organisation for citizens of the Commonwealth who are interested in supporting social work and social development. It is supported by social work associations in the Commonwealth. It aims to promote and support communication and collaboration between social workers and social work associations of Commonwealth countries, and to uphold and promote the code of ethics of the International Federation of Social Workers. This statement can be found on the COSW website www.cosw.info/news

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