

## **COSW BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTS SOCIAL WORK AT UN CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI**



## **2024 UNITED NATIONS CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE**

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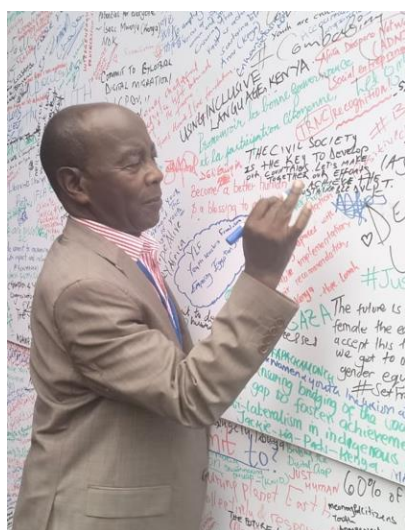
The social work voice at the United Nations Civil Society Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, on 9 – 10 May 2024 came from IFSW delegate and COSW Board Member Charles Mbugua.

Charles is a member of the International Federation of Social Workers United Nations Commission and a former African Regional President and Global Vice President.

The Nairobi Civil Society Conference, which was attended by over 3,000 delegates from all over the world, discussed and gave their inputs to the five key areas of the Pact for the Future, namely: sustainable development and financing for development, international peace and security; science, technology and innovation, and digital cooperation; youth and future generations; and transforming global governance.

Among others, the civil society groups recommended the following;

- Transformation towards an eco-social world.
- Financing that addresses governance issues.
- Prioritising of financing around renewable and recyclable energy.
- Further discussion on why politics has been unable to deal with the inherent problems devastating humanity



*Charles signs the UN Pact for the Future*

Leader of the IFSW UN Commission, Priska Fleischlin, thanked Charles for his representation of IFSW. She said, "For many years Charles has actively represented IFSW at the UN Headquarters in Nairobi. He continues contributing vital social work messages on many issues. This conference summarises the civil society voice on 'the Pact of the Future', a document the United Nations will discuss in September 2024 during the 'Summit of the Future', examining a process of global agreement of change for the future. The IFSW UN Commission will continue to be actively engaged, promoting the profession's learnt experience of what works and the People's Charter for a New Eco-Social World People's Charter for a New Eco-Social World".

COSW President, Sylvia Daisy, thanked Charles for his social work advocacy. "Charles is a constant champion for social work and social justice in Africa and around the world. COSW is indebted to him for his energy and commitment at the UN and in COSW," she said.

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**NOTE FOR 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. COSW works closely with IFSW aiming 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 is based on the IFSW news item (see link above) and can be found on the COSW website [www.cosw.info/news](http://www.cosw.info/news)

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